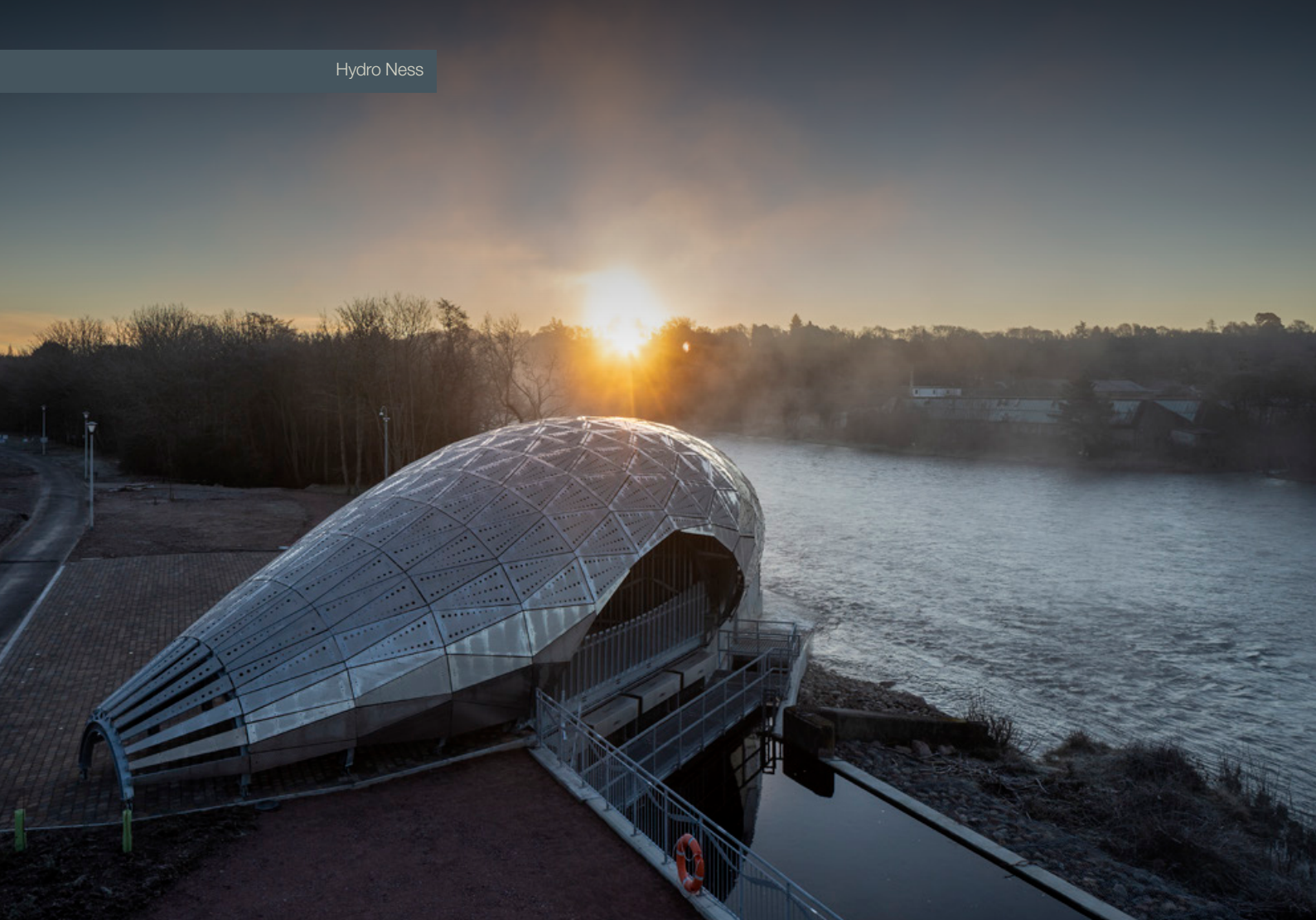


NORTHERN ARCHITECTURE COLLABORATIVE





COLLECTIVE STRENGTHS

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Our collective strength empowers us to deliver your vision with confidence and expertise

The Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport's vision to become a major global hub for green energy is an inspiring ambition that relies on comprehensive architectural support that brings not only creative and technical excellence, but critically an understanding of the regional context.

