

Integrated Innovation The future of Light Gauge Systems

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Introduction

About me:

2012 London Worked as Structural

Structural Engineer in Walsh Associates 2018 – Chartered Structural Engineer (MIStructE) with Institution of Structural Engineers 2021 – Chartered Engineer with Engineers Ireland (MIEI)

2016 – Chartered Civil Engineer (MICE) with the Institution of Civil Engineers

2020 - Returned to Ire, Design Manager of Etex Remagin (Horizon Offsite) 2024 Moved into a Commercial Role within Remagin

<u>Key Takeaway:</u> Explore how Light Gauge Steel (LGS) manufacturers must evolve to provide complete tested solutions, enhancing efficiency, compliance, and client satisfaction.

"Make it simpler and easier for our clients"



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Who are Remagin?

Remagin – Light Gauge Steel Company owned by Etex

Etex are a leader in building materials technologies

The group is organized in 4 divisions:



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Building Performance

Plasterboards and fibre cement boards, and passive fire protection solutions

Exteriors Fibre Cement Cladding Products

Industry

High-performance temperature insulation and fire protection

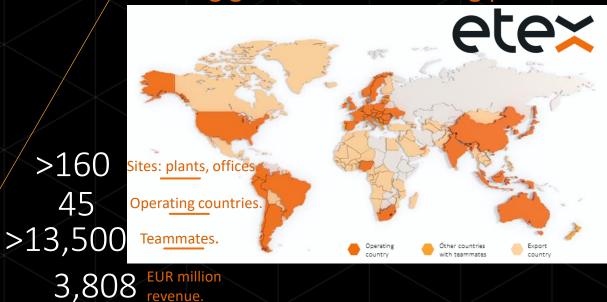
Insulation

Glass mineral wool, extruded polystyrene (XPS) and more to insulate residential and non-residential buildings.



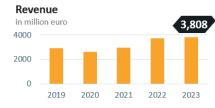


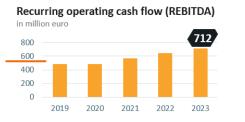
Strong global manufacturing presence



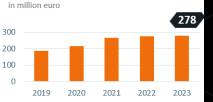
Translating the trust we receive into profitable growth.

Key figures (last 5 years).





Net recurring profit (Group share)



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The Traditional LGS Approach



- > Design
- > Manufacture



Limitations of the Current Model

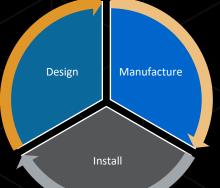


Primary Focus on Frame Supply – LGS manufacturers typically stop at structural installation.



Integration gaps for contractors – Responsibility for fire performance, acoustic integrity, and finishes falls on third parties, increasing risk and slowing completion

Inconsistencies in compliance – Reliance on multiple subcontractors can lead to variations in quality - different systems have slightly different details







Why We Must Take Ownership



As LGS specialists, we are best positioned to ensure the system functions as designed.

Precision in design and installation should extend to critical interfaces — fire protection, acoustic/thermal performance and external finishes.

By completing the system, we improve efficiency, compliance, build quality and make it faster and easier for our clients







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Key Elements of an Integrated LGS Solution

1) Fire Testing & Compliance

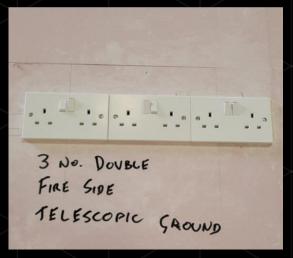
- Industry relies on full scale fire tests BS EN 1364 (walls) and BS EN 1365 (floors)
- These tests don't allow for real world site conditions.
- LGS manufacturers must go further by go further by conducting small scale targeted tests to validate fire performance across different scenarios:
 - Two-sided fire testing
 Fire stopping products (sleeves, collars, intumescent strips)
 - Cavity barriers
 - Sockets and penetrations
 - Material compatibility testing

Key Outcome: A fully tested system where all

components are validated together—not just the steel frame.









