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ANOTHER LANDMARK DESIGN FROM RPP ARCHITECTS THAT EXUDES PRECISION, LUXURY AND CLASS...

For over 40 years, RPP Architects has worked on projects that have gone on to become recognisable landmarks in Belfast, so it is fitting that the Grand Central Hotel has now been included within this portfolio.

The award-winning practice was appointed by GRAHAM to create the iconic exterior and the opulent interior of Northern Ireland's largest hotel and Ireland's tallest commercial building.

Mark Higgins, Associate, RPP Architects, said, "We pride ourselves on building strong relationships and that was reflected in this project, where we were again working with GRAHAM. We also added to our

relationship with Hastings Hotel Group, who we have worked with in the past on the Slieve Donard Hotel and the Europa Hotel."

While its height obviously makes the building stand out, RPP Architects enhanced this by creating the concept for the distinctive cladding that comprises a three-grey palette and 6,500 individual sections to create a subtly different appearance depending on the angle, time of day and weather conditions.

With the city watching the Grand Central Hotel rising into the Belfast skyline, this created added intrigue to the interior. "The bold exterior is the vision of our Managing Director, Harry

McConnell, and it creates high levels of expectation. Internally, we had to match that by creating luxurious aesthetics that retained a link to the Hasting Hotel brand yet were unique to the Grand Central." That aspiration has clearly been met. From the two-storey-high, marble-clad lobby and three distinctive dining venues through to the 300 opulently-appointed bedrooms, the Grand Central Hotel exudes class.

Mark concluded, "Grand Central Hotel is a great marker of the quality of architectural interior that can be delivered when working with an excellent design and build contractor and client."

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