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EXCEL BLUEPRINT

EXCEL GROUP — LATEST OFF-SITE NEWS, TRENDS & INSPIRATION

Welcome

We're excited to bring you the first edition of our new look Excel Group newsletter – Blueprint - created to bring you the latest news, views and updates from across the business.

Our aim is to inform, interest and, above all, inspire you in all things that low carbon, off-site construction and high performance glazing systems can offer, together with how these can be delivered successfully on your project.

The numerous challenges we have faced during the pandemic have found us in unchartered waters, revealing exactly how exposed and fragile we all are in the face of global threats. With rising energy costs, global warming and the impact on our environment, it will be more important than ever to make a concerted effort and direct our energy into building a more sustainable, environmentally attuned world that embraces fundamental low carbon/low energy principles.

Central to the success of such an approach will be a necessity for a greater, more collective focus on the adoption of appropriate low carbon, off-site construction solutions. Insisting on homes that not only conserve energy in use, but are built with minimal impact on the environment will help us take another significant step to securing our future and that of generations to come.

Happy Reading.

Jason Pritchard — Managing Director

★★★★★

It is always pleasing to get positive feedback from clients, and the latest Google reviews serve to exemplify our ultimate aim – providing the very latest and most advanced off-site construction solutions backed with outstanding levels of customer service. It really is about going that extra mile by focusing on customer engagement every step of the way.

And whilst it's easy for us to say, here are two of the latest reviews in all their glory.

Google Reviews – We're Five Star!

R B
Local Guide · 16 reviews

★★★★★ a month ago

Jason and his team have been absolutely awesome to deal with on our CLT project. They've played a major part in making our dream become reality and all through the process Excel have been enthusiastic, open, reliable and completely … More

Andrea Norman
1 review

★★★★★ 3 weeks ago

Positive: Professionalism, Quality, Responsiveness

Excel arranged the supply and installation of all windows and external doors for our new build property. We have been very impressed with their level of customer service, which definitely 'went the extra mile', and we will certainly consider using Excel on future building projects.

CASE STUDY

Excel SIPS System At Heart Of Luxury Barn Development

Excel Off-Site has been heavily involved in helping deliver a stunning private development of four luxury homes in rural Hertfordshire. Designed and incorporated within a single, SIPS (Structural Insulated Panels) superstructure, Excel Off-Site has also supplied the windows, external doors and conservation rooflights.

Occupying the exact footprint of a former and dilapidated indoor dressage arena, 'The Great Barn' development adopts a traditional architectural barn style design befitting of its rural location.

Designed by TW-2 Architects of High Wycombe, the project also features a four-bay car port, abutted with an ancillary bin and bike store, that has been created from an oak frame also supplied by Excel Off-Site.

Commenting on the decision to adopt a SIPS off-site construction system, Peter Knightley, Founder Director of TW-2 Architects said:

"The Great Barn was unusual in that the site was in close proximity to an active livery. This dictated the necessity to adopt a construction process with as little disruption as possible, making SIPS the ideal solution."

The Great Barn's understated splendour emanates from its extensive roof elevations, finished in handmade clay tiles and punctuated with conservation roof lights, the butted eaves of which serve to offer protection to the black ship lapped timber cladding and dark stained windows and doors.

The external appearance of The Great Barn is further accentuated at all four elevations through the incorporation of protruding gables that are extensively glazed in floor to ceiling height units.

With project management being coordinated by Benet Consulting Limited, it was main contractors, Maxas Design & Build Ltd who initially instructed Excel Off-Site on the project and who were also instrumental in providing contract design input into not only the superstructure, but the finishes and processes involved in delivering the project.

CASE STUDY

Excel Off-Site Create Contemporary New Roof Top Apartments

The future occupants of two new apartments constructed from a timber frame structure supplied by Excel Off-Site, will occupy a living space that commands expansive views across the Hertfordshire town of Royston.

Constructed on the roof area of existing two-storey former office block, Roysia House - itself in the process of being converted into apartments for landlords, Suralex Estates Ltd - the choice of off-site build solution was dependent upon on being lightweight and quick and versatile to construct. The location of Roysia House also meant that close attention to detail had to be applied to the installation process, in particular overcoming the access difficulties associated with the confinements of a town centre site over what was only a four-week installation period.

Featuring a one/two bedroom layout across one floor that also incorporates an open plan kitchen, diner and lounge, the new 175m^2 rooftop apartments feature extensively glazed, grey aluminium windows and sliding doors that offer access to an outdoor living space enclosed with metal framed glazed balustrades.

Commenting on the decision to utilise a timber frame system supplied by MMC specialists, Excel Off-Site, James Brown, Director and Project Manager of Imperial One Management Ltd said:

"Having worked with Excel Off-Site successfully in the past, and knowing this project required an off-site solution for the new roof top apartments, made the collaboration an obvious one. The necessity to construct on top of an existing roof, with a steel frame grillage structure to re-distribute the loads, dictated a lightweight yet robust system to be used."

Responsibility for delivering the new timber frame structured apartments, including the conversion of the existing building, rested with main contractors, 4 Site Construction & Refurbishment Ltd. Director, Martin Farrell commented:

"Introducing the additional living space into the overall scheme has not only helped create the obvious additional roof top living space, creating what is a third floor on Roysia House has also served to elevate the overall look of the building within its town centre location.

"Excel Off-Site's approach to the whole project was excellent; extremely professional. In fact all elements of the supporting documentation created, construction drawings, method statements and risk assessments was faultless, as was the onsite support provided by Excel. It was a real pleasure to work with them and we hope to be able to get involved and engaged with them on similar projects in the future,"

Martin added.

EXCEL OFF-SITE

Luxury Window & Door Solutions

Windows and doors represent the ultimate finishing statement when it comes to a property – traditional or contemporary.

And with spring just around the corner, never is it more timely for homeowners and developers to consider upgrading and installing new windows and doors than this time of year. After all, not only will they introduce a new and fresh look to the exterior façade, a stress free summer and autumn will be assured, as will protection against the elements that will inevitably arrive in the winter.

So why not consider the extensive product offering of Excel Façades? Partnering with today's leading manufacturers of premium glazing and external door entrance systems, there's a wealth of choice on offer when it comes to aluminium-clad timber, timber or aluminium solutions.

Defined by a fusion of outstanding aesthetics and high performance characteristics, Excel Façades can design, supply and install products that offer world-class performance when it comes to thermal, acoustic and security protection.

Indeed all systems are highly efficient, delivering reduced home energy consumption, whilst the use of timber is from proven sustainable sources. Both aluminium and alu-clad offerings also benefit from being extremely low maintenance.

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It's Showtime Again

So why not take the time to call in and see us? Yes, Excel is once again going to have a presence at the next Spring Virtual Homebuilding & Renovating Show that will take place on the weekend of April 24th and 25th.

And to make your registration easy, simply use the link below to register your attendance. Whether you are already familiar with Excel or interested in learning more about the exciting off-site solutions we have to offer, including our high performance glazing systems, then you can now do so in a virtual world and the comfort of your own home.

Ahead of the event, should you have any specific questions that you may care to ask, simply email us at: enquiries@excelgroup.uk

On that note, we look forward to giving you what will hopefully be a warm spring welcome in April.

www.futureevents.uk/springvirtualhbr

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