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Key Elements of an Integrated LGS Solution

2) Finishing the Wall System – Ensuring Performance in Practice

- Fire, Acoustic and Thermal Performance key components are installed and the responsibility of others
- The finishes are part of the System

The Solution:

Plasterboard installation (factory fitted) & inspectionPre-approved tested components

Key Outcome: A complete wall system that meets fire, acoustic, and thermal requirements—without guesswork.







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Key Elements of an Integrated LGS Solution

3) <u>Structural Integration – Expanding Beyond the Frame</u>

- LGS frames interface with multiple elements (cladding, windows, balconies, stairs)
- These connections are critical to overall building performance but are often treated as separate trades rather than being part of an integrated system

The Solution:

- Cladding system installation
- Stairs, balconies & secondary structure install
- Windows Factory Fitted

Key Outcome: A more seamless, robust system that ensures responsibility for performance is single source – making compliance easy











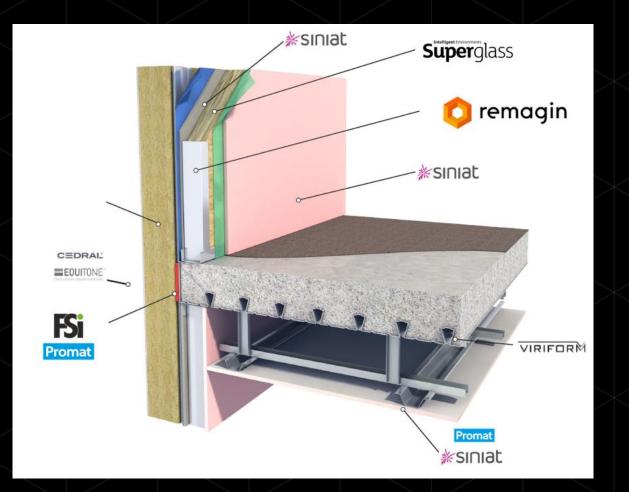
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Remagin – Not Just A Light Gauge Steel Frame The Complete ETEX Building Solution



- Etex Plasterboards (Siniat)
- Etex LGS Frame (Remagin)
- Etex Composite Decking (Sigdeck and Viriform)
- **Etex** Insulation (Superglass)
- Etex Fire Stopping (FSI and Promat)
- **Etex** Cladding (Equitone, Cedral and Eternit)
- Backed up by in-House Test Centre Capability for Fire, Structural and Climate Testing



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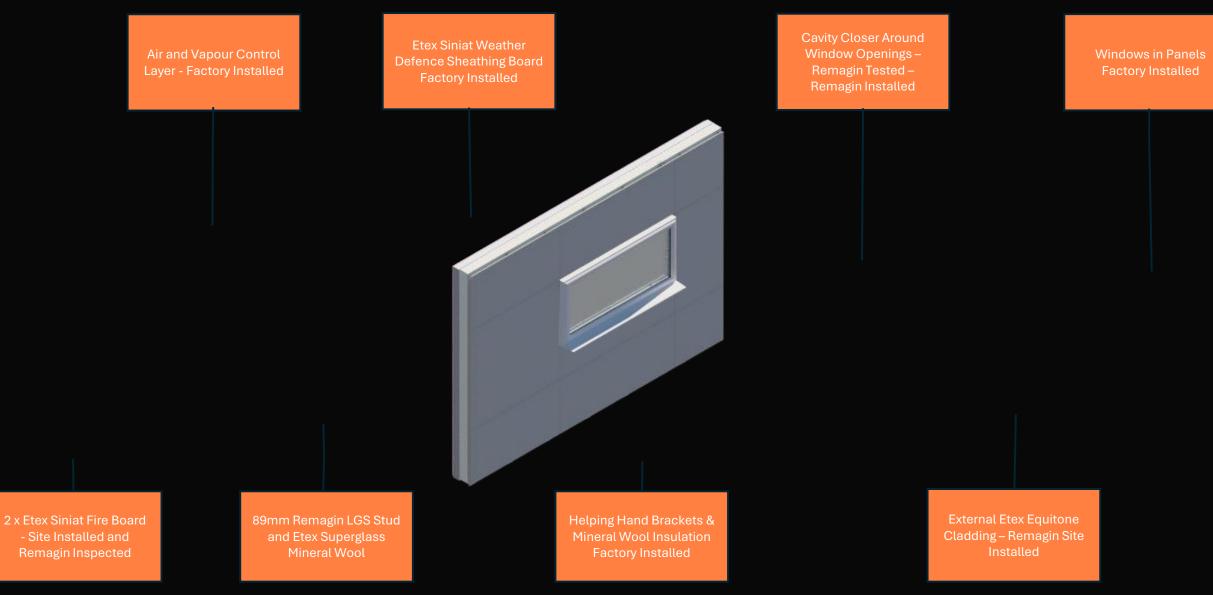
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How Remagin are making it easier for clients:







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Project Overview: Cloverhill

Remagin and Clancy Construction

Project Info:



Location: Cork

3no. Apartment Blocks and 1no. Housing Block

- 1st Large Scale MMC Project for Cork Co.Co.
- Tendered to be 70% offsite
- Trust placed in 2D LGS

Integrated Innovation in Action:

- Clancy Construction are a forward-thinking collaborative Contractor - "Built on Partnership"
- Experience in MMC and 2D LGS in particular
- Work with the System provider to maximise efficiency and seamless integration across the entire building envelope





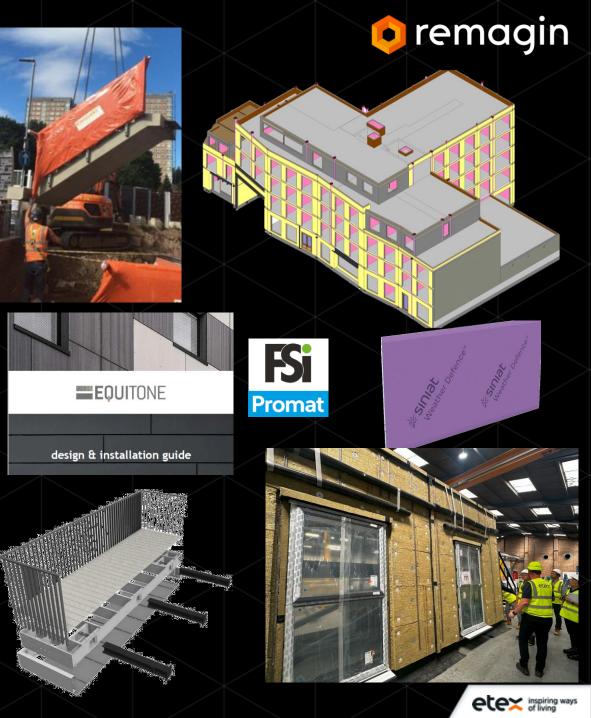
A streamlined, efficient build process where Clancy can focus on overall project delivery while we handle the details



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Elevating Our System - Delivering More Value

- Precast Stairs Faster installation, greater efficiency handrail installed by Remagin (Konnekt)
- **Pre-Boarded Walls** Reduces site time & labour costs using Siniat Boards
- LGS Lift Shaft Modules Seamless integration between LGS and Lift Manufacturer
- Windows-in-Panels Faster, higher-quality installation
- Cladding Systems Complete external envelope solutions using Etex Cladding Systems. Insulation, brackets and rails all factory installed
- Fire Stopping Full compliance & enhanced safety using tested Etex FSI products
- **Pre-Finished Balconies & Balustrades** High-quality, preinstalled solutions which complement our system





Thank You

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