

**Buildings**  
RIBA Regional Awards/Northern Ireland

**Corriewood Private Clinic, County Down**  
**McGurk Architects for Corriewood Estates**  
Contract value: £5m, GIA: 3,433m<sup>2</sup>, Cost per m<sup>2</sup>: £1,456

The architect has responded sensitively to the existing listed building and a spectacular site to produce a significant extension with an elegant classical feel, which respects the original building and enhances its setting while also providing a carefully considered model for elderly care. Bedroom doors are individually coloured in soft pastel shades to help patients identify their own rooms. Ground floor rooms for those who so desire have direct access to small individual garden areas which are cultivated by the occupants. In contrast to the original Victorian building, the new work is predominately clad in dark brown brick. Elevations are pierced with regularly spaced, deeply recessed, two-storey panels with floor to ceiling glazing on each floor. Recessed floor spandrel panels are brick clad.

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Housing/ Residential Development of the Year



**Newry Leisure Centre, Phase 2**  
**Kennedy FitzGerald Architects for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**  
Contract value: Confidential, GIA: 5,660 m<sup>2</sup>

Situated near the centre of Newry, this leisure centre, which is phase 2 of the overall scheme, rationalises the council's sporting facilities into one 'hub', adding two large sports halls, squash and handball courts, a café, spin studio, various fitness spaces and a trampoline pit to the largely wet facilities housed in the first phase. The newer building has a different language to the old one and is clad in a white machine-cut brick over a dark brick base, thus helping to reduce the combined scale of the two buildings. The judges felt that the workmanship on the building is exemplary. The vigorous modelling of what could have been a bland functional block gives this structure great civic presence, sending out a clear message of the importance of health and fitness in our lives. It enlivens and strengthens the public realm and has the potential to increase footfall.

DONAL MCCANN



**Maison Wedge, Killinchy**  
**BGA Architects for Henry and Denise Quinn**  
Contract value: Confidential, GIA: 240m<sup>2</sup>

Maison Wedge is a private house that sits just below a ridge line in the landscape, giving it expansive views along the Strangford lough shore of drumlins, sea inlets and other sites of archaeological interest. Two elegant forms partially clad in timber make up the sprawling, low lying building, with parabolic roof forms that echo the rolling countryside of County Down. The living space is a large and impressive volume with magnificent views. Just as rewarding is the staircase which leads to a more intimate space, bringing to mind the cosiness of an ancient ship captain's house. The architect has worked with light, form, material and orientation to make spaces that are a delight to occupy. The house could just as easily be read as a museum or a gallery, for it is the sculptural forms, the experience of the space and the connections with the outside that define this project. This beautifully crafted and modelled building reflects its surrounding landscape, and from within ensures the owners incessantly connect with it.

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