We are excited to announce our TOP 50 Contractors for 2016. It is after all, one of the many high points of the year.

The picture here is a snapshot in time. As summed up by Bruce Shaw Chairman Derry Scully at the recent launch of the organisation's handbook: this is an industry in growth phase after a particularly lengthy recession.

According to Bruce Shaw, recovery in construction output has been driven by both private and public projects.

While 2015 saw a resurgence of private developments, particularly of new commercial office space and fit-outs in the greater Dublin area, Bruce Shaw expects that this recovery will expand beyond Dublin in 2016 and that development of retail and hospitality projects will also become viable.

In the residential sector, which has been slow to recover, there is an ever increasing demand in major urban areas. The residential sector has witnessed some promising projects go on-site in Q2 2016, says CIS in this issue of Construction.

After a strong first quarter in 2016, construction activity continued steadily into the second quarter, CIS tells us in overview.

“As we head into the summer months, there are optimistic times ahead for most sectors covering the construction industry.”

Looking closer at our current list, all of the names here are well-known to us. Some are household names – names that have become instantly recognisable, even outside of the industry; iconic names which transcend sectoral boundaries and which will forever be associated with shaping the very landscape and built environment which we inhabit.

Their banding is visible on major projects dotted right around the country, on our new roads, buildings and landmark architecture.

Many have played integral parts in highly complex projects and cutting edge work – at home and abroad – leading the way in skills, creativity and the application of technology.

Others names may not be so well-known outside the industry, but their work is just as familiar to people across the nation and beyond, impacting upon the lives of millions – on a daily basis.

From essential infrastructure right through to aesthetics their work and the work of all on the list and beyond enables us to live our lives better.

In this regard they are in some way, representative of all CIF members.

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John Sisk & Son was founded in 1859 and is today the largest General Building and Civil Engineering Contracting Company in Ireland. Over its 157 year history, the company has stayed true to John Sisk’s vision of providing exceptionally high levels of construction expertise and customer service by employing, training and motivating capable staff.

The fifth generation is leading the Sisk family business into its third century.

The Company is headquartered in Dublin and provides a world class construction service across Ireland and the UK.

Its Irish operations are controlled from the head office in Dublin with five regional offices throughout the island.

UK Business is directed from the St Albans office with five strategically located regional offices.

“At Sisk we are committed to helping our clients achieve competitive advantage through a flexible and innovative approach to design, construction and fit-out,” Construction is told.

“As Ireland’s largest construction company, we pride ourselves on exceeding customer expectations in the areas of safety, responsiveness, flexibility, quality, certainty of delivery and value.”

Sisk operates across all client sectors and within specifically tailored contract formats in Main Contracting; Management Contracting; Design & Build; Design; Build & Finance; Partnering; Turnkey and Joint Ventures.

The company actively pursues a policy of keeping up-to-date with modern construction technology.

“It is this emphasis, founded on a solid base of traditional craft skills and combined with the most advanced management techniques that have placed Sisk at the forefront of contractors operating in Ireland and the UK today,” says Sisk.

In common with our other top players, Safety is a core value within Sisk.

“The culture of safety is one which we seek to propagate on a daily basis with all the stakeholders we work with on our building projects,” is the message.

“As a company we have put in place all the necessary resources and systems that a progressive safety system needs to be built around, but most importantly most of our energy and focus goes into training and induction to engender the belief that Zero Accidents, Zero Injuries is achievable through the early identification of risks.”
In second place and established in 1972, Mercury's story is another tale of success and innovation: of building an impressive project portfolio by working with some of the world’s leading clients in their home market and internationally – and delivering high end Mechanical; Electrical; Fire Protection and IT Engineering solutions over more than four decades.

"Over the past 40 years Mercury has grown into one of the largest independent engineering contractors with projects completed internationally," points out Mercury Director, Frank Matthews.

With their headquarters based in Sandyford, in south County Dublin, Mercury Engineering continues to make impressive strides – both in the Irish, UK and European Markets, “all the while maintaining the company’s core values of delivering quality projects, on time and on budget” and still remaining a privately owned company.

In its own words: “Mercury aspires to be the most successful multidisciplinary engineering contractor in every sector and geographical area in which we operate.

“However to achieve these standards of excellence we need to have the right team in place.

“We see our employees as the solid foundation that has ensured the continued success of Mercury Engineering over the years.”

Alluding to challenges faced by the country as a whole in recent years, the company says:

“Although no one person could have envisaged the level of recession that we experienced in the Irish market, quick reactions – and the implementation of a revised Business Strategy ensured Mercury maintained their position.”

Further expansion into the European construction market also ensured Mercury’s growth.

“Our establishment in Europe has been hard fought but we have managed to establish ourselves as a market leader within this region as well as our home market”, Eoin Vaughan, Chief Executive, Mercury Group, tells Construction.

The company list of prestigious clients is testimony to this with high profile projects in major European centres included.

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BAM has forged a reputation in the Irish construction sector for undertaking and delivering complex and forward-thinking projects.

Activities include: ‘Main Building Contracting, Civil Engineering, PPP, Facilities Management, Fit-out, Specialist Works, Property Development and Rail Specialist.’

Established in 1958, BAM Ireland (formerly Ascon), is the holding entity for all BAM’s Irish operating companies.

