SRUC Architects Framework
Oberlanders were very pleased to secure a place on the new SRUC Framework in September this year. We have been commissioned to provide Lead Consultancy, Architect and Principal Designer services. We are currently working on a range of veterinary and clinical research facilities across Scotland and are greatly looking forward to continuing this highly successful working relationship with SRUC over the coming years.

Oberlanders Drinks Reception
We were delighted to host over 120 clients, consultants, contractor colleagues and collaborators for a drinks reception at the Merchants Hall in Edinburgh on 28th September. We were joined by the former partners of the practice, Jack Oberlander, David Lawson and Ian Low. We used the occasion to publicly acknowledge the contribution of David Lawson, one of our founding partners who retired from the practice in October 2016.

Major refurbishment of the University of Edinburgh Firbush Outdoor Centre on the shores of Loch Tay
We are delighted to be appointed by the University of Edinburgh to lead a major refurbishment of their existing Firbush Outdoor Centre on the shores of Loch Tay.

The existing centre, which is set in a stunning location overlooking the Loch, will undergo major internal and external alterations to provide new and upgraded residential accommodation social and amenity space.

Firbush is a highly valued amenity for the University and we greatly look forward to working with the client team to realise their vision for this fabulous facility.
A 25-strong Norwegian delegation toured Oberlanders’ award-winning projects in October as part of a fact-finding visit to Edinburgh.

Representatives from Oslo’s Agency for Planning and Building Services, together with a cross-party group of Norwegian politicians, were seeking an insight into how the Scottish Government, Scottish architects and developers blend modern developments within a heritage environment.

The delegation spent three days in the City of Edinburgh and visited various projects, including Oberlanders’ multiple award-winning student accommodation schemes: Sugarhouse Close and Holyrood North.

Among the Oslo party were Ellen De Vibe, Director Agency for Planning and Building Services; Victoria Evensen, Committee Chair for Urban Planning & Development; Hanna Marcussen, Vice Mayor; Janne Wilberg, Director of the Cultural Heritage Management; and Kristin NotØ, Programme Organiser, Chief Planner and Head Architect at the Agency for Planning and Building Services.

Andrew Wilmot, Oberlanders’ Partner and Project Lead Architect, gave the delegation a one-hour talk and walk guided tour, assisted by associate architect David McNabb.

Andrew Wilmot said: “We were delighted to showcase two of our recent developments. Both demonstrate that high density, commercially successful architecture can deliver positive experiences and create a unique sense of place. It’s flattering that the world now comes to these corners of Edinburgh to see what’s possible when clients, developers, architects and city planners work together with an aspiration to create something exceptional.”

Organiser Kristin NotØ said: “We have come to this beautiful city of Edinburgh on a fact-finding mission to see urban housing developments within an historic cultural heritage site. We are particularly interested in the design and building process here in Scotland, and the required regulations, applications and citizen participation.”

“We were very keen to hear what everyone involved had learned from these processes. As a group we especially wanted to look at examples of student accommodation, and therefore chose two of Oberlanders’ award winning projects as examples of how to get it right.”
Oberlanders Stratheden (IPCU) Intensive Psychiatric Care Unit, designated as a truly healing place.

Oberlanders Stratheden Healthcare project was chosen as one of the case studies for The Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorate’s new policy on design quality for NHS Scotland as reported in Architecture & Design Scotland.

The policy recognises the increasing body of evidence that are the principles of good design – such as integration into the community, a sense of place and making a quantifiable positive impact on patients, visitors and staff. Paul Gilligan, Associate and Project Architect for Stratheden IPCU, said “The case study showcases how patient-centered design can be highly effective. By working through an in depth stakeholder process Oberlanders identified the stakeholders needs to create spaces for patients to move around in, have their own room, access to an outdoor space with fresh air, a gym, an art and music room, group therapy space, pool table, kitchen and a laundry.

By incorporating these facilities into the design it has made a huge difference to the patients and staff, who say it is a totally different culture than it was before”.

“We are delighted that Stratheden Hospital was chosen as a case study, we are very proud of what we have achieved there, it is a robust architectural solution that delivers the brief and far more. But most importantly everyone who is being treated and working in the building is so much more relaxed.”

Paul Gilligan / Associate Architect
Lead Architect on Stratheden Project
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**University of Edinburgh IGMM Complex/Doors Open Day**

Our Managing Partner, Philip Macdonald was delighted to be invited to speak about our IGMM Complex project as part of Edinburgh Doors Open Day in September. It was great to see the event so well supported and the building looking so great, two years after its successful completion and handover.

**UK Science Park Agency (UKSPA)**

Oberlanders are proud to support the UK Science Park Agency (UKSPA) through their Business Affiliate membership. We have a long and highly successfully track record in science and technology projects and look forward to building on our experience in this sector through proactive engagement with UKSPA members. Our Managing Partner, Philip Macdonald, attended the meeting of UKSPA at Sci-Tech Daresbury in Cheshire in October and will be attending the next meeting in Swansea early next year.

**Star Renewables, Gorbals River Source Heatpump, Glasgow**

Oberlanders are working with Star Renewable Energy on this exciting new green energy project in the centre of Glasgow.

The project will see the creation of a large scale high temperature river source heat pump, drawing heat capacity from the River Clyde for a new district heating network serving a number of properties in the Gorbals area. The project will form part of a £43m investment by the Scottish Government in low carbon infrastructure projects.

**University of Edinburgh appoint Oberlanders to lead the £4.5m relocation of their School of Health in Social Sciences**

Oberlanders have been appointed by the University of Edinburgh to lead the £4.5m relocation of the School of Health in Social Sciences (HiSS) to the Holyrood Campus. The project will involve refurbishment and alteration of space in a number of existing buildings at Holyrood as well as re-purposing of existing space in the Old Medical School at Teviot Place.

**Celebration 20 Years of work with Schuh**

2017 marked our 20th year of working continuously with fashion footwear retailer Schuh. During the course of the year we completed a number of new stores, schuh kids stores and refits and for them across the UK including Rushden Lakes, Guernsey, Truro, Derry, Sheffield Meadowhall and Glasgow. There are a number of exciting new projects for them underway already for 2018 and we look forward to continuing our long running partnership well into the future.
Oberlanders Secures Planning Consent for ASRC Project, Bush Estate

We are very pleased to confirm that our ASRC (Avian Scientific Research Centre) project for SRUC in Midlothian secured detailed planning consent in early December. This facility will play a significant role in the development of the world class research capability that already exists at the Bush Estate/Easter Bush Campus, addressing national and international concerns for food security/safety, animal health and welfare, public health and environmental impact/climate change. Works are expected to commence on site in early 2018. This latest milestone represents further development of our ongoing and highly successful working relationship with SRUC.

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