



The Lapa Company
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Zambezi Bar - Menorca



When the developers of the Plaza Domingo resort in Menorca needed a company to design, supply and construct an African Bar we were delighted to take on the project. Despite the logistics involved in working thousands of miles from home, the final result is a stunning African cocktail bar featuring Eucalyptus construction and Endureed synthetic thatching. Manufactured from the highest quality materials this building will be a focal point of the attraction for many years to come.



New Viewing Platforms for the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

The Lapa Company have recently completed the construction of a viewing platform and entrance as part of the new "Back from the Brink" exhibit at Slimbridge. The project was overseen by the WWT's Simon Rose and he kindly gave us the following comments. "We needed an appropriate building to fit in with the theme of our new wetlands mammals exhibit. As the exhibit was based on the idea of travelling back in time to a 'pristine' wetland habitat, before the Severn riverside lowlands were drained for agriculture, a thatched roundhouse seemed ideal and I approached The Lapa Company to quote for a 'Mesolithic' style hut. We are very pleased with the building, both the quality of materials and workmanship. Although we compromised on a genuine 'Mesolithic' style structure, as it would not have suited our purpose, which included giving access to electric buggies and housing interpretive signs. The resulting building looks really good in the landscape, situated right on a promontory overlooking the water. I was particularly



keen to get a real reed thatched roof as the building is located near to reed beds and this was well executed by The Lapa Company's team. The site team were considerate and took care working near public and near to all the birds and other wildlife - I think they enjoyed being here!"



Captivating Views at Port Lympne

The Lapa Company is proud to have created a unique hospitality centre at Port Lympne.

We were delighted to be chosen by Port Lympne Wild Animal Park to create the focal point of their highly successful African Experience. This unique concept offers the guests the chance to experience the thrills and excitement of a real Safari, but in Kent. Guests have the opportunity to camp in specially constructed Safari tents and then be catered for in the stunning Lapa. This building was constructed in a traditional African style on the side of a steep hillside, and on a clear day offers stunning views across the English channel towards France.

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ST. MARGARET'S HOSPICE



This stunning structure will form the centre point of a complete garden re-design at The St Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil. The structure has been designed to provide a quiet and peaceful seating area in the centre of



the garden for residents and their families. The Cape Lapa has a stunning genuine thatch roof and balustrades to enclose the space.

School Projects Steal the Show

Over the past 12 months we have been fortunate enough to have completed two fantastic school projects. In both cases genuine thatched Lapas were created.



Bradstow School in Kent looks after children with special needs. In 2008 it undertook a major project to create a natural amphitheatre that could be used for the promotion of the arts in the school and local community. The central focal point of the project is the covered stage area we created. Constructed from 100% natural materials the Lapa is over 10m in diameter and covers the entire stage. Thanks to the ingenuity of our designers we were able to ensure that every seat in the amphitheatre has a great view of any performance. At the other end of the country we also completed the



installation of an outdoor classroom as part of the Arnot Street School redevelopment in Liverpool. This circular Lapa was designed to provide an outdoor classroom with a natural feel that is in contrast to the city environment in which the school is located.



Gazebos Create New Markets

With an extensive range of easy to assemble gazebos we have been able to supply Zoos, Theme Parks, Schools,



Pubs and Retail Outlets with cost effective solutions to their shelter issues. The uses have been numerous including kiosks, viewing points, eating areas, outdoor classrooms and smoking shelters. Most models are free standing and available with different roof options such as

cedar shingle, thatch tiles and Endureed. With our unique manufacturing capability we are also able to offer bespoke models to specific sizes and designs.



Chester's New Arrival



When Chester Zoo were looking for a sympathetic roofing material for their new Asian Short Clawed Otter enclosure, Endureed had the answer. With four styles available to re-create thatch types from all over the world, it was the Dominican leaf effect that proved the most suitable, as it emulates the otter's natural habitat.

Endureed Thatch Sets New Standards for Theming



The popularity of our Endureed synthetic thatch system continues to grow. Over the last 12 months it has been used by many zoos, theme parks and visitor attractions, and most recently we completed the refurbishment of a club in Nottingham, transforming it from a late night watering hole to the stunning themed restaurant Hakamou. Endureed is available in 4 distinct thatch styles and we can therefore use it to create thatch effects from Asia, Africa and the Tropics. The fact that it's extremely long lasting and highly fire resistant adds to its commercial appeal.

Raising the Roof at Chessington World of Adventures

The Lapa Company were contacted to discuss the creation of a thatched entrance canopy for the Holiday Inn at Chessington World of Adventures. The result was this stunning African Safari themed entrance with Endureed synthetic thatch covering some 200sqm of roof, and having a life expectancy in excess of 30 years.



The logo for Fire Magic, featuring the brand name in a bold, serif font with a small flame icon above the letter 'i' in 'MAGIC'.

Commercial Outdoor Kitchens open up new revenue streams

Fire Magic offer the most comprehensive, highest quality range of stainless steel barbecues and accessories on the UK market. With venue operators looking to maximise revenues in the summer months we have seen a real growth in demand for commercial outdoor kitchens. In addition to the projects detailed below we installed this comprehensive outdoor kitchen at the newly refurbished Christchurch Harbour Hotel. Fully equipped with the largest Fire Magic Barbecue and accessories it has enabled the creation of a summer menu that maximises sales from the hotel terrace.



Butlins BBQ

The Sun and Moon pub has been an attraction at Butlins Bognor Regis for many years. Keen to generate sales outside the pub during summer months, The Lapa Company designed and installed this outdoor kitchen as part of its recent refurbishment. It has been so successful that we are now discussing rolling out the concept to other Butlins venues.



Sandbanks Beach Café



Sandbanks beach in Poole is undoubtedly the best beach on the south coast. Located right on the esplanade we recently installed a bbq area for the Sandbanks Beach Café. This installation allows the café operators to generate significant revenues from its fantastic veranda.