

BACK TO LOOKING GOOD!

Swimming pools, the aged ones, are undergoing a number of very interesting trends. Their refurbishment has opened up not only much needed business opportunities, but has seen new territory for new technology and new products to play a role bringing more than just new life and new looks to neglected pools. It has also meant refurbished pools having 'green benefits' such as energy-saving and insulation. We look at a number of high profile projects where ageing and fading pools are back to looking good again

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BEFORE: The neglected, dark and unwelcoming pool and spa area



AFTER: Following London Swimming Pool Company's refurbishment, the area is now almost unrecognisable

KENSINGTON POOL REFURBISHMENT A CLASSIC 'BEFORE AND AFTER' JOB

In the UK, refurbishments of swimming pool complexes are such satisfying work – as the London Swimming Pool Company has been finding out.

One recent London based project was particularly rewarding as an old and sub-standard pool and spa area which had been neglected underwent an amazing transformation into a beautiful and serene space where you now want to spend hours and hours.

It ended up being what you might call a classic 'before and after' job. The project entailed the complete overhaul of a 4,000 square feet triplex and pool to complement the quality of design and high level of finish of the rest of the quality property.

The warm but at the same time clean look was achieved by using natural stone for the floor and walls combined with black mirrors and dark stained wood panels setting off the new foggy blue glass mosaic tiles in the pool.

For the lighting system to enhance the 'zen' effect, it is dimmable and fitted in recesses in the pool surround to wash down the stone strips.

The air handling system was replaced and all air outlet grilles were powder coated to blend in with the colours of the walls.

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