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MARCON BUILDS NEW BOUCHER ROAD MCDONALDS





Welcome to our end of year newsletter for 2014. It has been a demanding run-in to the end of yet another busy year. As a business we are continuing to grow and expand our operations across a number of industry sectors. This edition of our newsletter features key project completions in the past couple of months.

2014 has seen us complete our first major new build McDonald's restaurant and our project team reaching new heights, fitting our Ireland's highest pub. New client YO! Sushi utilised our skills and experience when opening their first restaurant in Northern Ireland and our longstanding client asked us to assist in opening their first Synge and Byrne coffee kitchen in Derry. Our heritage team continues to expand its portfolio in the niche museum and heritage sector assisting Belfast Harbour with their anniversary exhibition. The year ended on a high without involvement in the opening of the Northern Ireland's first froyo bar.

If you have a fit-out project coming up in the near future we would be delighted to speak to you about it. Get in touch.

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We hope you enjoy the read.

Mark O'Connor & Mark McElroy



Martin McErlean, Contracts Manager, Marcon Fit-Out and Karl McErlean, Owner of the Ponderosa relax in the newly refurbished Ponderosa – Ireland's highest bar and restaurant.

Marcon fits out Ireland's highest pub

Marcon Fit-Out reaches new heights fitting out Ireland's highest pub

The well-known Ponderosa Bar & Restaurant on the Glenshane Pass has undergone a complete transformation. The popular venue has been completely renovated internally and major landscaping has been carried out around the building.

Karl McErlean, owner of the Ponderosa Bar & Restaurant, said: "My aim was to breathe new life into the Ponderosa and re-establish Ireland's highest bar and restaurant as a world class entertainment venue.

The interior fit-out and bespoke joinery package was managed as a design and build project by Marcon Fit-Out with all of the specialist joinery manufactured in the company's workshop in Antrim.

Martin McErlean, Contracts Manager at Marcon Fit-Out concludes, "Fitting out Ireland's highest bar and restaurant was a unique challenge and a project that we thoroughly enjoyed being part of. The high end bespoke joinery package further demonstrates our ability to produce the

highest standard of specialist joinery items. Our in-house design capabilities were utilised on the Ponderosa Bar & Restaurant which is a great project to add to our portfolio within the hospitality sector."

Fitting Tribute

"Marcon has done a magnificent job creating and designing exactly the right interior concept for such a well-known pit-stop. I am very impressed with the quality of Marcon's work and they have proven themselves reliable and dependable. I am a perfectionist and had a precise vision of how the Ponderosa should look and feel, and Marcon certainly delivered."

[Karl McErlean, Owner, Ponderosa](#)



Marcon Fit-Out builds new McDonald's restaurant in Belfast

Mark O'Connor, Director, Marcon and Paul Connan, McDonald's Franchisee at the New McDonald's Boucher Road, Belfast.

Marcon has finished the construction of a major new McDonald's restaurant in Belfast.

The building at Boucher Road is the global restaurant chain's first new build restaurant in Northern Ireland since 2001. Marcon has undertaken more than 200 jobs for McDonald's in recent years across Northern Ireland, Scotland and the north of England, including reimages, extensions, refurbishments and installing dual drive-thru lanes.

The £2 million project in Belfast represents Marcon's largest contract win from the world's biggest restaurant chain to date – and its first full new build restaurant for McDonald's.