It is managed by Irish professionals and operations cover the entire spectrum of construction activity. The organisation employs over 2,000 people directly and indirectly.

For BAM, “sustainable practice in the marketplace is closely interlinked with environmental sustainability”.

BAM has, it says, been able to grow its business significantly in recent years, because there is an increasingly widespread consciousness amongst industry leaders about the need to reduce their carbon footprint.

“We believe that environmental sustainability creates value for our business, improves efficiency, develops client and supply chain relationships, ensures that we attract and retain talent and improves our decision making processes,” says BAM.

Recent projects across Ireland include: the Mercer Institute at St James’s Hospital; N11 Arklow Rathnew/N7 Newlands Cross PPP; Lambe Institute, University Hospital Galway for NUI Galway; Ulster Hospital and One Albert Quay, Cork.

Projects currently under construction include: Courts Bundle PPP; Schools Bundle 4 PPP; 14-17 Dawson Street Development, M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP and N25 New Ross Bypass PPP.

Internationally, BAM Ireland is active in partnership with its sister companies, on projects including the New Port of Aqaba in Jordan and a new stadium and hotel development at Al Ain (UAE).

BAM Ireland is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal BAM Group of the Netherlands, which had a turnover in excess of €7.4 Billion in 2015 and employs in excess of 21,500 people worldwide.

Royal BAM Group, ranked in the top 15 of the league of top European contractors, continues to expand in its home markets of The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium and Germany and to target opportunities internationally through its global operating company BAM International.
Jones Engineering continues along the path of planned sustainable growth. In 2015 the firm expanded its operations to over eight countries.

The Group and the performance of its teams has been recognised for delivering the most complex projects safely, on time and to the highest standards. Such recognition has included numerous industry awards.

Over 70% of the Group’s business is made up of repeat work – “multinationals, both here and overseas, being a large element of this”.

In addition to the traditional sectors Jones has also experienced growth in its waste to energy division, Jones Celtic BioEnergy Ltd, which is now seen as a “go-to” firm in the Anaerobic Digester space both here and in the UK, having completed the design and construction of the largest anaerobic digester in Europe and until quite recently, the largest in the world.

During the last 12 months the ownership of the Group has increased to include Shane Gillece, Group Director Mechanical; Stephen McCabe, Group Director Electrical and John King, Group Director and Chief Financial Officer in addition to Eric Kinsella as Executive Chairman and Jim Curley as CEO.

“Working with the multinationals has allowed Jones to build on its experience, become world-class and given the Group and the team the confidence to sell and deliver these services overseas,” says Jones.

The target – according to James Curley, is to have a 50/50 split between the local and international market.

“We were the first contractor to have its graduate training programmes recognised by Engineers Ireland as a route to Chartered status,” Construction is told.

“We are the only firm in the world to have won the world skills competitions twice in plumbing.

“Our ongoing commitment to training continues. Further examples of this include the Group Chairman, Eric Kinsella’s recent sponsorship of scholarships for engineering students at Trinity College.

Applying LEAN principles for many years – like a number of others in our list – “Jones Engineering Group, along with Intel Ireland together with SCEG, PhathomHQ and Construction Innovation Lab, launched the first Lean Construction Institute (LCI) Community of Practice (CoP) here in Ireland.”
Following the necessity to consolidate the business in recessionary times, Dornan Engineering continues its growth trajectory.

“Sacrifices were made back then, but a business plan ensued that saw the company grow to its current turnover”, says Brian Acheson CEO.

Looking at alternative markets, following their Client base to their respective European and UK locations and “knowing their clients’ expectations in terms of delivery”, saw Dornan progress their business throughout Europe and the United Kingdom while continuing as an Engineering service provider to the Irish Market.

“The Pharma & Bio Pharma industry has been key to the origin and the development of our business, and consequently we have utilised this experience in providing ME&I engineering and installation services in the Data Centre and Resilient Infrastructure sector with projects in Ireland, Sweden, Holland, Belgium and England,” Construction is told.

“We are the ‘go-to’ Data Centre engineering contractor for Global Blue Chip Clients, based on the Installation Excellence we have developed, reflected by the 500MVA of Data Centre work completed to date”, says Joe Conway, Dornan Business Development Manager in Ireland.

“Success for a Mechanical & Electrical Contracting business and it’s projects today, is not all about material procurement, materials installed and a test and commission strategy.

“Clients today, require a strategic demonstration on how the project will be delivered in terms of Safety; Quality; Scheduling; Costing; BIM Management and LEAN Construction processes.

“At Dornan we maintain CPD procedures to ensure we ‘raise the bar’ on how we do our business, with no stone unturned to demonstrate that when the targeted level is achieved, we must progress to the next level.

“This is particularly demonstrated within our Safety Department who have implemented a BBS (Behavioural Based Safety) strategy which encourages the positive promotion of Safety on a site level, fully supported by the Directors & Management of Dornan.”

Dornan’s ethos is now “concentrated on the Clients’ specific requirements and a concerted effort to achieve repeat business, being vital to our future success.

“Our aim is to have a company that provides a good service to our clients and our goal is to maintain such a service so that in years to come, Dornan will be the company with whom clients will want to do business.”
We look on every project as an opportunity to impress our clients.