Accordingly, this collaborative venture has been established to provide large scale developers looking to invest in the Highlands and Islands with a locally based talent pool of the necessary resource and expertise to meet their needs.

To do this, it unites three of Scotland's leading architectural practices (Oberlanders, Threesixty Architecture, and LDN Architects), each with a substantial presence in the Highlands, supported by their established studios in the central belt and beyond.

We share a commitment to delivering high-quality, complex industrial and commercial architectural and master planning solutions across the North of Scotland.

We are united by a common goal: to contribute to a thriving local economy through thoughtful and sustainable built environment design.

Collaboration in pursuit of collective strength is the cornerstone of our approach.

The Northern Architecture Collaborative can help you deliver on your vision by:

- Navigating you through the region's unique complexities.
- Providing the capability to deliver complex, large-scale projects.
- Bringing the skills and scale to deliver across every typology.
- Working within the context of a master planned vision.
- Bringing the communities in which you will be working, along with us.

The Northern Architecture Collaborative is a collaboration of three multi-award-winning architectural practices, united to offer exceptional design and delivery expertise across the UK and Europe

You will benefit from:

A Proven Track Record:

Combined, we draw from a strong portfolio of successfully delivered projects of varying scales and complexities.

A Commitment To Excellence:

We are recognised for producing high-quality, deliverable designs, consistently realising complex projects on time and within budget.

Diverse Sector Expertise:

Our collective brings a unique depth of knowledge across a wide range of sectors, underpinned by specialised insights in critical design and delivery areas.

Our Areas Of Expertise Include:

- Large-scale industrial and commercial architectural and master planning projects.
- Sustainable and well-being focused workplace design.
- Significant urban interventions and conservation projects.

By combining our strengths, the Northern Architecture Collaborative provides a comprehensive and highly capable architectural service, tailored to meet the specific needs of each project.

INTRODUCING THE NORTHERN ARCHITECTURE COLLABORATIVE

WHO WE ARE

As a collective we are dedicated to integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into every aspect of our practice, ensuring a positive impact on people, place, and planet

Sustainable Design Ethos:

We pledge to deliver projects that minimise carbon footprint and promote low running costs. Sustainable, affordable design is central to our approach, challenging ourselves and our clients to make environmentally conscious decisions.

Holistic Approach:

Sustainable construction is a core principle. We adopt a holistic approach, considering materials, building performance optimisation, and user wellbeing.

Industry Leadership:

We are committed to advancing sustainable practices through memberships in organizations like the Passive House Trust, Architect Declare, and the RIBA 2030 Challenge. We are also a key sponsor and founding member of the UK chapter of I2SL, dedicated to sustainable laboratories.

Accountability:

We maintain Environmental Management Systems, focused on pollution prevention and continuous improvement. Our Sustainability Groups and Sustainability Champions implement a carbon reduction plan with clear targets and actions.

Social Responsibility:

Fair Employment: We are an accredited Living Wage Employer and conduct due diligence to ensure our design partners uphold fair and equal employment practices. We are also signatories of the Scottish Business Pledge.

Social Value:

We are committed to delivering economic, social, and environmental wellbeing as a legacy of our projects. We measure and manage the social value we create.

Community Impact:

We prioritise supporting local businesses and contribute to retaining and attracting talent within the communities we serve.

Governance and Ethical Practice:

Fair Working Practices: We are fully committed to the principles of Fair Working Practices as outlined in the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

Ethical Design:

As a collective, our companies are comprised of socially and ethically responsible designers. We promote environmental stewardship, consumer/client protection, human rights, and social diversity in our corporate practices.

Client ESG Enhancement:

We provide pathways for our clients to enhance their own ESG performance.



Rory Kellett

Architect/ Director Threesixty Architecture
Location: Inverness

Rory leads Threesixty's Inverness studio he opened in 2008. With over two decades of experience, he has a proven track record in industrial, commercial, and masterplanning projects. Notable projects include The Dalmore distillery expansion, SRUC Rural and Veterinary Innovation Centre, and Dundreggan Rewilding Centre. Rory coordinates resources across studios, applying his consistent, passionate approach from inception to completion, collaborating closely with clients to guide decision-making and design.

Threesixty Architecture

Threesixty Architecture are the 'Scottish Architectural Practice of The Year 2024' and have 35 employees across their studios in Inverness and Glasgow.

