The Hunt Stand & Facilities
Punchestown Racecourse, Kildare

After a public procurement process, Elliott Group were selected as Main Contractor to carry out the New Hunt Grandstand and associated bars, restaurants, kitchen areas and associated site-works. The new facility is 4,000m2 with standing terrace area to accommodate 3,000 people and bar and restaurant facilities capable of accommodating some 1,500 people on race days.

The building was constructed from a steel frame with PC slabs and infill block-work. The terraces were originally designed as in-situ concrete but after reviewing the design we were able to change this to precast beams and stairs and saving two months on the programme. The envelope of the building was heavily glazed for separators viewing. The technical submittal process and coordination of the steel frame and the envelope was of a primary focus at the very start of the project, which paid dividends in the end.

Because of the crowds of people using the building at any one time, meant that the building had to be heavily serviced. All services where coordinated off the steel frame drawings and a set of coordinated drawings were approved early on in the build. All technical submittals were also agreed early in order to minimise lead in times.

Because of the nature of the building, the level of finishes had to be very high but also very robust. Internal finishes consisted of bar counters, complex ceilings, extensive floor finishes including a very high quality carpet finish to corporate and suite levels. Glazed folding wall screens divided the various corporate areas. High quality toilet blocks were situated at each level. The has two stair cores at either end of the building with accompanying passenger lifts.

The facility was commenced in Mid June 2017 and successfully Completed in March 2018 in time for the upcoming Punchestown Festival in April. This project is a good example of Elliott Groups ability to deliver a complex, heavily serviced building on an existing campus to a very tight time-frame and to a very high standard.

Client:	Blackhall Racing Ltd
Value:	€4,800,000
Size:	10,700 m2
Duration:	12 Months
Architect:	Hamilton Architects

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