John Paul Construction is one of Ireland’s leading international specialists in construction, infrastructure and fit-out. Founded in 1949, the company is a market leader with a portfolio of major projects for a large and diverse range of clients across all sectors.

The company provides a comprehensive range of construction services to clients, including pre-construction/early contractor involvement; management contracting; design and build; partnership/turnkey arrangements and traditional contracting.

“With offices in Dublin, Cork, London and Riyadh and over 250 staff, we have the scale and resources to deliver large and complex mission critical projects,” is the message.

“Our business is about delivering success on behalf of our clients and we achieve this by providing a completely integrated service that is focused entirely on the things that really matter to them,” says Eamon Booth, MD.

“The best indication of quality and service is when you get called back to do new projects and thankfully we have that situation developing with a growing number of our clients.

“We look on every project as an opportunity to impress our clients whether we have worked with them for years or it happens to be our first job and this approach has been effective in forging lasting relationships.”

John Paul notes steady growth over the last twelve months. “While the company has always had a broad sectoral base, we have further developed our High Tech / Data Centre / Industrial / Pharma sector with major projects being completed for a number of world leading companies,” it says.

“We are heavily focused on new technologies for driving innovation and efficiency in the industry.

“Our BIM management team have developed a strategic programme for full transition to BIM and we are already implementing level 2 BIM on a number of our key projects.

“We are also currently implementing Lean initiatives across all of our projects, which are leading to greater efficiencies and waste reduction on site.

“As part of this approach we are continuously assessing construction techniques and where appropriate, maximising the use of off-site manufacturing.”

“Our corporate culture is based on the values that have served us well through the years,” says John Paul.

“We put health and safety before all other considerations and pride ourselves on being honest, reliable and innovative.”
Collen Construction Ltd., established in 1810, has been at the forefront of the Irish Construction Industry for over two centuries now.

A family-owned business with a solid reputation for building quality and excellence – the company ethos is to provide a quality service and forge long-lasting relationships, hardly surprising given its lengthy history.

Collen’s client list is a testament to the levels of service provided on every project and “strong focus on our staff as our most valuable resource”. The company has “successfully tendered and negotiated projects for a range of clients including large multi-national corporations; private companies; local authorities and state authorities.

Collen Construction Ltd. operates a Quality Management System that “ensures that projects are delivered to the specification and timescale required by clients”.

“We have established a reputation for providing complex projects on time and within budget,” notes Collen. “Our dedicated teams work closely with design teams providing a full turn-key service to the client as required. Our management team ensures smooth co-ordination of all aspects of the project including mechanical and electrical services. “Our ability to consistently deliver quality and meet client parameters, has often led to a partnership approach on subsequent projects with the same clients.”

Among recent successes Collen Construction was awarded the contract for new Student Residential Accommodation and Ancillary Facilities at UCD.

Collen Construction has also been awarded the contract for the refurbishment and fit-out of the Sim Building at Dublin Airport.

“We are committed to completing every project safely and with minimal environmental impact,” says the company. “We believe that every person has a right to work in a safe environment, with the knowledge that they will return home safely at the end of every day,” says Collen.
Since being established in Mullingar nearly 100 years ago, Bennett has grown steadily into an international company with offices and projects in Ireland, the UK and Germany – representing every market sector.

“We have a broad portfolio of successfully completed projects across a range of sectors including Commercial; Industrial; Data Centres; Student Accommodation; Retail; Residential; Refurbishment; Hospitality and Pharmaceutical,” says Paul Bruton, Joint Managing Director.

Bennett continues to invest in modern business practices and management techniques in order to ensure that the organisation remains at the cutting edge of the industry.

It continues to build on its reputation with focus applied firmly on “growing the ability of the business to deliver in new and innovative ways”.

“Understanding our clients’ expectations and business requirements allows us to focus on each project and deliver around their specific needs, and that has been a deciding factor in the level of repeat business we receive,” Paul tells us.

A number of our Top Companies here are major award winners – many, multi-award winners – of course. Bennett Construction is no exception.

The company’s recently completed project for Primark – Arthur Ryan House – won a major award for “retrofitting/renovation project of the year 2016” in April and, at time of writing, we also note how Bennett’s have been shortlisted for a “Contractor of the Year Award” for the Irish Construction Industry Awards 2016.

“For us, success is delivering a building that improves the work and lives of our clients, their customers and their communities,” is the message from Bennett which sums up a philosophy and approach that has stood to the company.

Elsewhere, Bennett Construction was the first development firm to be awarded the New Gold Standard Award in Occupational Health and Safety by the National Irish Safety Organisation, we are told.

They were the first Irish construction company to achieve ISO14001 environmental accreditation, points out the firm, and more recently they have once again been awarded the “International Safety Award” by the British Safety Council and the NISO ‘Regional Safety Award for the Midlands’.

FOR US, SUCCESS IS DELIVERING A BUILDING THAT IMPROVES THE WORK AND LIVES OF OUR CLIENTS, THEIR CUSTOMERS, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.
Established in 1925, P.J. Hegarty & Sons is one of Ireland’s most progressive building and civil engineering companies. “We undertake projects throughout Ireland and the UK from offices in Dublin, Cork, Limerick and London and are a leading company in major infrastructure, commercial and industrial facilities. “The company has received numerous awards across a wide range of projects and were the first construction company to achieve ISO 9002 status in Ireland,” Construction is told.