Threesixty delivers key vision/ masterplanning, commercial, and industrial projects across Scotland and the UK. For 20 years, the award-winning practice has promoted positive change through design. Threesixty's C.O.D.E. (Care, Openness, Design, Excellence) guides every project, client, and employee. As a B Corp, the practice equally prioritises People, Planet, and Profit, measuring its ESG impact annually. Threesixty fosters collaboration and creativity; clients value their attentive approach and design excellence.



Catriona Hill

Partner Oberlanders Architects
Location: Inverness

Catriona leads Oberlander's Inverness and Ardgay offices. Her architectural career started in London in 1997 working with Benson + Forsyth on the delivery of the Museum of Scotland and the National Gallery of Ireland. She relocated to the Highlands in 2012 setting up her own practice and subsequently merging with Oberlanders in 2020 to deliver the National Treatment Centre in Inverness. From 2020-2024 Catriona was elected president of HIAA. She is actively involved in the RIAS.

Oberlanders

Oberlanders are an AJ100 Architectural Practice, established in 1983 with seven studios across the UK. Our team in Inverness and Ardgay have delivered a wide range of projects including the new community hospitals in Aviemore and Skye, the NTC in Inverness and the new 9000 sq.m. Newton Nursery for Forestry Lands Scotland. We are currently delivering a number of high profile projects under the Moray Council Growth Deal in Elgin and are working to address the housing challenge in the north. We have a hands-on approach which is locally led and enriched by our broader team's experience and specialisms which include BIM, CDM, Sustainability, Visualisation, Interior Design and Masterplanning.



Stuart MacKeller

Partner LDN Architects
Location: Inverness

Stuart is one of two Partners responsible for leading LDN Architect's Inverness studio. He spent much of his early career with the internationally renowned practice Foster+Partners, where he was part of a team responsible for delivering notable UK and international projects.

Stuart subsequently relocated to the Highlands in 2011 and has since worked with numerous Client groups throughout the North of Scotland.

LDN Architects

LDN Architects was established in 1957, with a presence in the North of Scotland since the 1970's. Perhaps best known for its work in the conservation and cultural sectors, LDN has been responsible for some of the region's most significant past and present developments, including conservation works at Urquhart Castle and Fort George, major distillery expansions, masterplan proposals for Inverness's Cultural Quarter, the £35m transformation of Inverness Castle; new Sustainable Energy Centres; and housing projects delivering over 100 new homes. LDN's Inverness studio is home to 13 talented individuals with specialist qualifications in conservation and low-carbon design.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE



