

Frankie & Benny's, Trentham Gardens, Staffs Restaurant

Pinelog build a new restaurant for Frankie & Benny's.

The Client

A Frankie & Benny's restaurant is a further addition to the £100m regeneration programme for Trentham Gardens near Stoke on Trent - the highly successful 750-acre visitor destination. Developers Trentham Leisure, a subsidiary of St. Modwen Properties PLC, selected Pinelog to design and build the new restaurant, following its success in completing a visitor centre and retail units during earlier phases of the development.

The Specification

The new restaurant is based on a concept prepared by architects, Peter Hing & Jones, but Pinelog's design team was asked to complete the technical detailing to ensure that it would meet planning constraints.

The innovative timber frame building has a distinctive double curved roof. Highly insulated, the frame is externally clad in horizontal tongue and grooved Siberian larch, derived from

sustainable forests. Siberian larch is very durable and requires minimal further treatment, ageing naturally over time.

The overhanging roof and corporate sunshades help prevent excessive heat whilst at the same time allow in plenty of natural light. The windows and door frames are of Douglas fir to contrast with the cladding and fitted with low-E glazing to reduce heat loss.

Internally its dynamic form is derived from its main structural elements, which are glulam laminated curved roof beams. The building is almost entirely open plan within the space provided by the envelope allowing free movement of staff, customers and ventilated air.

The building includes a 130-seat restaurant, bar, kitchen, store rooms, cold rooms and a reception area. All walls and surfaces are coated with a flame retarding paint to achieve Class 1 Fire Rating.





Client Benefits

The building has succeeded in becoming a distinctive landmark at the entrance to Trentham Gardens. Feedback from the client about the performance of the building has been universally positive and customers have commented on how they enjoy its warm ambience.

Client: St. Modwen Properties PLC
Location: Trentham Gardens, Staffordshire

