



TITANIC TRIUMPH

MARCON DOES THE DOUBLE IN LONDON





Welcome to our Autumn/Winter newsletter which features a number of our recent projects. It has been a busy year to date which has seen us work the length and breadth of the UK & Ireland across a number of sectors.

In 2013 we have added a number of new clients and have continued working with some of the most respected brands in their respective industries. Speaking of brands, we have taken the time to refresh the Marcon identity and have launched a new website www.marconfitout.com.

Go on, take a look!

If you have a fit-out project coming up in the near future we would be delighted to speak to you about it. Drop into our offices for a coffee or email us at hello@marconfitout.com.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Mark O'Connor & Mark McElroy

(l-r) Mark O'Connor, Director, Marcon Fit-Out; Joanne Jones, Northern Ireland Director of Franchising, McDonald's and Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon Fit-Out.



Marcon crowned McDonald's UK Contractor of the Year

Marcon Fit-Out has been named as McDonald's UK Contractor of the Year at an awards ceremony in Birmingham

Working with McDonald's since 2008, Marcon has successfully reimaged over 30 restaurants in the last 12 months across Northern Ireland, Scotland and the North of England. McDonald's recognised the consistently high quality delivery and level of service in each project.

Since 2008, Marcon Fit-Out has delivered over 100 individual schemes for McDonald's. The company's environmental credentials also helped secure the award, with our specialist joinery manufacturing facility using sustainably sourced materials in all of its joinery work.

Speaking after collecting the award, Mark O'Connor, Director, Marcon Fit-Out, said: 'It's a huge honour to be named as McDonald's UK Contractor of the Year and we're incredibly proud to have won the award. Everyone at Marcon Fit-Out has played a key role in winning the award and I'd like to thank our staff and suppliers for helping us achieve this success.'

'We've carried out some fantastic projects for McDonald's since commencing work with them in 2008 and we're delighted that our work in the last 12 months has been recognised by the company'.

The McDonald's UK Contractor of the Year awards aims to recognise and reward outstanding service from suppliers across the restaurant's business.

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'It's fantastic to see a local company win the UK Contractor of the Year award and I'd like to extend my congratulations to Mark O'Connor, Mark McElroy and everyone at Marcon Fit-Out.'

Joanne Jones, McDonald's Northern Ireland Director of Franchising



Marcon serves up tasty makeover for popular eatery

(l-r) Colin Brown, Bar Manager, Tate's Bar & Grill and Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon Fit-Out

Marcon is celebrating another success after the completion of the refurbishment of the former Platform Bar in Hollywood

The bar, which has been renamed Tate's Bar & Grill, was transformed from a traditional-style pub to a contemporary style by the firm and its team in just six weeks.

Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon Fit-Out explained, 'We worked in partnership with the client to interpret their vision into a stylish yet practical interior that is fit for purpose for the staff and for the clientele. They wanted something that would put them on the bar scene map in the area and I think we have achieved that for them'.

The renovations, which were undertaken by a team of specialists, involved the installation of a new bespoke stone bar with feature walnut panels, new flooring, new lighting, sound system, tables and seating.

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'We are absolutely delighted with the result. It took six weeks from start to finish, with minimum disruption to our neighbours. Our vision of the bar and grill has been brought to life, thanks to the 'can do' attitude, hard work and above all professionalism of the team at Marcon Fit-Out.'

Colin Brown, Manager - Tate's Bar & Grill



(l-r) Tim Husbands, Chief Executive, Titanic Belfast and Mark O'Connor, Director, Marcon Fit-Out pictured with the two prestigious awards won at two separate award ceremonies in London.



Titanic Awards for Marcon

Marcon has scooped two prestigious awards at two separate award ceremonies in London.

Marcon was presented with the 'Overall Winner' award for the company's fit-out of the Exhibition & Gallery at Titanic Belfast® at the National Association of Shopfitters (NAS) Design Partnership Awards. The iconic Titanic Belfast® building, located at the slipways where the great liner was built, picked up a second award for its Titanic Store, winning the 'Trading + Enterprise' category at the Museums + Heritage Awards for Excellence.

Mark O'Connor, Director, Marcon Fit-Out, says of the double-award achievement: 'We are absolutely delighted that our work at the state-of-the-art Titanic Belfast® building has been recognised at the highest level. Winning not one but two awards at two consecutive award events is a tremendous achievement that we are very proud of. Titanic Belfast® is the world's largest Titanic visitor attraction and we are thrilled that the judges of these respected industry awards acknowledged the excellent quality, bespoke fit-out of the Exhibition & Galleries and the Titanic Store'.

The National Association of Shopfitters (NAS) Design Partnership Awards recognise the best in interior fit-out across the UK & Ireland. The highly-coveted Museums & Heritage Awards for Excellence are the annual industry awards for museums, galleries, heritage and cultural visitor attractions.

