



Hotel project brings yet another success for Kier Scotland

From its offices in Glasgow and Edinburgh, the company provides a traditional contracting and design & build service focused within the commercial, retail, leisure, healthcare, education and industrial sectors of the markets, ranging in value from £1m to £15m.

Instrumental in the company's success are the strong working relationships it has developed with key clients, design teams and suppliers, resulting not only in a high level of enquiries but also a growing number of negotiated and partnering style contracts.

Earlier this year the company helped the Accor Group to bolster its presence in Scotland completing work on the groups new hotel at Edinburgh Park in Spring. The new venue became the first hotel in what is one of the UK's top business park destinations and has cost around £25million.

Novotel Edinburgh Park joins the existing Edinburgh city centre and Glasgow city centre venues and building on Accor's success north of the border. The company also operates Ibis hotels in Glasgow and Edinburgh, an Etap hotel in Glasgow, and the Mercure Ardoe House Hotel and Spa in Aberdeen.

Novotel Edinburgh Park is aimed at both the business and leisure traveller. Situated a stone's throw from Edinburgh Park Rail station, the new hotel is in the hub of one of Scotland's prime business parks, while being just seven minutes away from the city centre and providing easy access to and from the M8 and Edinburgh Airport.

The new hotel, part of the brand's network of 'New Generation' Novotels, feature 170 stylish and contemporary 'Novation' bedrooms, including eight top floor suites. All rooms have state-of-the-art in-room entertainment, flat-screen TVs and hard-wired high speed and Wi-Fi connectivity. Five executive meeting rooms, banqueting facilities, the Elements restaurant and bar, and leisure facilities including swimming pool, incorporating a spa pool, gym and steam room have been included.



Kier Scotland continues to develop, with an increase in the breadth and depth of core skills it provides to an ever-expanding client base.

Accor is establishing a reputation for its commitment to energy efficiency and efforts to make its hotels environmentally friendly and Novotel Edinburgh Park is an example of this plan in action. The hotel has adopted measures such as a geothermal heating and cooling system, low energy lighting, and electricity and water consumption monitors, to name just a few.

Jonathan Sheard, Director of Operations, said, "Novotel Edinburgh Park sees Accor continuing what has been a superb experience of launching hotels in Scotland. Novotel Edinburgh Park will be an excellent addition to our portfolio – its first-rate location and facilities will serve both business and leisure travellers extremely well. Our philosophy for Novotel is to offer stylish, comfortable four star hotels in city centres, close to transport hubs and

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key business areas – Edinburgh Park fits perfectly with this.”

Mr Douglas said, “The location of Novotel Edinburgh Park is perfect being seconds away from one of the country’s most significant business parks and just minutes from the bustle of Edinburgh city centre. The style, finish, facilities and location of the hotel should attract everyone from business people to families.”

In the education field Kier Scotland was pleased to be an integral part in successfully delivering a student accommodation building of exceptional quality and character at Fettes College, Edinburgh in November this year.

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The £7.9m contract was procured by Kier Scotland in April 2006 after an in-depth negotiation process with the college. Built in the grounds of the original gothic style 1850s grade II listed college, the distinctive new building has been constructed in two four-storey units connected by a public meeting area on the ground floor and a link bridge above. Comprising 96 study bedrooms and staff accommodation as well as general ancillary and recreational facilities located within the basement, the building provides some 4,400sq m of residential and educational space.

Designed by architects Page & Park, the construction of this outstanding building required close planning and sequencing to provide the



extremely high standard of finishing required. On a visit to the site Ian Hamilton and Brian Park of Page & Park complimented the quality and workmanship carried out by Kier Scotland and are extremely pleased with the result of this challenging project, a feeling shared by all involved. Managing Director for Kier Scotland, Derek Fothergill, comments, “Great credit must go to the site team for delivering what is a building of high quality and distinction.”

The strength of Kier Regional, of which Kier

Scotland is a part lies in its wide network of UK construction businesses, which combine local knowledge with national presence enabling it to respond to a wide range of markets and sectors.

Whether delivering a stand alone project or bringing strength as part of an all-Kier team, the regional businesses consistently demonstrate their flexibility, creativity and ability to deliver a standard of service and quality of product that underpins the longevity of its customer relationships and ability to attract new clients.

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