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High end, bespoke kitchen and joinery specialist relies on HOMAG BMG 611

Since its inception in 1973, Andrew Ryan Furniture has designed and manufactured high end custom-made furniture, with the emphasis on quality and customer service. To stay competitive, this has required the business to maintain a genuine respect for past traditions, whilst utilising the very latest in new technologies. Aiden and Dominic Ryan, sons of the founder Andrew Ryan, are chips off the old block and keep right up to date with trends in style, materials, techniques and finishes.

“Our customers are looking for something truly different, something which stands out from the crowd,” enthuses Aiden Ryan. He continues, “We adore what we do and love to create kitchens and furniture that are visually inspirational with curved doors and unusual features.

“That’s why we have such a great affection for HOMAG equipment. The new BMG 611 is an incredible piece of kit. Not only has it has opened the door for us to win very complex, large kitchen and joinery projects, but more importantly, it gives us the confidence and ability to deliver these jobs cost effectively.”

Fast, reliable and versatile

“What stands out for me is the simplicity of the machine and software package. The BMG 611 is a fine piece of German engineering which we were able to tailor to our specific needs. The HOMAG teams, both in the UK and in Germany, were so helpful in making sure we arrived at the right specification for our needs.

“When we went over to Germany to see the machine in action they asked us lots of pertinent questions and really listened to what we had to say. There was no hard sell to get us to buy additional features; they were totally focused on making sure the final spec of the machine was such that it would enable us to produce everything we wanted, quickly and efficiently.

“The table on the BMG is very versatile. It offers both pod and rail, and nesting facilities which gives us huge flexibility in our production. As I mentioned earlier, we design and produce very intricate one-off kitchens and joinery and the BMG enables us to manufacture truly bespoke and unusual curved shapes and oversized doors in one pass.

“ The 72 slot tool changer really helps us with this type of work; it provides us with the ability to make extremely fast tool changes saving us a lot of time and money. This is so important given the amount of complex work we do. For example, we won a contract for a beautiful old stately home in Ireland and the contract included the need to recreate some carvings from the 1700s and incorporate them into the library furniture.

“Having the BMG we didn’t hesitate to take on the project. We took mouldings to the local university to have 3D scans done; once completed we took the code from the scans and inputted them into the BMG. The machine then carved out exactly what we needed using the tools we already had from the tool changer. It was so easy and the client was delighted.”

The need for a new machine

“We’ve used 4- and 5-axis machines for a long time now and although initially it took us a while to realise the benefits and capabilities, particularly of the 5-axis machines, they have really freed up our creativity. The decision to invest in the new HOMAG BMG 611 was a simple one.

“Our original 5-axis model was probably 10 years old and of course, since then, machinery has moved on. Looking ahead, we wanted to have the very latest technology at our disposal so we researched the market to see what was available.

“In the final analysis, it came down to two machines which seemed to fit the bill. There was a significant price difference between the two models but HOMAG, and in particular Derek Reid, demonstrated a real willingness to listen to our unique requirements and craft a deal that met our needs. This included putting together a

five year finance package which proved to be a very simple, smooth process to complete.

High expectations – met and exceeded

“The BMG 611 is the fourth piece of equipment we’ve bought from HOMAG UK. We already have a BRANDT edgebander, a HOLZMA beam saw and a WEEKE 4-axis CNC machine, all of which have been reliable and performed extremely well. As a consequence, I had very high expectations for the HOMAG BMG.

“I have to say, however, that it has delivered everything I had hoped for and a bit more. Having all the machines from the same manufacturer makes life much easier for our operatives who can move easily from one machine to another without difficulty.

“As a consequence, we now have a higher output of more complex work, with set up and job changeover time almost eliminated. Once we have spent time programming the work it tends to come out right first time, there’s very little messing about or time-consuming fine tuning needed.”

Business benefits

“Overall we are delighted with the HOMAG BMG 611. It is a bespoke machine that suits our needs and almost has no real restrictions in its woodworking capabilities. The extra ‘z’ clearance is very important to us as it enables us to manufacture with ease oversized carved pieces in one pass.

“The BMG saves us both time and money whilst giving us the confidence to take on ever more complex and intricate work. It supports our need to handle small runs very efficiently and accurately.

“As for the service we get from HOMAG UK and Derek Reid, it is first class. Everyone is very friendly and eager to help. It is a joy working with them as it is with the machine itself,” concludes Aiden Ryan.

If you would like more information or a demonstration of any HOMAG CNC machines, please contact Adele Hunt at HOMAG UK on 01332 856424.

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