



Best Western Moores Hotel, Guernsey



Guernsey hotel's air conditioning changes colour to match new decor

When standard air conditioning units can't be concealed but need to match a design theme there's a simple answer: change their colour so they 'disappear' into their surroundings.

This solution was used to great effect at a popular Channel Islands hotel where air conditioning was retro-fitted during remodelling of the restaurant and bar facilities.

Just past its centenary – and managed by the same family for 60 years – Best Western Moores Hotel in St Peter Port is part of Guernsey's Sarnia Hotels group. Continually evolving high standards of excellence, the group has invested £1 million creating JB Parker's Bar and Cellar.

Guernsey-based Daikin D1 Partner C8 won the contract for air conditioning and other services at the hotel after completing another successful project for the group at its nearby Les Rocquettes.

Previously without air conditioning, the new JB's venue gives patrons year-round comfort, efficiently delivered by a 10hp Daikin mini-VRV system. The condensing unit is shielded by planters on a terrace immediately above the restaurant. Indoors, with no ceiling voids to conceal air conditioning units, are four recently upgraded wall-mounted FXAQ units factory-sprayed 'pearl copper' to match the stylish décor – and blend into their surroundings.

JB's is a tribute to the late Jack Buller Parker who, with his wife Ella and their daughter and son-in-law Shelia and Andre Sendhofer, took on Moores in 1956 – the first step towards the group which is now run by granddaughter Karel Harris.

Creation of JB's in the former Library Bar involved opening and refurbishing the traditional brick cellar with its vaulted brick ceiling, under the hotel, to create the wine bar. JB's is billed as an exciting bar, restaurant and wine cellar, mixing ale house tradition with contemporary style.

Year of installation

› 2018

Project requirements

- ☒ Air conditioning
- ☐ Air curtain
- ☐ Air purification
- ☐ Control
- ☐ Heating
- ☐ Hot water
- ☐ Refrigeration
- ☐ Ventilation

Installed systems

- › Mini VRV outdoor unit
- › Wall Mounted units



Sarnia operations director Calum Le Noury says: "When it came to the air conditioning and ventilation for the restaurant and kitchen we contacted C8 Mechanical & Electrical who have worked for us on previous projects and impressed us with their professionalism and expertise.

"Their brief was to design and install all mechanical and electrical services including the ventilation and air conditioning to serve the cellar, restaurant and kitchen and keep the services hidden – not a small order when the bar has an open kitchen, listed features including the ceiling, and an external dining terrace above.

"Having Daikin air conditioning installed elsewhere in the hotel, I was comfortable when C8 proposed to use Daikin units, especially knowing they can provide a seven year warranty on the new equipment. The factory finish of the wall mounted units in the pearl copper colour was a stroke of genius and really camouflages the units, while providing the perfect heating and cooling solution for the bar.

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C8 director Nick Reid says: "Working closely with the client, architect and interior designers, our JB's team implemented ingenious design solutions to ensure that all the systems and plant were installed in the restricted space available, while being hidden from view and meeting the strict noise and emission regulations."

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Popular with locals residents, business people and holidaymakers, the 46 bedroom Best Western Moores Hotel – once a private house – occupies a prime central site in St Peter Port, near the harbour and ferry terminal and close to all the major finance houses, offices and shops.

Restaurant and bar patrons will now be able to enjoy the comfort the Daikin mini-VRV's inverter compressor provides by continuously adjusting its speed to meet actual demand. This means fewer power-consuming starts and stops, up to 30% reductions in energy consumption and more stable temperatures.

Mini-VRV units range from 4hp to 12hp, making them suitable for projects up to 200m² – and with space limitations. They support a wide range of indoor units.

The FXAQ indoor units at JB's are designed for applications without false ceilings to conceal flush or ducted units, or without space for floor-mounted units.

The whisper-quiet units have flat, stylish front panels that blend easily within any interior décor scheme – even without custom spraying – and are easy to clean and maintain.

Kit list

Code	Description	No of units
RXYSQ	Mini-VRV outdoor unit	1
FXAQ	Wall mounted units (Sprayed RAL8029)	4



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