No. Architectural Practices

3



No. Employees

123



Combined Annual Turnover

£10m



Shared

Vision for the Highlands



Combined

Resource & Capacity



Value & people

Focused



Strong Presence in the

Highlands

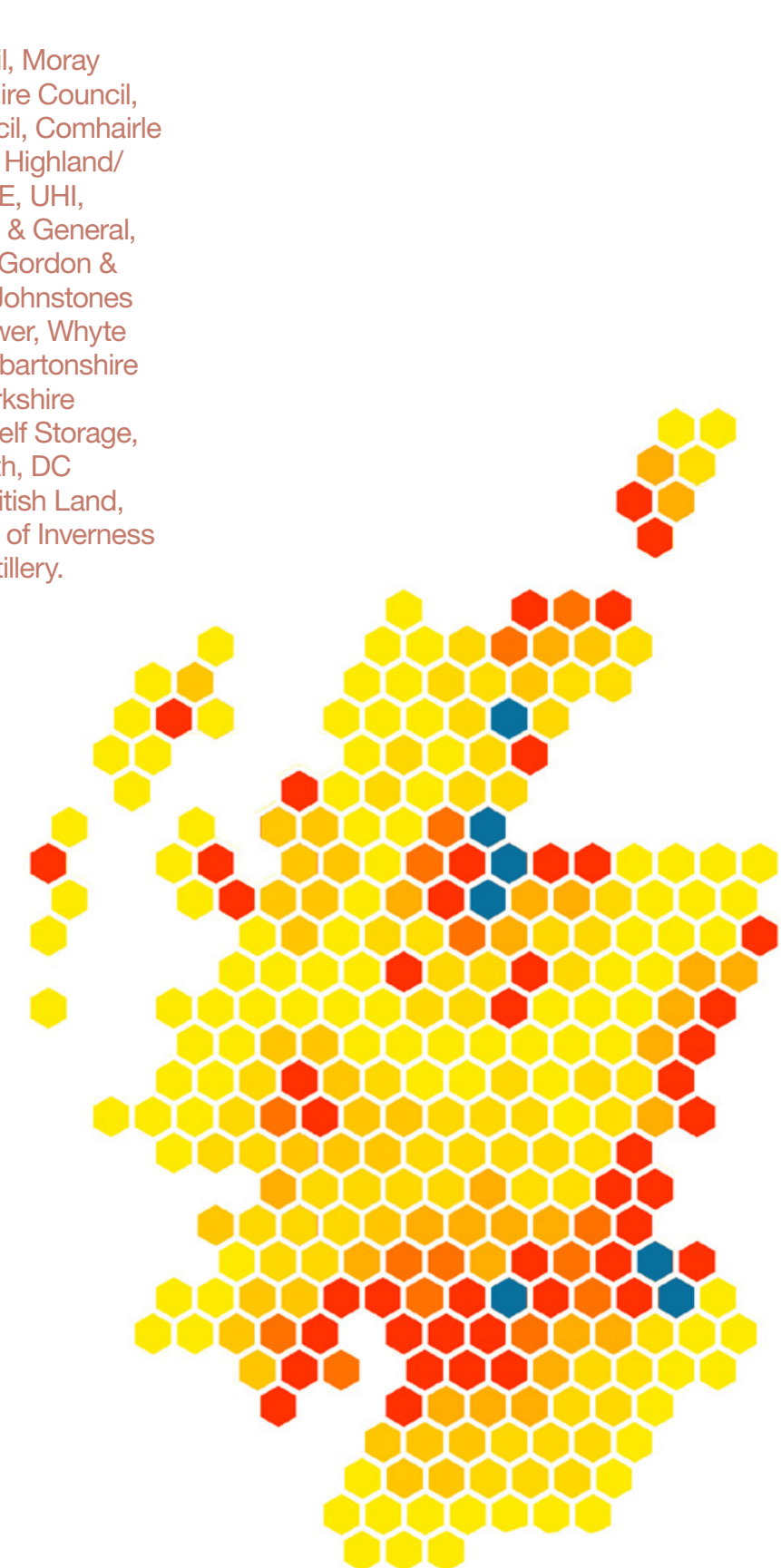
Our Clients Include:

The Highland Council, Moray Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, NHS Highland/ Shetland/ Orkney, HIE, UHI, SSN, Diageo, Legal & General, Walkers of Aberlour, Gordon & Macphail, Campari, Johnstones of Elgin, Scottish Power, Whyte & Mackay, West Dunbartonshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Shurgard Self Storage, Roberston, Hub North, DC Thomson, Ellandi, British Land, Landsec, Distel, Port of Inverness and Port of Leith Distillery.



Intensity of projects delivered

Our Studios



Projects of National Importance:

We are proud to contribute to projects of national significance, such as the transformation of Inverness Castle into a world-class visitor attraction for Highland Council (£35 million). Our work includes the development of new-build elective care hospitals, such as the state-of-the-art National Treatment Centre for NHS Highland (£32 million), which are revolutionising community healthcare.

Significant Industrial and Commercial Portfolio:

Our recent significant projects also include the expansion of Dalmore Distillery (circa £30 million) and the master planning and delivery of the Inverness Campus for Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Award-Winning Innovation:

Each member of the Collaborative has been recognised nationally for their design work, innovative solutions, and approach to sustainable design.

Remote Location Expertise:

We excel in navigating the complexities of delivery in remote areas, including the Western Isles, Isle of Skye, Shetland, and Orkney, and managing projects on challenging rural terrains.

Sustainability:

The Collaborative is committed to setting the highest standards for sustainable design, delivering innovative and impactful designs.

We possess a strong track record of successfully delivering complex and large-scale projects across all sectors in the North of Scotland.

Our experience demonstrates our ability to manage projects ranging from £1 million to £50 million and beyond, navigating the unique challenges of this region.



DELIVERING SCALE IN THE NORTH



Port of Leith Distillery



Scapa Flow Museum

INDUSTRIAL EXCELLENCE

We commit to working closely with you to realise functional, innovative and sustainable industrial designs, using practical and effective solutions based on proven methodologies. This is supported by our extensive experience in delivering large-scale industrial and commercial projects

Process-Driven Design:

We understand the complexities of process-led design, enabling us to deliver solutions that seamlessly integrate with client workflows.

