

Entrance Vestibule, Recess & Lobby Mats

Client:	Manulife Financial
Market:	Commercial Real Estate
Product:	Gothic Mat Limited™
Application:	Entrance Vestibule, Recess Area and Lobby Area

Client Background: Manulife Financial is the fifth largest insurance company in the world following its merger with John Hancock Financial. Through its real estate division, Manulife Financial is actively involved in the ownership, development and management of commercial real estate across North America. The portfolio includes a diversified mix of office, industrial, retail and residential properties totaling more than 21 million square feet.

Solution Study: Mat Concepts was awarded a contract by Manulife Financial to design, manufacture and install a mat program for their property located at 555 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC. In particular, Manulife desired a mat program for their entrance vestibule, recess area and adjacent lobby area that complimented the beautifully designed building entrance.

Mat Concepts implemented its high performance Gothic Mat Limited™. This heavy-duty matting is the perfect solution to handle soil and moisture removal required from the 1,000's of tenants and patrons serviced daily. The mats also protect the white marble floors in the building's lobby area from harmful dirt and grit. Our design staff responded with a custom address logo and column design mimicked from the vestibule's interior wall. The base mat color, Hunter Green Limited, seamlessly matched the lobby color scheme. The recess area required take-up and removal of a pre-existing aluminum grate mat. Floor preparation involved build-up and leveling of the recess pit prior to the mat being glued to the floor. The vestibule and lobby mats were loose lay applications and required custom cutting on-site. All installation work was performed by Mat Concepts.

After the installation, the mat program received critical acclaim during the judging competition for "The 2003 Office Building of the Year (Toby Award)". The award, which was won by this Manulife property and sponsored by the Building Managers and Owners Association (BOMA), is the most prestigious and coveted award in the commercial real estate industry. The Toby is presented to buildings demonstrating excellence in building management, operational efficiency, tenant retention, emergency planning and community impact.

