

WFC Contractors

THE STRONG reputation of fit-out and refurbishment specialists WFC Contractors has been built upon an impressive track record that includes a prestigious list of nightclubs, health and fitness centres, hotels, casinos, bars and restaurants and despite the slowdown within the marketplace the Devon-based company is remaining committed to the leisure sector.

"Given the economic climate the market is certainly challenging at the moment and we're finding that people are cutting their budgets back dramatically," explains Steve Howle, Director. "As a result some of the clients that have been good enough to give us regular large value contracts have simply put their budgets on hold. We're still busy but we're tending to be working on smaller value projects that we have been previously been involved in. Saying that, we're still finding the restaurant and hotel sectors are providing plenty of opportunities but their spending £200,000 on a refurbishment rather than £2m, which would not have been the case a few years ago."

WFC Contractors is able to carry

out the fit-out shell works to the designer's specifications or refurbish existing venues, perhaps changing their usage or giving them something of a facelift. At one end of the scale would be the shell fit-out of a 60,000 sq ft a casino in a contract valued of £7m down to a more modest refurbishment valued in the region of £30,000. There is a broad scope of contracts that it is involved in.

A workforce of 65 staff support WFC Contractors' operation and the company can operate across the country having carried out projects as far north as Aberdeen, as far south as Truro and everywhere in-between. It even completed a project for Gala Bingo in Gibraltar last year. Closer to home other key contracts within the past 12 months include two Oceania nightclubs, one in Watford and one in Southampton and the fit-out of a Fitness First club in Baker Street in London.

With some believing that the first green shoots of a recovery are beginning to make themselves seen WFC Contractors' decision to continue operating in leisure could pay dividends. There are sure to be plenty of opportunities in the future for the company to build further on its reputation as confidence returns to the sector.

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