High-profile projects have included: The Intel Microchip Facility in County Kildare; The Criminal Courts of Justice Complex in Dublin; Dublin Airport: Terminal 2 and Pier E; Ireland’s tallest building – the Elysian – in Cork; Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard – expansions to the Middleton Distilleries; N6 Galway and M50 Dublin PPP Motorway projects.

After more than 90 years in business, P.J. Hegarty has built up significant resources and expertise and has 220 people directly employed. “Our primary activity is undertaking large, complex projects in commercial, retail, tourism, pharmaceutical, high-tech and institutional buildings; refurbishment and civil engineering works,” says the company.

In addition to technical and plant resources, P.J Hegarty has a strong financial base, allowing execution of multiple large projects simultaneously.

The company’s success over the years “is based on sound financial and management principles”. It is this emphasis, combined with a solid base of traditional craft skills and professional management, that has placed it at the forefront among our Irish contractors and in our Top 10.

P.J Hegarty offers a full range of construction services including management contracting, design & build, alliance/partnering and PPP contracts, in addition to traditional building arrangements.

The range of work undertaken varies in type and size from multimillion Euro contracts to small and medium sized projects.

Like all our entries, the company is dedicated to maintaining a safe working environment for all employees and significant resources are deployed to ensure best practice in the area of Health & Safety.

P.J. Hegarty encourages employees to achieve their full potential through Continued Professional Development and was the first construction company to be accredited by Engineers Ireland for CPD, it tells us.

The Company also has a Training Partnership with the CIOB.
Kirby is another company that has come a long way since it was founded. It has grown – in just over 50 years – from a small, family-owned electrical contracting business to a respected, international, multi-disciplinary, high-value engineering contractor with seven offices across Ireland, the UK and Europe.

Kirby now employs over 600 highly-skilled employees and provides mechanical piping; HVAC; electrical/instrumentation; electrical transmission and distribution; turnkey and engineering services to a prestigious international client list from a range of sectors.

Kirby has a renowned reputation, built on the “Kirby Way” of doing business which involves “an uncompromising approach to safety, early engagement, understanding clients’ needs, building high-performing teams and supporting clients through every stage of the project”.

According to Mark Flanagan, Group Operations Director: “Quality is what we do best; it’s why we have a world-class client base.”

From finding custom solutions to challenging build environments to applying the latest technology, Kirby continuously delivers.

Their focus on BIM utilisation is a case in point – a fact recognised through Kirby’s being awarded the “BIM initiative of the Year” award at a 2015 Industry awards ceremony.

Like so many of our top players, Kirby acknowledges that the key to its success is its people. Its 600 professionals “deliver each and every project with pride and integrity”.

The company places a huge emphasis on training and development and continually nurtures and mentors people to achieve their maximum potential, Construction is told.

“Our passion to deliver highly complex projects, to our client’s full satisfaction, has helped us to differentiate Kirby from our competitors,” says Fergus Frawley, Group Managing Director.
“Our core ethos is not just to meet client expectations but to exceed them – making us the partner clients want to work with,” says Roadbridge Chairman, Jim Mulcair.

The company has completed landmark projects for clients in the transport; renewables and energy; utilities; commercial; industrial; waste management and leisure sectors.

Says Conor Gilligan, Roadbridge Managing Director: ‘We have adopted a team approach and focus on value engineering and innovation in order to achieve best results for our clients.’

Over the last 10 years Roadbridge has completed in excess of 250km of Inter-Urban Motorway (incl. Joint Venture Projects) to budget and on time using various contract models.

In recent years, Roadbridge has been the Main/Principal Contractor on major wastewater schemes in Ireland and the UK.

Water schemes including both reservoirs and all associated pipelines have been successfully completed in Ireland at Roscommon; Nenagh; Ballinrobe; Tuam and Claremorris.

Roadbridge has been responsible for all phases of the construction of Ireland’s largest waste management facility at Arthurstown, Co. Kildare as well as work on Bottlehill Landfill in Cork, Killurin Landfill in Wexford, and work on Tailings Ponds at Lisheen Mines and at Goro Mines in New Caledonia.

The company is currently involved in the construction of some of the largest onshore Wind Farms throughout Ireland and the UK.

Recent site development projects include major elements of the DIT Grangegorman Campus in Dublin City and the Langley Court Site Development in Beckenham, England.

“Our goal is to create value through our focus on efficiency and sustainability. We achieve this by applying best practice, employing a motivated workforce and adopting continuously updated technology,” says Peter Byrne, Quality & Environmental Manager.

“We believe that the sustainable approach can only be achieved through integration of social, economical and environmental factors.”

JJ Rhatigan & Company (JJR) which recently won ‘Contractor of the Year’ at a recent awards ceremony was, it tells us, “the first Irish contractor to invest in a Building Information Modelling (BIM) 360 Enterprise License, as part of the company’s drive for Sustainable Design, Innovation and Construction Excellence”.

In 2013, the company made a strategic decision to transition to a fully collaborative BIM Environment and it is now company policy to use the BIM 360 Software across all projects, with over 110 staff now trained in different aspects of the BIM process.

Limerick and an extension project at the Nutricia plant in Cork.