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Marcon's expertise is evident in the popular and successful Titanic Store and throughout the exhibition at Titanic Belfast®, and we congratulate their double awards success.' Marcon Fit-Out designed and built the set works which formed the exhibition structure and route through the galleries at Titanic Belfast®. The company designed and manufactured metal work and solid timber displays for interactive touch screen housings, personal story boards and samples of the Titanic interiors.

[Tim Husbands, Chief Executive
Titanic Belfast®](#)







So where do
business advisors
actually work?

Northern Ireland designer transforms Grant Thornton Belfast office

After a year of design and transformation, the uber-modern style refurbishment of Grant Thornton's three-floor Clarendon Dock office in Belfast, inspired by Senior Designer Lisa Allen, has been completed.

There is a perception that Business Advisors' offices are boring but Grant Thornton, with Lisa Allen's help, have moved in a different direction, showcasing their unconventional approach to business and creating one of Grant Thornton's trendiest offices. The Belfast Partners wanted a 'creative' workspace in which their staff 'would feel excited to work' and changed the office layout to make it more fun. The themed meeting rooms – Harry Potter, Star Wars, Jurassic Park and Willy Wonka Emporium – will host training sessions and large group meetings. The firm said it hoped the fun, yet functional, office features would inspire creativity and productivity among staff and attract more new graduates to join the company.

At the recent launch, Senior Designer Lisa Allen, explained: 'Inspiration for my designs for the Grant Thornton office came from blockbuster movies - people are fascinated

by films and are in awe of what the likes of Universal and Disney can create, transporting people on a new discovery, away from day to day stresses of modern day life. Life along with work can be stressful and people can find it hard to gain a work life balance'.

Marcon played a significant role in the refurbishment and expansion of the new office space, manufacturing and installing all of the specialist joinery throughout. As well as forming and finishing the themed meeting rooms, the leading interiors firm manufactured and fitted the new curved walnut reception desk, fabric wall panels, feature board room tables, vanity units, IPS panels, glazed screens, bespoke toilet cubicles, tea points and breakout areas.

Marcon Contracts Manager Martin McErlean stated: 'Working on this refurbishment scheme was very unique. We have completed many commercial and office schemes before, but to turn our minds to a creative interior such as the Grant Thornton offices in Belfast was really enjoyable. It shows that office space does not have to be traditional and boring'.





Marcon exhibits exceptional craftsmanship at Guildhall

As part of the UK City of Culture a new exhibition telling the story of the Plantation has opened to the public at the Guildhall in Derry-Londonderry.

Working in partnership with Tandem Design, Marcon has created a spectacular exhibition at the iconic building which is the only surviving guildhall still in civic use in Ireland. Martin McErlean, Contracts Manager, Marcon, says: 'This was an exciting and challenging project that we feel very privileged to have been involved with. We utilised our in-house specialist joinery workshop to manufacture all the required elements of the exhibition which uses a combination of artefacts and the latest audio visual technology to communicate all sides of the Plantation story'.

Marcon was responsible for the fit-out of the new Plantation Exhibition, liaising with the client's interior design and architectural teams to guarantee a professional service, resulting in a fit-out of exceptional quality and finish.

'We worked very closely with Tandem and Derry City Council at every stage of the project to ensure all parties were happy with the progress and quality of work being supplied. We are delighted that we have allowed the Guildhall to retain its historical features whilst allowing visitors to enjoy a modern tourist experience'.

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Marcon has a real 'can-do' attitude and offer some great ideas. We are using parts of the Plantation exhibition as a benchmark for other fit-out companies and as yet, none have been able to match Marcon's high standards.

Andrew Todd, Tandem Design
Plantation Exhibition Design Team





Strategic fit for Marcon with new restaurant chain

(l-r) Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon Fit-Out with Mario Gizzi, Managing Director, Di Maggio's Restaurant Group at the opening of Di Maggio's first venture outside Scotland.

Marcon has successfully completed the fit-out of the first Di Maggio's Italian Caffé in Belfast.

The five-week project was delivered on time and within budget by Marcon.

Mark McElroy, Director, Marcon, commented: 'Di Maggio's is Scotland's largest independently-owned restaurant chain and we are delighted that they chose to work with Marcon on their first venture outside of Scotland. Our in-house specialist joinery manufacturing facility and long-standing relationship with global clients including McDonald's was a major attraction for Di Maggio's owners'.

Marcon was responsible for the fit-out of all elements of the back-of-house, which consisted of the installation of kitchen units and food preparation areas and the fit-out of the customer serving area.

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'We are very pleased to open our first Italian Caffé in Castlecourt Shopping Centre; it is our launch pad into Northern Ireland in a popular shopping destination. Our Italian Caffé is just one of the Di Maggio's brands that have enjoyed great success in Scotland. We hope in the future that we will have an opportunity to open further Di Maggio's outlets across Ireland.

'We have been impressed with the quality of work delivered by Marcon Fit-Out and by their level of professionalism demonstrated by staff who have been carrying out the work in a busy food court environment.'

Mario Gizzi, Managing Director
Di Maggio's Restaurant Group



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