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NORTHERN TRUST BUILDS SUCCESS WITH KARLIN TIMBER!

Karlin Timber Frame Limited has taken a five-year lease on Unit 9 at Maple Way, Aycliffe Industrial Park. Part funded by One North East the £3.6 million scheme was built by Delma Developments and is owned by the Northern Trust Company Limited, both are part of the Northern Trust Group based in Chorley, Lancashire. The unit, comprising of 14,386 sq ft of production space, was let to Karlin Timber Frame at the asking terms.

Karlin manufactures standard open panel as well as developing advanced timber frame kits which are pre-insulated and pre-bolted before transportation to site. These products range from one bedroomed bungalows to large executive houses, small apartments and developments, and commercial buildings such as nurseries and care homes.

The Managing Director of Karlin Timber Frame, Colin Lunn, brings with him over twenty years experience in timber frame design, manufacture and supply. He comments, "The specification of the units together with Maple Way's close proximity to the A1 was the key factor in relocating for the purpose of meeting our business expansion plan".

Northern Trust's investment at Maple Way consists of circa 70,000 sq ft of high quality industrial space in 9 units ranging from 5,000 sq ft up to 20,000 sq ft. The scheme will be held within the Company's commercial portfolio which is in excess of 8 million sq ft, 2.5 million sq ft of which is located in the North East.

Mark Hope, Director at Delma Developments comments, "It is satisfying as a developer to be able to provide new industrial units for local start up companies, to retain existing jobs within the region and to provide much needed expansion space which will hopefully generate new employment opportunities". Delma Developments worked closely with One North East, County Durham Development Company and Sedgefield Borough Business Services in bringing this development project to completion. Joint agents for the scheme are Whittle Jones 0191 221 1999, DTZ (0191 201 0083) and Dodds Brown Commercial (01642 244130).

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