Later this year, work is anticipated to commence on the first Primary Care Centre PPP Project in Ireland with the construction of 14 Primary Care facilities nationwide, which has a total capital value in excess of €120m.

JJ Rhatigan & Company delivers high quality, sustainable construction projects across all sectors including Commercial; Retail; Hotel; Leisure; Education; Industrial; Residential; Healthcare; Pharmaceutical and Municipal.

The company’s portfolio spans from traditional building contracts, new builds, fit outs and renovations, to the design and build of large-scale landmark developments.

Recently completed projects include the new DCU St. Patrick’s College; Medtronic Customer Innovation Centre; The Grange Apartments; Wyckham Point; NDFEA Schools Bundles 1 and 3 and NUI Galway Life Course Studies Building.

With the resurgence of office and commercial developments, JJ Rhatigan & Company has expanded its portfolio in this arena with a number of projects currently on site including Teleflex Medical International Headquarters, a 3 storey 4,162m² office block in Athlone; Kevin Street Garda Headquarters in Dublin, a five-storey building of approximately 6,840m² in size with 5,400m² double basement and the Galway Regional and Divisional Garda Headquarters, a five-storey 11,200m² civic building housing 21st century facilities.

Other projects currently on site include Charlemont Street Regeneration Project in Dublin, Maynooth Student Accommodation, Lord Edward Street Mixed Development in
Walls Construction Limited was established by Patrick Joseph (PJ) Walls in 1950. In 2015 it was acquired by the senior management team with the backing of private investors including some members of the Walls family.

Walls Construction Managing Director Eugene O’Shea is upbeat about the sector and the outlook for Walls Construction. Says O’Shea: “Construction output is expected to reach €15 billion for the year 2016 and with growth now returning to all sectors, the MBO has positioned Walls to benefit from these new opportunities.

“In the decades since our foundation a cornerstone of our success has been customer service, meeting the needs of our clients and realising the vision of their design teams,” is the message from the company.

“We acknowledge the trust and confidence they place in our hands and we diligently protect their reputation and core values. “We are justifiably proud of the experience and longevity of service of our senior management team.

“They have proven expertise in engineering, quantity surveying, estimating, site management and traditional craft skills, together with operations and support personnel qualified in disciplines such as finance, project planning and human resources.

“In all of the work we do, the safety of our employees, subcontractors, suppliers, clients and the general public is our first priority.

“We are committed to training and continuous professional development and we have achieved accreditation and best in class awards in safety, quality, construction performance and environmental building practices.

“Our primary emphasis is on teamwork, both internally and with our clients and their construction professionals so as to meet and exceed expectations.

“Supported by a sound financial base Walls Construction is fully capitalised to meet the demands and take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the Irish construction sector.”

Designer Group now has offices in Ireland, UK and Germany and works with some of the world’s largest multinational companies.

“Exceeding our clients’ expectations through delivery of projects on time, to budget and to the highest quality is a high priority for Designer Group,” the company tells Construction.

“Being recognised as an industry leader delivering unmatched results and assisting our staff to be the best they can through training and development ensures our continued success.

“We seek the earliest possible involvement in our projects, thereby ensuring relationship and communication lines are firmly established for successful competition and handover to our clients.

“Our senior management team go that ‘extra mile’ to ensure the successful delivery of our clients’ projects.

“Our people are our most important asset and we take pride in the quality of our staff and provide appropriate training for our people and always look to develop them within our business ensuring we have a strong and experienced workforce that gives us exceptional self delivery capability.

“We continuously evaluate new products, technologies and innovations to explore every opportunity to bring value to our clients.

“This investment has produced an innovative and passionate team that delivers projects for our clients safely, efficiently and to the highest standards in the industry.”

“Designer Group utilises prefabrication technologies – “a process proven to reduce time scales, health and safety incidents, waste and budget costs. As a result, productivity is increased in parallel with enhanced installation quality.”

“Designer Group delivers projects within a BIM (Building Information Modelling) collaborative process. “The BIM process allows us to collaborate with architects, structural engineers and contractors to enable rapid decision making,” is the message here.

“Safety is our number one priority as a business and is embedded in our culture, behaviour and process to place us at the leading edge in what is a rapidly changing industry.”
Ardmac, an international specialist construction contractor, has almost 40 years’ experience in delivering high quality projects for global brands in the commercial, retail and industrial markets.

This involves turnkey design and build from inception to completion, interior fit out and cleanroom construction.

Working with both local and international businesses, Ardmac provides superior work environments for a range of notable clients in a variety of sectors including Global Retail Brands; Datacentres; Micro-Electronic; Pharmaceutical; Biotech; Medical Device; Automotive and Aerospace.

“Ardmac retains a market leadership position through our commitment to client delivery, the in-depth industry knowledge of our people, and the proven quality of our processes,” says the company.

With many clients coming from the life sciences industry, Ardmac has significant experience in cleanroom construction.

Ardmac’s CEO, Ronan Quinn, recently spoke at the ISPE & Enterprise Ireland seminar, where he unveiled their Second Generation Cleanroom Construction Animation video, using simulation to demonstrate the constructability of their next generation in cleanroom design.

“Ardmac’s 2nd Generation Cleanroom construction products offer products and systems that meet the needs of efficiency, flexibility, and adaptability with superior quality for today’s cleanroom construction,” Construction is told.

