



# Defining the value of space

# Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> K15 Rainscreen Board high performance insulation



Kingspan's Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> insulation products are manufactured using a high performing insulant, allowing the products to be made thinner without any loss of thermal performance. This means that standard constructions using Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> K15 Rainscreen board can be made thinner overall, resulting in a greater internal floor area being available to the building.

Kingspan would like to demonstrate the value created by using high performance, thinner, insulation products and the circumstances where their use is more beneficial than using traditional counterparts in non-domestic buildings. To do so they require the analysis of a range of representative development scenarios and the production of a robust evidence base. To this end, Kingspan have appointed Sweett Group to undertake the analytical work required to understand where these advantages are within the UK's non-domestic market.

# S P A C E is money

Wether your activities are in constructing, developing, retailing or investing, at the end of the day only result matters. The more square meters you can utilize effectively, the better revenues will be. It's as simple as that: the less space insulation results in more square meters to maintain. We developed thinner Kingspan K15 high performing Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> insulation products, to meet the highest standards in thermal performance as well as earn back your investment in a significant shorter time.

## Earn Back Period & Yield\* The yield describes the ratio of income received (i.e. rent) to capital value.



<sup>\*</sup> If an office building is let at £10,000 per annum and its market price is £200,000 then the capital value is 20 times (or 20 years purchase of the income). The capitalisation rate / yield is therefore 1 / 20 i.e. 5%. This yield is known as an 'all risks yield' as it assume factors such as rental increase, obsolescence, outgoings, etc. are implicitly included within the figure of 5%. Assuming the income is fixed a lower yield equates to a higher capital value.

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#### **Comparative detail**

The comparative detail replaces the Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> K15 Rainscreen board with a rock mineral fibre slab insulation. This gives an overall **55.0 mm thicker** construction detail when compared to the Kooltherm detail.



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To quantify the financial benefits associated with greater internal floor area, Sweett Group used an approach that comprised the following five stages.

# 5 stages of research method

## Wall Build–Up Selection

Four external wall constructions were identified as those typically used in new non-domestic buildings. For each construction, two build-ups were selected: one incorporating a Kingspan Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> wall insulation solution; and the other an appropriate comparative solution. Both build-ups were designed to achieve a U-value of 0.22 W/m<sup>2</sup>.K.

## **2** Wall Build–Up Cost Analysis

The cost breakdown and elemental rates for each build–up were ascertained. Prelims, contingency and professionals fees were excluded. The analysis of the cost differential between each build–up for each construction did, however,include a deep review of cost differences e.g. materials, labour, sundries.

#### **J** Database Generation

A database of 7,290 building instances was generated using a model to create proxies for different types of non–domestic building in Great Britain. The main inputs used to run the model and generate the database comprised: external wall construction; building size and form; and building financials.

#### **4** Database Analysis

The database buildings were analysed using each external wall construction to determine the financial benefit resulting from the use of Kingspan Kooltherm<sup>®</sup> wall insulation solutions.

## **b** Approach Verification via Real Case Study Buildings

Ten real non-domestic building case studies, on which Sweett Group has provided cost consulting services in the last 24 months<sup>1</sup>, were analysed to verify the approach..

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