The role of the services engineer has changed radically in the last 15 years. The development of sophisticated environmental services and new 'microchip technology' has meant that mechanical and electrical engineers are now required to make their contribution at the initial stages of the building design proposal. Their expertise can enable the client to make savings on both the original capital investment and future operational costs.

FC Foreman and Partners have never underestimated the importance of their role in influencing design in order to create logically integrated services arrangements. Foremans has been an established firm of consultant mechanical and electrical engineers since the 1930s and has always kept abreast of current trends, hence the introduction of its large vertical transport section and information technology department. The work of the practice, though largely based in Britain, has extended from the West Indies and the USA to the Far East. Foremans is today one of the leading firms in the country.

The partners and associates of FC Foreman photographed at Somerset House, London, which has been completely refurbished to house the Courtauld Institute and its fine collection of paintings. The partnership was responsible for all mechanical and electrical work to the building.