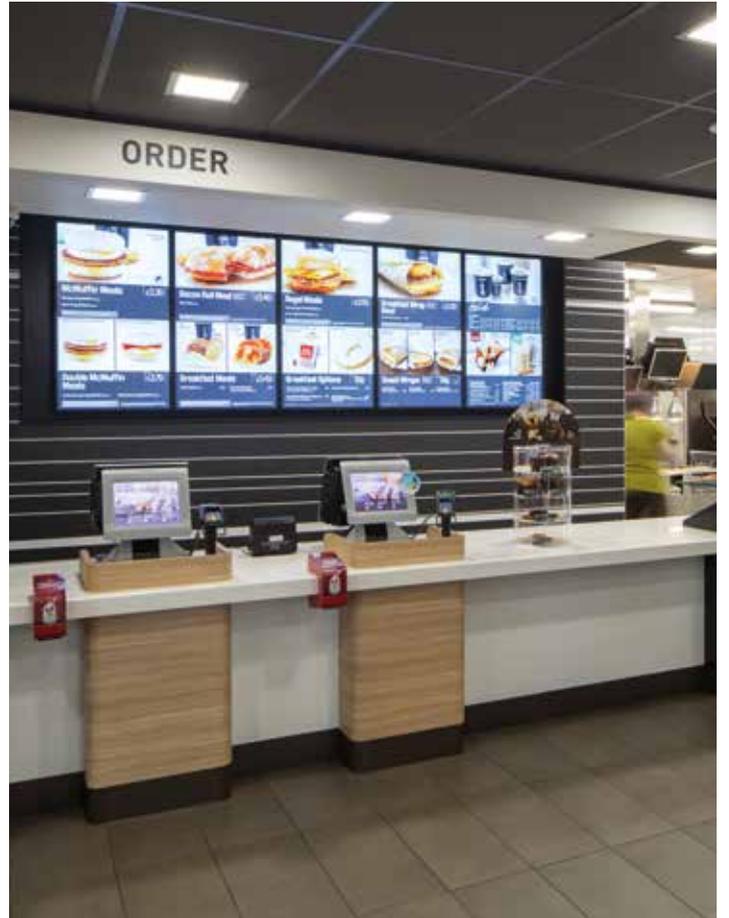
Company director Mark O'Connor said: "The fact that McDonald's entrusted us with this project reflects what we have done in the past. I am confident this project will lead to many more opportunities for us in the future.

Located close to Broadway Roundabout at the end of the Westlink and the start of the M1 motorway, the traditional build structure is the first of a new breed of McDonald's restaurant in Northern Ireland with its fresh, modern design.

Fitting Tribute

"We wanted a Northern Ireland company to do the work on this project. I am delighted with Marcon's work at Boucher Road. They always do a quality job."

[Paul Connan, McDonald's Franchisee](#)





YO! Sushi comes to Belfast

Michelle Greeves, Centre Manager, Victoria Square and Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon Fit-Out at the new YO! Sushi restaurant in Belfast.

Marcon Fit-Out has recently completed Northern Ireland's first YO! Sushi restaurant at Victoria Square, Belfast.

Marcon was tasked with fitting out the now infamous sushi brand's 67-seater restaurant at the Ann Street entrance to the centre.

Each YO! Sushi delivers Japanese inspired food via the now iconic conveyor belt to their customers and naturally the belt is the centrepiece of the Belfast restaurant. Founded in 1997 YO! Sushi has more than 70 restaurants worldwide and it currently brings a slice of urban Tokyo to more than five million customers annually throughout the UK, Ireland, Middle East and Scandinavia.

A 20-strong Marcon team worked on the five-week project which included the manufacture and installation of many specialist feature items.

Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon said: "We are delighted to have secured this contract with YO! Sushi. Marcon have an excellent track record of performing strongly within the restaurant sector and we are really looking forward to delivering this exciting project to Belfast".



Ross Mullan, Design Coordinator, Marcon Fit-Out; Damien Garvey, BWL and Mark O'Connor, Director, Marcon Fit-Out at the opening of the new Synge & Byrne in Foyleside.



Marcon fits the bill for Synge & Byrne in Derry

Marcon Fit-out has played a key role in the latest stage of an ambitious rollout of a new coffee and food brand.

The interior fit-out of a new Synge & Byrne 'coffee kitchen' at the Foyleside Shopping Centre in Derry-Londonderry has just been completed.

The locally-owned BWL Group, which is behind the new brand, is planning to introduce three new locations each year over the next five years.

