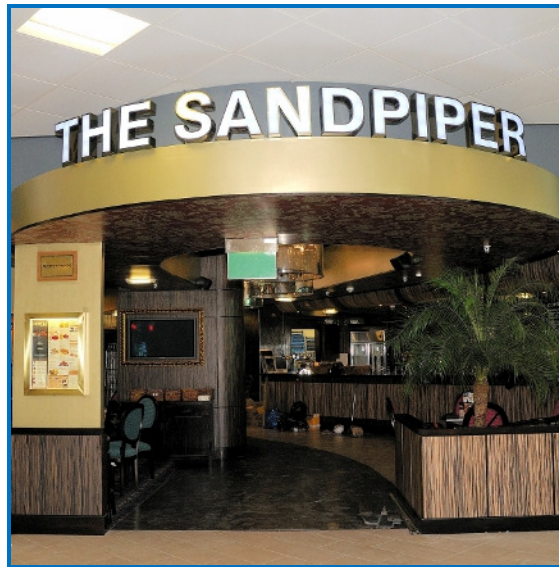


The Sandpiper

Client: JD Wetherspoon plc
Location: Glasgow Airport
Value: £260,000
Timescale: 10 Weeks
Design Team: Harrison Ince,
Arcadis AYH



Challenge

Following a £290 million investment by BAA Glasgow to extend and develop their passenger areas at Glasgow Airport, a major change has taken place with the centralisation of all security search areas into a single area – the Skyhub, which all passengers, whether travelling within the UK or abroad, will pass through. As a result, many facilities were to become accessible only to travellers, and there was a need to extend the facilities on the newly formed landside area. Having completed a number of projects for JD Wetherspoon, Pacific Building tendered and won the contract to construct a new restaurant at the airport, The Sandpiper.

Approach

Timescales were of the utmost importance in the completion of the project. As The Sandpiper's grand opening had to coincide with the launch of the Skyhub itself, a 10 week construction period was allocated for the entire works, with the deadline for completion right to the wire. To reflect the history of the airport while taking account of the modernised surroundings, in order to delight The Sandpiper's customers, the materials and styles used to fit out the restaurant had to be of an extremely high quality. Working in an airport and around passenger flows undoubtedly presents issues, and whilst the main works took place separately from passengers, all access points, including access required for materials, had to be carefully controlled. The consequences of a security breach at an airport site made this the absolute focus of planning for the project: unsecure is simply unacceptable.

Results

Pacific Building utilised their experience of working in live environments to achieve the on-time delivery of the project: forward planning and organisational skills ensured that minimal disruption was caused for passengers and airport staff throughout construction. The Sandpiper is the latest work Pacific Building have completed for JD Wetherspoon, and, as with all previous projects, they continue to exceed expectations in time and budget to produce outstanding final results.