In interior fit out, “our commitment has allowed us to continually develop our products, supply chain, management procedures, staff and resources to deliver the best technical and value engineered solutions, which, coupled with our knowledge of working in highly regulated production environments, across a number of sectors, gives us a unique understanding” Ardmac has extensive expertise in Data Centre site preparation, design, construction and management.

Suir Engineering has come a long way in thirty-five years – from a small, locally- based business which was mainly focussed on the food and dairy industries.

Originally set up in south Kilkenny, “our main areas of activity would be in pharmaceuticals; data centres; power stations; wind farms; heavy industry and commercial buildings,” Construction is told by Business Development Director, David Phelan.

“We offer our clients electrical and mechanical contracting services. Our main areas of activity currently are with companies such as Pfizer; Johnson & Johnson; West Pharma; Genzyme; MSD; Bausch & Lomb; Intel; SSE; ESB and Dairygold.”

“We are a direct employee business and train and develop our own people,” points out David.

“Clients recognise and appreciate this.

“Our business is about our people, our culture and our strategy. Operational excellence and innovation is at the centre of everything we do.”

There is a defined strategy here which is central to the business and it is centred on four main areas: Organic development; systematic entry into new Irish and European markets; examination of new business models; development of international opportunities

These are all connected through the development of the organisation, their capability, capacity and competence and a strong commitment to the development of their people, says the company.

At the moment on both the domestic and international fronts they see a lot of activity taking place. “There is great momentum behind the growth,” says David Phelan.

The organisation is now part of the Imtech UK and Ireland group of companies.

With offices throughout the UK and Ireland, the Group is one of the largest managed technical service providers in the UK and Ireland.

It has extensive expertise and experience in mechanical and engineering services, technical facilities management and systems integration with established and well-respected brands reflecting its high quality reputation.

“Our strategy is inextricably linked to our core vision to become the most respected, sustainable technical services business in Ireland and internationally,” Construction is told.

“As a broad-based technical services provider we meet all our clients’ needs, from design support of mechanical and electrical systems through to the installation and whole-life maintenance and management of these assets.

“With the increasing pressures on our energy resources, we continually endeavour to provide low- carbon solutions, wherever possible.”
SIAC Construction Limited is a leader in the civils market with experience in the roads; water; environment; marine and energy sectors.

SIAC has participated in the construction of some of the most technically complex structures in Ireland.

The company has extensive experience in urban regeneration; slipforming; paving; bituminous products; roofing and cladding; traffic management solutions and material testing.

“We have successfully delivered projects for major public and private clients both in Ireland and the UK,” SIAC tells Construction.

“These projects include the A 380 Bypass in Devon; N25 Bandon to Sarsfield improvement scheme and many water and waste water treatment plants.

“Our Roofing & Cladding division operates a highly successful business delivering high quality complete envelop building solutions for over a century.

“The company specialises in new builds, refurbishment projects and maintenance. It operates in Ireland, UK and Europe. Our repeat clients operate in the Pharmaceutical and IT industries. We are registered members of CIRI, RCCA, IFD, NISO and IMA.”

SIAC Bituminous Products Limited is one of the leading pavement suppliers and contractors in Ireland for the supply and laying of asphalt bituminous materials. Their asphalt plant is a fully automated facility.

This is dedicated to supply asphalts to utilities, local authorities, private contractors and their own contracting division.

The plant produces over 100 material types including coloured, proprietary mixes, and airfield specifications.

“We are market leaders in the use of performance enhanced materials with many industry firsts in Ireland,” continues SIAC.

“We have achieved this through continuous research and development, high quality control standards and partnering for design trials with universities, NRA, local authorities and progressive Bitumen producers.”

Winthrop has not been around for as long as many of our other companies here in a sector where histories can run into hundreds of years.

However the company is one of Ireland’s leading Mechanical, Electrical & Instrumentation Engineering companies with a projected turnover in excess of €120m in 2016.

Established in 1995 by qualified and experienced engineers, Winthrop directly employs over 600 people.

“Our focus is on the safe delivery of quality projects, on time and within budget,” says the company.

“It is through doing this that we have successfully built up an impressive list of blue chip clients, who continue to do business with us and refer new customers.”

Large complex projects have been delivered across the Commercial; Data Centre; Industrial; Healthcare; Pharmaceutical and Public Works sectors.

The full scope of mechanical, electrical and instrumentation services is offered, including engineering; project management; design, build and construction.

Winthrop has delivered demanding projects across all sectors of business and industry. “We frequently operate in difficult conditions such as in live environments, handling critical services, and also to tight time deadlines,” says the company.

“Winthrop’s IMS system is Certified by external auditors EQA and the IMS is designed to deliver all our projects with an efficient and consistent approach, and specifies the BCAR requirements for all projects.

“Winthrop’s standards are at the very highest level,” and its priorities are “to maintain and improve its position in the marketplace while also seeking to continually improve on quality, safety and sustainability, a reflection of this is through the fact that 80% of Winthrop business is through repeat business,” Construction is told.

“Our significant experience with leading edge technologies guarantees that clients are provided with premium turnkey solutions. Our goal is to ensure every project meets client expectations.”
19
STEWART DEVELOPMENTS LTD.
TURNOVER: €73.37M
(YEAR END 30/4/15)

Thanks to its “continuous dedication to pushing the boundaries of the industry”, Stewart is one of Ireland’s leading contractors with an impressive growth rate over the past number of years.