No two Synge & Byrne interiors are the same. While there are common features, such as

the counters, signage and backdrop, there is individualism in every location, depending on the specifics of the particular building.

Marcon Director Mark O'Connor explained: "This was a challenging but very enjoyable five-week project and one that our team fully embraced. The ethos behind the design is to create interesting spaces. To blend old style finishes with new. All the joinery items and solid surface worktops were manufactured at our specialist joinery workshop in Antrim".





Fitting in to heritage fit-out

'A Port that Built A City', interactive exhibition to mark Belfast Harbour's 400 year old anniversary.

Marcon Fit-Out, is building a reputation in the museum and heritage sector.

Marcon is continuing to make great strides in the museum and heritage sector, adding to its growing reputation as a specialist fit-out partner in this niche market. It has been a busy 12 months for the Marcon heritage team, completing a number of exhibition projects for existing and new clients alike. The company has also been awarded a number of high profile museum fit-outs that will run throughout 2015.

Titanic Belfast® has embarked upon a gallery refurbishment programme and has entrusted Marcon with this intricate project. Gallery 2, which contains the now famous 'Shipyard Ride', has been modified to further enhance the building of the Titanic story. Further work is scheduled for three more galleries in 2015, which will allow Titanic Belfast® to continue to provide a world class visitor experience.

A new visitor centre at the iconic Gobbins coastal path in Islandmagee, Co. Antrim has utilised the skills and workmanship of Marcon. The new centre at the restored cliff-hanging tourist attraction contains an interactive exhibition that tells the story of the famous cliff walk that was initially built

in 1902 and the story of how it has been restored to its former glory. The exhibition also provides an insight into the local wildlife that populates the rugged Co. Antrim coastline.

During the summer, Marcon will be busy fitting out Down County Museum in Downpatrick. The project contains all of the elements of a modern museum fit-out, from display cases, graphics, interactives, models, AV hardware and software. The centre attraction in the museum will be the Downpatrick High Cross. The famous cross which stood at Down Cathedral has been dismantled and a replica put in its place. The original cross is now on loan to the museum in order to protect it from further deterioration and will be the centre-piece of a new display entitled 'Raising the Cross in Down'. The museum will house the cross, together with new galleries showcasing the Museum's farming artefacts, maritime collection and the story of the gaol.

Our specialist joinery manufacturing facility played an integral role with the production and installation of bespoke items for all of the above heritage projects.

Harry Wang and Katie Waddell, owners of Spoon Street and Ross Mullan, Marcon Fit-Out at the opening of the new froyo shop in Belfast.



Marcon fit-out Northern Ireland's first frozen yogurt shop

Marcon Fit-Out, is celebrating the completion of Northern Ireland's first frozen yogurt shop.

Spoon Street is a new concept froyo bar, inspired by the frozen yogurt craze that is sweeping America. The new brand is the brainchild of Harry Wang and Katie Waddell who have chosen Ballyhackamore in Belfast as the location of their first outlet. The couple are planning to introduce a number of Spoon Street shops to various locations across the city.

The new concept is already a hit with customers who get to pour their own froyo from a selection of 16 different flavours and chose from over 40 different toppings! Frozen yogurt has grown in popularity as a health food item that is an alternative to ice-cream.

The owner's vision for Spoon Street is to provide a real "experience" for their customers. Harry explains "We spent a lot of time researching frozen yogurt shops right across the USA to ensure that we would be bringing something new and exciting to Northern Ireland."

The unit had to be stripped back to its shell and a complete interior fit-out undertaken over a 4 week period.

Ross Mullan from Marcon Fit-Out concludes "We particularly enjoyed working with a client that wanted to create something really different and was open to suggestions that we had. Spoon Street is a perfect example of where a high quality fit-out, good design and bespoke manufacturing meets imagination, a strong product and a personal service."

Fitting Tribute

"It was vital that we had a leading fit-out partner that would help us realise our vision and we certainly had that in Marcon, who went above and beyond."





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