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New office in Dubai... now open...



■ The Dubai Mall, Dubai

Millbridge are pleased to announce the opening of their new Dubai office, strategically located on Sheikh Zayed Road in the brand new Oasis Centre Development. This office will service the MENA territory, which includes the Middle East and North Africa area. Combining high corporate UK standards with local knowledge and expertise, our team in Dubai are best placed to provide the rapid response and flexible management style that are key to our new and existing clients.

The Dubai office is to be shortly followed by expansions in other nearby cities in the Middle East, including Abu Dhabi. Philip Bray, Director of Millbridge for MENA said "We

are already having discussions in Abu Dhabi with the local master developers regarding some major UK backed projects, as well as a major retail house regarding the project management of several of their new stores across a range of brands." "There are still significant opportunities in the Gulf and we have secured the project management role for the prestigious new Louis Vuitton store in the world's largest indoor shopping centre, The Dubai Mall".

As part of Millbridge's further planned international expansion and as a further response to the changing global economic marketplace, we are actively working with clients to develop new projects in more diverse areas of the world including South America and other parts of the Caribbean. We are also entering into a joint venture with a local company to establish a presence in the Ukraine and, additionally, have other opportunities in Southern Russia, Austria, Poland and other parts of Eastern Europe.

Millbridge now operates from eight offices worldwide offering project management, building surveying and cost management services.



■ Tag Heuer Store, London

Tag Heuer opens new concept store

Luxury watch brand, Tag Heuer, opened their stunning new concept store at the Westfield Shopping Centre, London. Millbridge were pleased to work alongside their French designers, Carbondale steering the project through landlord and local authority requirement, as well as providing cost, programme and procurement advice.

Raising the bar



■ Juju interior, Kings Road

Ex-footballer, Lee Chapman and his actress wife, Leslie Ash bring a touch of modern glamour and style to the Kings Road, by opening a stunning new champagne and cocktail lounge, Juju.

Millbridge were appointed project manager and quantity surveyor and assisted in negotiations with the landlord, resulting in the client obtaining a significant rent free period. The client was keen to ensure the highest standards of acoustic treatment were applied to this project due to the close proximity of residential dwellings. As part of the refurbishment, a soundproof structure

was built within the confines of the existing building which then had to support all the mechanical and electrical services, without compromising the sound attenuation properties. The final construction allows a vibrant club to operate without causing the adjoining residents a loss of amenity.

Juju opened its doors in December and occupies two floors, decadent and opulent in style, designed by interior designer, Martin Brudnizki who has most recently worked on The Ivy Members Club and St Pancras Grand.

The venue will be open daily from 5pm to 1am, serving pan-Asian fusion food alongside champagne and cocktails.

New Jewellery Hall for Brown Thomas

Brown Thomas appointed Millbridge as project manager for their new fine jewellery department in their Grafton Street store in Dublin. Phase 1, which opened in November 08, houses Cartier and Tiffany boutiques. Phase 2 is due for completion during the first half of 2009.



■ Brown Thomas Store, Dublin

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■ Caffè Nero, Covent Garden

Well known coffee chain, Caffè Nero, has appointed Millbridge as project manager for the refurbishment and new extension works at their head office in Covent Garden. Millbridge are working alongside main contractors, Basebuild and architects, Stiff and Trevillion.

Building Surveying and Cost Management divisions remain strong despite downturn

Millbridge's Building Surveying and Cost Management divisions remain strong. This success has been mostly due to the broad range of professional services that the divisions offer with a high percentage of the work coming from the public sector, including extensions to schools, refurbishment of local authority leisure centres and alterations to health centres.

Recent new commissions include dilapidations assessments for Standard Life, Invista Real Estate Investment Management, a feasibility study for a new Childrens' Development Centre for Luton Borough Council and alterations to eight registered care homes in Bedford for the NHS. The building surveyors are also hoping to secure more crematorium

work in 2009 following the successful refurbishment of Lambeth and West Norwood Crematoriums, together with more extensions and refurbishment of primary schools.



■ Blackstock Road, Islington

Millbridge has recently acted as quantity surveyor and employer's agent for a private developer on a 27 unit residential development in Islington, North London. The project, which has recently been completed, involved the construction of 21 residential flats and 6 live/work units.

The £3.4m scheme involved construction of a concrete framed structure and basement. This basement was constructed in two separate phases to enable EDF to

carry out electrical cable diversion works such that an existing electrical substation, located within the site, could continue to operate and serve the surrounding residential area.

All the residential flats have been finished to high standard and all are now occupied. The live/work units are currently awaiting tenants and these are partially fitted out enabling usage for both residential and business purposes.

The scheme has been designed in such a way that, at a later date, 3 further floors of flats can be constructed, which would make the development a landmark building in the area over looking both the old Arsenal football stadium in Highbury (now being converted to residential use) and the new Arsenal Emirates stadium.

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Wellbar Central is progressing well:



Following our newsletter in March 2008, the prestigious 10 storey Wellbar Central project in Gallowgate, Newcastle continues to “grow” with construction of the building frame now at level 6 and rising fast.

This landmark development is due for completion in late 2009 and will provide 120,000ft² of cutting edge office accommodation.

The developer, Moonglade Holdings, are currently in discussions with a number of prospective tenants.

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