The multi-award winning company has a strong reputation for a personable and leading edge approach to each and every project undertaken over its now 114 years in construction.

Being a fourth generation family-run company, there is an engrained culture of commitment to successful delivery for clients that has driven Stewart to stay ahead of industry trends with investment in new technologies supporting results time and again.

Says Managing Director, Paul Stewart: “We have a huge focus on our people and providing training on the newest technologies out there. BIM has been a key factor in Stewarts’ success with our initiative based on a long term and holistic organisation-wide development plan.

“We have a ring-fenced and dedicated BIM budget and an implementation team driving this initiative at every level in the organisation to ensure targeted goals are attained.”

The company has a diverse portfolio of clients nationwide in both the private and public sectors with the spectrum of projects ranging from commercial, industrial and pharmaceutical, to retail; leisure; healthcare; residential and under procurement routes, to include particular expertise in the design and build space.

Stewart has recently been presented with major awards for projects at Knock Basilica (Refurbishment) and GRIJOLS International Logistics Centre in Grange Castle, Dublin.

“Our clients come to Stewart with a goal and depend on us to reach that goal,” Paul states. “That is something that we take very seriously and we pride ourselves on our ability to put our client at ease as we fulfil objectives and overstep targets.”

20
WILLS BROS LTD.
TURNOVER: €67.94M
ROI TURNOVER: €40.49M
(YEAR END 31/12/15)

Wills Bros’ business was founded in 1972 by Charles and James Wills. As a family run business the company takes pride in the standards it achieves in the diverse civil engineering and other projects it undertakes.

Wills Bros Limited has extensive experience in the construction of traditional civil engineering contracts, and design and build contracts.

“We undertake this work utilising directly owned and operated plant, managed by our long serving experienced personnel,” Construction is told.

Project experiences range from major motorway design and build contracts; landfill sites; marine works; road realignments; major site developments and enabling works; water related services and telecommunications to leisure and public amenity projects.

In recent years the company’s expansion has included “large scale enabling works packages that have included all service utility installations and earthworks and foundation construction to holding down bolt/starter steel level”.

A selection of recently completed projects include: Moycullen Road Improvement Scheme; Enabling works for a large Pharma plant; Pottery Road Improvement scheme; Youghal Sewerage Scheme; River Dargle Flood Alleviation; Enabling works for a large software campus, Dublin.

Wills Bros is also very active in the UK market.

The company also provides specialist subcontract services such as major earthworks, sub-base and pavement subcontracts and vertical drain installations to other main contractors and is currently carrying our major subcontracts on the N17/N18 Gort to Tuam motorway.

“The utilisation of our large fleet of owned plant and equipment allied to our long serving skilled supervisory staff has been a major contributory factor to our success and expansion,” Construction is told.

“We constantly strive to develop and implement new modern methods and systems in order to lead the way in efficient construction.”
21 L&M KEATING LTD.
TURNOVER: €61.15M
(YEAREND: 31/12/15)

22 LEO LYNCH & CO. LTD.
TURNOVER: €49.50M
(YEAREND: 31/12/15)

23 DUGGAN BROS. (CONTRACTORS) LTD.
TURNOVER: €49.00M
(YEAREND: 31/12/15)

24 SAMMON GROUP
TURNOVER: €45.00M
(YEAREND: 31/12/15)

25 FLYNN MANAGEMENT & CONTRACTORS
TURNOVER: €40.00M
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1. **John Sisk & Son**
   One of the oldest companies on our list, John Sisk & Son was founded in 1859 and has stayed true to John Sisk’s vision – of providing high levels of construction expertise and customer service.
   **Turnover:** €1,200.00m
   **ROI Turnover:** €534.90m (Yearend 31/08/15)

2. **BAM**
   BAM says it has been able to grow its business significantly in recent years, because there is an increasingly widespread consciousness amongst industry leaders about the need to reduce their carbon footprint. BAM Ireland is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal BAM Group of the Netherlands.
   **Turnover:** €384.00m (Yearend 31/12/15)

3. **John Paul Construction**
   John Paul notes steady growth over the last twelve months. “While the company has always had a broad sectoral base, we have further developed our High Tech Data Centre / Industrial / Pharma sector with major projects being completed for a number of world leading companies,” it says.
   **Turnover:** €193.50m
   **ROI Turnover:** €142.10m (Yearend 31/12/15)

4. **Collen Construction**
   Collen Construction Ltd., established in 1810, has been at the forefront of the Irish Construction Industry for over two centuries now. A family-owned business with a solid reputation.
   **Turnover:** €191.41m
   **ROI Turnover:** €190.79m (Yearend 31/03/15)

5. **Bennett Construction**
   Bennett has grown steadily into an international company with offices and projects in Ireland, the UK and Germany – representing every market sector. “We have a broad portfolio of successfully completed projects across a range of sectors,” says Paul Bruton, Joint Managing Director.
   **Turnover:** €155.00m
   **ROI Turnover:** €116.25m (Yearend 31/03/15)

