

# Project Profile



## PROJECT NAME

The Carrick, Loch Lomond

## ARCHITECT

GD Lodge Architects

## CONTRACTOR

Scotframe Timber Engineering

## NORDAN LIFTS LUXURY LODGES BY LOCH LOMOND

Luxury self-catering lodges on an award winning 300-acre development in Scotland's first National Park have incorporated NorDan windows and doors because of their environmental credentials and low U-values, to help meet local planning authority criteria for high quality and sustainable developments.

The 64 lodges are part of the Carrick, a major De Vere development on the banks of Loch Lomond, which includes a championship 18-hole golf course, luxury spa featuring thermal and hydro experiences and leisure complex with indoor pool and gym. There are seasonal ownership apartments and lodges in the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park development, which is approximately 30 miles from Glasgow, as well as the self-catering lodges.

Mike Cruickshank, sales director for timber frame manufacturer Scotframe Timber Engineering, says: "We've used NorDan products for nearly 20 years since our company started, as it has an excellent name and is known for producing a top quality product. For this particular job there were a number of environmental criteria set out by the new local planning committee of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park and the NorDan window and door environmental qualities helped us to achieve these criteria."

The Carrick was the first major development to be granted planning permission since the National Park Authority took over as the planning authority for local plans and development control. And the Park Authority recently received a national planning award for its sensitive handling of the lochside development, which covered a Bronze Age settlement. The Park Authority has also recently launched a new planning service improvement plan that aims to encourage high quality, sustainable and appropriate development, such as the Carrick, within the National Park.

Alec Milne, associate at Glasgow-based GD Lodge Architects, architects for the Carrick project, says: "We've specified NorDan before and used them this time because of the product's flexibility, making them perfect both for the lodges and the leisure complex where slanting windows were required. And where we had large areas of glass – an

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ideal feature for guests because of the beautiful surroundings – the low U-value of the NorDan windows helped us to achieve the exacting environmental criteria of the local planning authority. The fact that we're talking about timber windows also fitted with the desire to use stone, timber and slate in the construction to complement the landscape."

Six hundred NorDan windows were used in the project and most were bespoke manufactured with a sloping angle at the top to fit the chalet design. The popular NorDan three handled tilt and turn windows were specified by GD Lodge Architects and finished in dual colours with different colouring outside and inside to match the development's colour scheme. The security window opens inwards in 'tilt' position to provide draught-free ventilation and opens in the 'turn' position to allow the outside glass to be cleaned safely from inside.

The windows, made from redwood, have particularly strong ironmongery so that each corner of the sash window can withstand a pressure of 300kg and there are seven sturdy locking points for enhanced security and weather tightness. The NorDan tilt and turn windows come with various options, from a selection of different security handles to overlays and smart 'built in' Venetian blinds with secondary sash.

Dareth Daley, sales and marketing director of NorDan, says: "Because NorDan produces its own glazing units, it can produce standard windows with a U-value as low as 0.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>K. This means installing NorDan windows contributes considerably to meeting environmental planning criteria, achieving Section 6 of the Scottish Building Standards or Part L compliance, allowing developers and specifiers great flexibility in other aspects of the overall design."

The entrance doors and balcony doors at the Carrick are from the NorDan timber door range. These are extremely environmentally friendly with low life cycle costs and have child safety and burglar deterrent features as well as being easy to clean. The doorsets, available as single or double leaf, are available in either inward or outward opening versions and there is a choice of glass and/or insulated panels. And as with all NorDan doors, there is a wide variety of design specifications available, from transoms and mullions to external aluminium cladding and a range of glazing options. NorDan also supplied the internal doors for the lodges, which were specially designed for the luxury development.

The spacious lodges, which include state-of-the-art entertainment systems, come in a choice of two, three or four bedroom styles. One third of the Carrick site, a former derelict farm, is now a newly created nature reserve. The leisure development, which is aimed at families and couples, features an 18-hole championship course designed by award-winning designer Doug Carrick.