

## CASE STUDY:

# Hospitality

1st Class Linen Services has an established reputation for supplying the finest laundry and linen hire services to the hotel and hospitality trades in London and Essex. It was the first laundry in the UK to install Girbau's revolutionary new ST-1300 high speed, energy efficient industrial dryer.

Fundamental to the success of the business is using laundry equipment that can reliably and cost-effectively deliver the quality results that 1st Class's customers require. The introduction of Girbau's revolutionary new ST-1300 dryer has enabled the company to reduce drying costs by at least 30%.

Other important considerations in choosing the new dryer were its compact size for such a high capacity machine and its outright speed of operation. Together these factors enabled 1st Class to increase capacity and productivity, speed up drying times and increase operational flexibility.

Staff at the laundry have taken to the new dryer, which is very quick and easy to load and unload. Girbau's vacuum loading system allows loading to be completed in as little as 30 seconds. Users have also found the dryer very easy to program and control via the built in colour touch control panel.

1ST CLASS LINEN  
Canvey Island, Essex

30% savings



*"Drying is one of the largest costs for a laundry like us, so the energy saving benefits of the Girbau ST-1300 dryer are a real plus," says Brett Barber, Sales and Service Director at 1st Class Linen Services. "We are easily achieving savings of 30% compared to the cost of running conventional OPL dryers."*

The gas-fired 50kg-capacity ST-1300 completes a drying cycle in 15 minutes for a full load of towelling. This means 1st Class can dry 200kg every hour, matching the capacity and far exceeding the energy efficiency of running three conventional 77kg capacity OPL dryers, while also reducing the laundry space required. Gas energy consumption for a completed drying cycle is little as 21.15 kWh for a full 50kg load.

Quality is an essential aspect of the 1st Class service, where customers are looking for high quality and a fresh finish. Used predominantly by the laundry for towels, the ST-1300 dryer features Girbau's highly effective infrared detectors that monitor the temperature of textiles during the drying cycle preventing the possibility of heat damage and ensuring maximum safety, efficiency and quality at all times.

1st Class has also installed four new high-speed Girbau 6 Series washers: two 110kg capacity machines, one 57kg and one 23kg.



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