

Commercial Feature

IB builds on half century of work

2009 was an important landmark for Willenhall-based company IB Construction as it has been in business for 50 years.

Over the last half century IB has successfully completed more than 1,500 projects for clients in a broad range of market sectors, including the licensed trade, restaurants, hotels, education and local authority, retail, leisure, museums and galleries – and the company is continuing to go from strength-to-strength.

IB Construction began life as Insulated Buildings Limited, a sister company to roofing contractors, Dent & Partners, with Peter Lewis in the role of contracts director.

Expand

“Initially, IB was involved primarily in the supply and erection of pre-fabricated buildings” said Mr Lewis. “But we progressed rapidly into general construction work, design and build and refurbishment projects on a national basis.”

Since then, the company has continued to expand, acquiring both specialist glazing from J Edwards Glass in 2005 and, more recently, another local construction firm – Henry Gough & Son of Wolverhampton.

The brewery trade still plays a significant part in the IB portfolio, with new renovation projects in progress at the Nickelodeon in Wednesfield and The Leathern Bottle in Milton Keynes, but the firm has diversified into new areas, carving a niche in the construction of contemporary church buildings.

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At a time when people seem to be hearing little but tales of woe from the construction industry, IB is a beacon of inspiration that seems set to shine brightly into the foreseeable future.

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