Complex Problem Solving:

We have a proven track record of developing creative and effective solutions to complex design challenges.

Client-Focused Approach:

We actively listen to understand our clients' intricate processes, ensuring our designs meet their specific functional requirements.

Place:

Our projects respond directly to place, carefully considering how each project interacts with its surrounding environment.

User-Centric Design:

We consider the wellbeing of end-users throughout the design process, from initial concept to final implementation.

Working Within Live Site Environments:

We are regularly working within live site environments through meticulous project management to minimise disruption and will bring our Principal Designer experience to support the project delivery.

DELIVERING IN THE HIGHLANDS

Navigating Regional Complexities: Our deep understanding of the Highlands & Islands, enables us to effectively navigate you through the unique complexities of this location.

Local Expertise, Regional Insight:

Our Collaborative maintains a strong presence throughout the North of Scotland. This first-hand experience provides us with invaluable insights into the region's specific challenges, including:

- The practical realities of delivering projects in remote locations.
- The nuances of local planning policies and regulations.
- Established relationships with local councils and key decision-makers.

Streamlined Planning Processes:

This intimate knowledge of the region allows us to navigate the planning process swiftly and efficiently, minimising potential delays.

Local Delivery with National Strength:

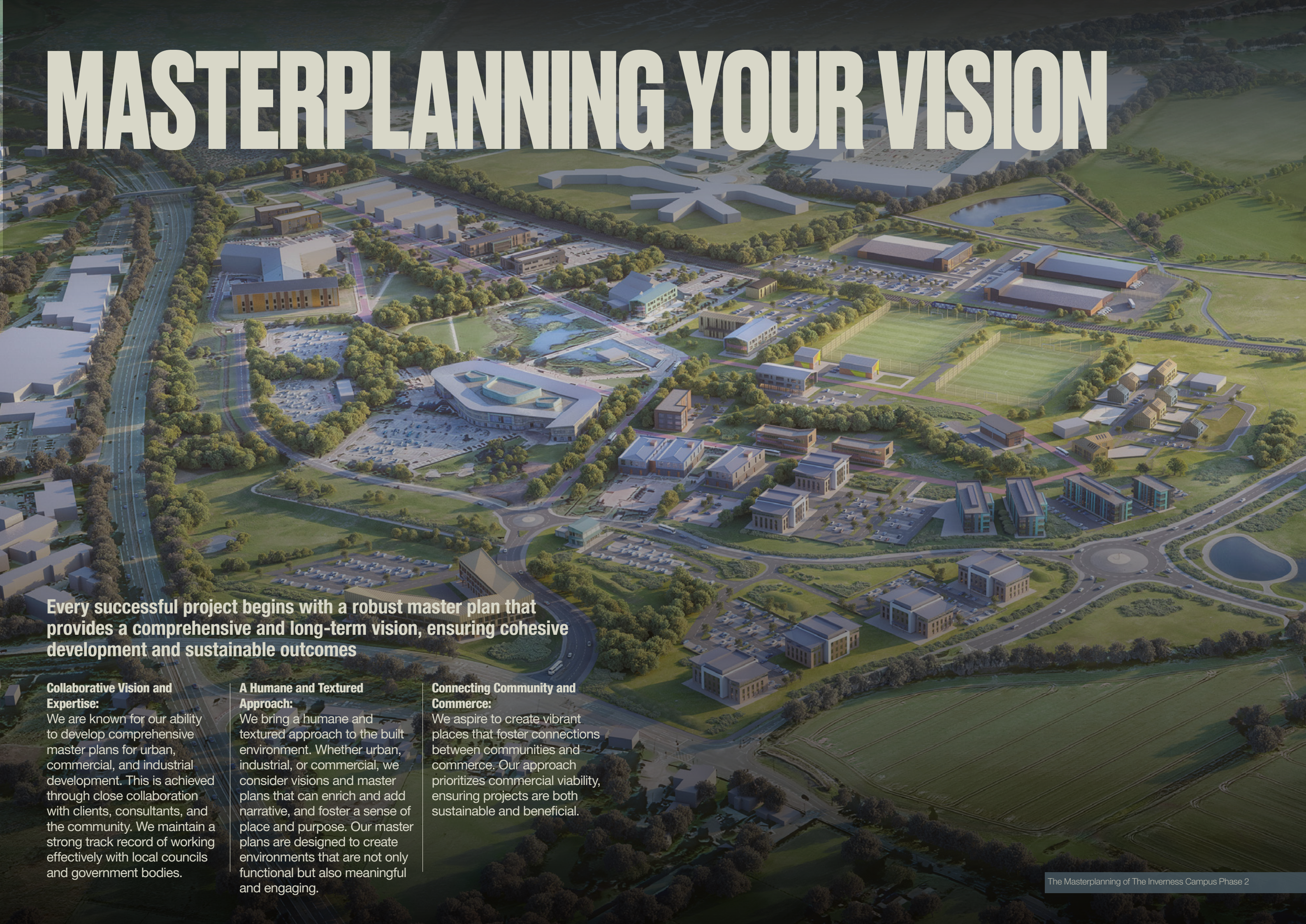
We deliver the benefits of local understanding and on-the-ground presence, complemented by the expertise and specialised knowledge of our broader teams. This ensures a comprehensive and well-rounded approach to your project.