6. **PJ Hegarty and Sons**
   The company’s success over the years “is based on sound financial and management principles”. This, combined with a solid base of traditional craft skills and professional management, has stood to it well.
   **Turnover:** €152.00m
   **ROI Turnover:** €135.00m (Yearend 31/12/15)

7. **Roadbridge**
   The ethos here is “not just to meet client expectations but to exceed them – making us the partner clients want to work with,” says Roadbridge Chairman, Jim Mulcair. The company has completed landmark projects for clients in many sectors.
   **Turnover:** €128.00m
   **ROI Turnover:** €53.76m (Yearend 31/12/15)

8. **JJ Rathigan & Company**
   A portfolio ranging from traditional building contracts, new builds, fit outs and renovations to the design and build of large-scale landmark developments. The Galway based building contractor recently received the accolade of ‘Contractor of the Year’ at a major awards ceremony.
   **Turnover:** €104.90m
   **(Yearend 31/12/15)**

9. **Walls Construction**
   Established by Patrick Joseph (PJ) Walls in 1950. In 2015 it was acquired by the senior management team with the backing of private investors including some members of the Walls family. Managing Director Eugene O’Shea says the MBO has positioned Walls to benefit from new opportunities.
   **Turnover:** €101.50m
   **(Yearend 31/12/15)**

10. **Siac Construction**
    Construction on some of the most technically complex structures in Ireland has included SIAC’s participation. The company has extensive experience in urban regeneration and has successfully delivered projects for major public and private clients both in Ireland and the UK.
    **Turnover:** €80.00m
    **ROI Turnover:** €60.00m (Yearend 31/12/15)
AS WE SEE IN OUR TOP 50 LIST, DESIGNER GROUP NOW HAS OFFICES IN IRELAND, UK AND GERMANY AND WORKS WITH SOME OF THE WORLD’S LARGEST MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES. “EXCEEDING OUR CLIENTS’ EXPECTATIONS THROUGH DELIVERY OF PROJECTS ON TIME, TO BUDGET AND TO THE HIGHEST QUALITY IS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR DESIGNER GROUP,” THE COMPANY TELLS CONSTRUCTION.

KIRBY GROUP

1. MERCURY ENGINEERING
   TURNOVER: €400.00M
   ROI TURNOVER: €140.00M
   (YEAR END 31/12/15)

   Mercury makes our top spot here and the number two spot on our overall list. Around since the 1970s Mercury’s establishment in Europe has been hard fought but “we have managed to establish ourselves as a market leader within this region as well as our home market,” Construction is told.

2. JONES ENGINEERING
   TURNOVER: €360M
   ROI TURNOVER: €216M
   (YEAR END 31/12/15)

   Another heavy hitter, Jones is yet another Top Ten entry on our overall list and our number two in M&E. Jones Engineering continues along the path of planned sustainable growth. In 2015 the firm expanded its operations to over eight countries. Over 70% of the Group’s business is made up of repeat work. Jones has experienced growth in its waste to energy division.

3. DOR NAN ENGINEERING
   TURNOVER: €212.09M
   ROI TURNOVER: €36.06M
   (YEAR END 31/12/15)

   Dornan Engineering is the next from the Top Ten Contractors and number three in M&E. Following the necessity to consolidate the business in recessionary times, Dornan Engineering continues its growth path. “Sacrifices were made back then, but a business plan ensued that saw the company grow to its current turnover”, says Brian Acheson CEO.

4. KIRBY GROUP
   TURNOVER: €150.10M
   ROI TURNOVER: €105.82M
   (YEAR END 31/12/15)

   Kirby Group is next on our list. Kirby is another company that has come a long way since it was founded. It has grown – in just over 50 years – from a small, family-owned electrical contracting business to a respected, international, multi-disciplinary, high-value engineering contractor with seven offices across Ireland, the UK and Europe.

5. DESIGNER GROUP
   TURNOVER: €83.00M
   ROI TURNOVER: €40.00M
   (YEAR END 31/01/16)

   As we see in our Top 50 list, Designer Group now has offices in Ireland, UK and Germany and works with some of the world’s largest multinational companies. “Exceeding our clients’ expectations through delivery of projects on time, to budget and to the highest quality is a high priority for Designer Group,” the company tells Construction.
Coming in at number six is Suir Engineering. As we have seen, Suir has come a long way in the thirty-five years since inception. “Our business is about our people, our culture and our strategy – operational excellence and innovation is at the centre of everything we do,” says Suir.

Leo Lynch specialises in providing high quality Mechanical and Process Installation Services to the Life Sciences; Microelectronics; Medical Technology; Healthcare; Commercial; Retail and Public Sectors in Ireland. “Founder Leo Lynch had the motto: ‘Always leave a good quality job’ and the company prides itself on living up to this ideal,” says Ciaran O’Donnell. Director, Business Development.

Lynskey Engineering Ltd., (LEL), has earned a solid reputation having worked on many prestigious projects. Lynskey has become a specialist in providing building services for projects involving the restoration, renovation or alteration of existing buildings – including many of historic and architectural importance.

King and Moffatt Building Services were named as one of Ireland’s ‘Best Managed’ companies in the Deloitte Best Managed Companies Awards Programme 2016. King and Moffatt Building Services have been in business for over 30 years and the company’s success, it says, has been down to its “valued, directly-employed workforce both on site and in the office”.

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