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Case Study

Our Client:

The Royal Troon Golf Club

Contractor:

J C Morton Homes

Architects:

Lawrence McPherson Associates



New facelift for The Royal Troon Golf Club

The Royal Troon Golf Club has a rich history having been founded in 1878 and known as the Troon Golf Club before receiving Royal patronage in 1978. In 1942, during the war years, the Clubhouse served the Admiralty and until the end of war it was used as an Operations Head Quarters being name HMS Gannet.

The Club motto in Latin's closest translation is "It is as much by skill than strength" and the club has witnessed this skill on many grand occasions having hosted eight open championships, six amateur Championships and one senior championship to date. The course record is jointly held by Tiger Woods 1997 and Greg Norman 1989 with a score of 64.

The club is to proudly host the Open Championship yet again in 2016 and although some refurbishment had been done in the past, problems had been experienced with heating and noisy air-conditioning. This had caused disruption to the golfers all due to the thermal inefficiency of the windows. Many of the windows were not operational and the decision was taken to replace the windows in three quarters of the building including the restaurant, new club bar, smoking room, gentlemen's changings rooms and three impressive windows in the Captains Locker Room. The window construction was behind the original stone mullions.

It was a match made in heaven when a good customer, also a club member, recommended Masterframe to the Architects, Lawrence McPherson Associates and the club as the potential window manufacturer to supply J C Morton Homes who had won the contract.

The Managing Director and Owner of Masterframe, Alan Burgess has this to say "As a company, sash windows is all we do and we are proud to produce the best most authentic and true to original timber alternative sash windows in the UK. The Royal Troon Golf Club's ethos mirrors our traditional values and dedication to excellence. From a personal perspective, being a passionate golfer, I was determined to ensure that this project was a massive success by providing windows worthy of this prestigious establishment. Our aim was to recommend the very best solution to match the architecture of the club building, with the most up to date features that we could manufacture."

The project commenced when the architect specified the windows using information from the Masterframe website. Although the initial specification proved impossible to manufacture, samples were produced incorporating parts of the original specification and some recommendations from Masterframe including butt jointing and dual foils.

The club house is not a listed building and the South Ayrshire Council found favour with the Vintage Traditional window samples because the windows protected the existing building fabric, enhanced the look and were virtually indistinguishable from the originals fitted behind rebates as the originals were with no visible sight lines.

The final specification was approved; it was to be the Vintage Traditional window with fully butt jointed frames and sashes complete with laminated Glass. The windows would be complimented by the best and most exclusive furniture, a combination of Antique Brass claw cam catches and bar handles. Dual foiling was used in different combinations to suit the character of the various rooms with white wood foil externally. Internally, white wood foil adds light and brightness to the locker rooms and Craighend room with the smoking room benefitting from a rich Rosewood wood foil finish internally. Irish Oak enhances the interior of the Captains room complimenting its elegant character.

With the use of these foils, it was important to pay special attention to detail so that when a window was wooden foil inside and white foil on the outside that from each view the entire window appeared the same colour. This entailed a specialised spray procedure to ensure continuity.

Upstairs, there are two unusual London style sash windows being square on the inside with a full arch on the outside. There are even some very large windows that, due to the glass specification cannot be operational but still match the operational windows.

Once the windows were manufactured it was down to Iain Rorison, a most experienced artisan in the art of ornamental joinery and John Morton the owner of J C Morton homes to install the windows.

The timber alternative PVC-U windows are more serviceable than the originals, improving ventilation especially in the changing rooms and not requiring annual maintenance in spite of being within 200 yards of the sea.

Chris Moran, House Governor of the club commented "The windows are universally acknowledged as being first class and a number of advocates

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of wood have stated they were wrong and have indicated that the quality of the windows and the fitting has been an outstanding success."

Masterframe Windows feels privileged to have supplied Royal Troon with the perfect solution in sash windows and the club is delighted with the result. Together, the tasteful and elegant internal refurbishment, coupled with the new sash windows reflects the club's original character and traditions like never before. Royal Troon is now looking its best, at the top of its game and all set to welcome the world's top golfers at the Open in 2016.

Masterframe is focused on supplying world class sash windows in unique, classical and beautiful styles that carry the highest accreditations, with all the attributes of contemporary windows backed up by outstanding guarantees and customer service excellence.

Passionate about innovation, the team is first to market with new designs whilst constantly enhancing product to reflect current trends that differentiate the windows in a highly competitive sector thereby building market share.



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