Innovative Solutions for Unique Challenges:

We will always strive to innovate in our design solutions to ensure they are bespoke to the unique needs of the Highland and Island environment.



MASTERPLANNING YOUR VISION

An aerial rendering of a masterplanned campus. The image shows a variety of building types, including modern academic or office buildings with large windows, traditional-style buildings with red roofs, and large industrial or warehouse-style buildings. The campus is integrated with green spaces, including lawns, trees, and a central pond. Infrastructure like roads, parking lots, and a multi-lane highway on the left are visible. The overall scene is presented in a soft, illustrative style with a warm, golden-hour light.

Every successful project begins with a robust master plan that provides a comprehensive and long-term vision, ensuring cohesive development and sustainable outcomes

Collaborative Vision and Expertise:

We are known for our ability to develop comprehensive master plans for urban, commercial, and industrial development. This is achieved through close collaboration with clients, consultants, and the community. We maintain a strong track record of working effectively with local councils and government bodies.

A Humane and Textured Approach:

We bring a humane and textured approach to the built environment. Whether urban, industrial, or commercial, we consider visions and master plans that can enrich and add narrative, and foster a sense of place and purpose. Our master plans are designed to create environments that are not only functional but also meaningful and engaging.

Connecting Community and Commerce:

We aspire to create vibrant places that foster connections between communities and commerce. Our approach prioritizes commercial viability, ensuring projects are both sustainable and beneficial.

MAKING YOUR HOME IN THE HIGHLANDS

Our expertise encompasses all aspects of residential development. Our award winning residential portfolio is testament to the care and responsibility we carry when designing places and spaces for people to live and thrive

Whether new build, adaptive re-use or modular, we keep commerciality at the centre of our design approach, always seeking opportunities to maximise value whilst pushing the art of the possible through designs which are created for residents to call home.

Urban development:

From complex inner-city development to the restoration of conservation area gap sites we are delivering new urban homes tailored to contemporary lifestyle.

Place making:

Our design is focused on creating spaces in which communities can thrive and develop.

Rural community building:

Serving communities across the Highlands we are helping develop new homes in remote and rural locations.

Our Commitment to Local Investment

We are woven into the communities we serve, fostering a personal investment in every project. Our commitment to providing value and delivering on our promises has earned us the trust of our clients and local communities.

Human-Centric Design and Community Engagement

Central to our collective design philosophy is putting people and communities first. We prioritise human-centric design, considering the collective impact on both users and surrounding communities.

We consider community consultation essential to ensure project success and guide us through the design journey. We use a variety of clear communication techniques to communicate complex ideas and concepts to local communities and stakeholders.

Transformative Impact Through Local Expertise

We live and work within the communities we serve, and we know that our skills in developing places through our projects, can have a transformational impact.

Economic Contribution to the Highlands

We are proud to contribute to the local economy. Currently, the collective supports 25 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs with significant team support beyond the region.

Beyond our direct workforce, we indirectly support numerous other roles within the Highland region, such as cleaners, accountants, and catering services.

PART OF OUR COMMUNITIES

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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The Treehouse

