

Global approach to local contracts

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Founded in 2020 by industry expert Christopher Watt, IDB has rapidly become a trusted name in Auckland’s commercial construction and fit-out landscape.

Specialising in commercial office outfitting and upgrades, the business is underpinned by the 25 years of international experience Christopher brings to every project. With a career that spans the UK, Turkey, India and New Zealand, Christopher has worked extensively as both a quantity surveyor and project manager, and is proud to offer clients a well-rounded, globally-informed approach to construction.

IDB prides itself on being more than just a build contractor. It’s a client-focused, quality-driven company that provides tailored construction solutions – whether that’s a build-only service or a full design-and-build offering. Every project is treated as unique, and the IDB team adapts to meet the specific objectives of its clients, delivering results that are functional and refined.

“We’re methodical in our planning, dynamic in our execution, and always ready to adapt as projects evolve – because we understand that no two jobs are ever the same,” Christopher says.

“Our strength lies in the strong partnerships we’ve developed with design teams, subcontractors and suppliers. These trusted relationships allow us to streamline processes, maintain quality and achieve excellent results – on time and on budget.”

That focus on adaptability and trust was especially evident during one of IDB’s recent standout projects: the \$2.8 million upgrade of Auckland’s Dress Smart mall in Onehunga. Tasked with upgrading a live retail environment over a 20-week period, IDB worked meticulously to meet tight time frames while maintaining full operational functionality for retailers and shoppers.

“We did a lot of the work outside of hours, between 6pm and 10am, so we didn’t interrupt mall operations,” Christopher says.



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The scope included a complete upgrade of the accessibility ramp, entrance upgrades, toilet block renovations, and concourse ceiling and furniture enhancements. One of the key design briefs was to elevate the overall look and feel of the mall to align more closely with premium outlets like Manawa Bay Outlet Centre. This included the addition of bespoke lighting in the ‘lux’ area of the mall, home to retailers such as Coach.

Despite a challenging delivery timeline – especially for a feature lighting component imported from Australia – IDB brought the project in on time and on budget.

“The delivery went to programme,” Christopher says.

“The client was happy with the outcome, and the product was good.”

IDB’s values – adaptability, trustworthiness, transparency, and a sharp focus on time and cost – are clearly evident in how it operates. From commercial office fit-outs to complex

mall upgrades, the company approaches each job with a “tailored to you” mindset. This not only ensures quality outcomes, but also builds enduring relationships with asset managers, landlords and tenants across Auckland.

“When IDB takes on your project, we are fully committed to achieving outstanding qual-

ity, on-time delivery and staying within your budget,” Christopher says.

With a growing portfolio and an unwavering focus on client satisfaction, IDB continues to set the standard for commercial outfitting solutions in Auckland.

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