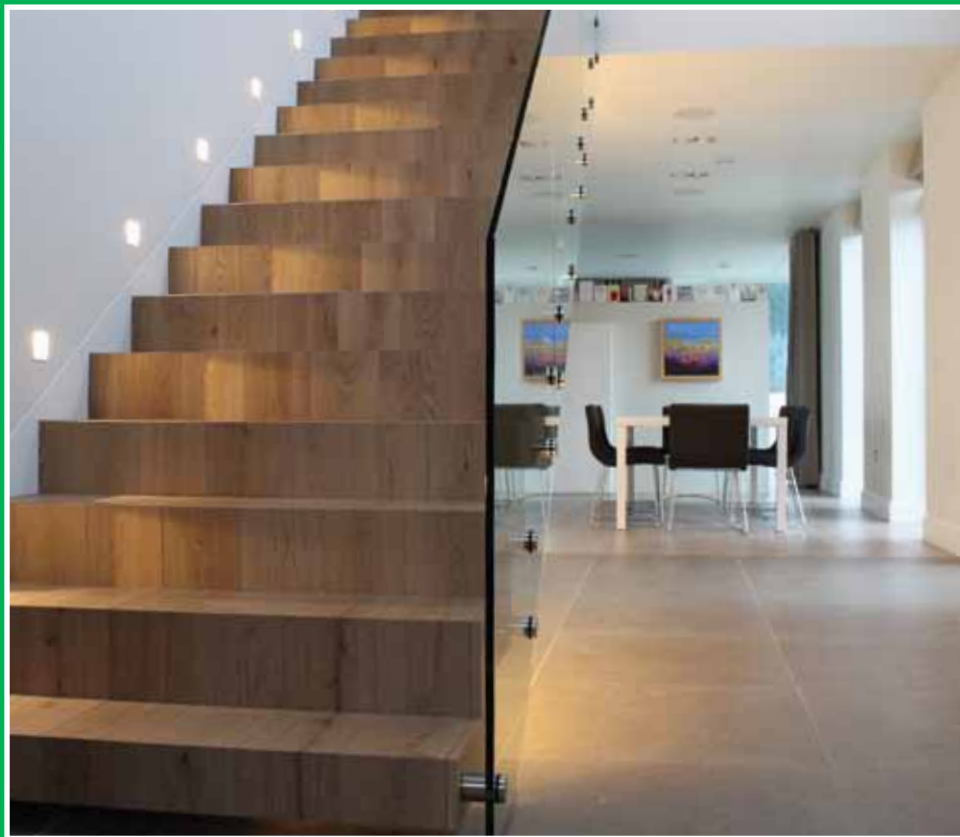


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Highland Bespoke Furniture's expansion plans were given a boost when they applied to the North Highland Regeneration Fund for help to train up two new employees and to increase their marketing.

Highland Bespoke Furniture was set up in 2008 by John MacGregor, formalising and consolidating his years of experience as a sole trader designing, manufacturing and fitting custom-built furniture throughout the Highlands and Islands during which he noticed the demand for high quality custom-built furniture and joinery.

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As well as producing high quality, bespoke furniture for direct sale to consumers, the Brora-based firm also produces veneers, sheet materials and components for selling on to other specialist manufacturers in the furniture and interior joinery industries. It uses a range of native local timbers, and all materials used are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Managing Director Hans Mol said: “The support from NHRF came at a critical time for the growth of our company.

“It allowed us to develop the business much faster than would have otherwise been possible.”

Highland Bespoke Furniture currently employs six people, and it is hoped that a growing awareness of environmental and

sustainability issues will lead to a further boost for the company. The support from NHRF has enabled it to expand considerably over the past few years.

“Training new employees for this type of specialized work takes time and money,” said Mr Mol. “The investment from NHRF has given us the time and possibility to train new employees, which has had an immediate effect on the increase of our production.”

“The investment from NHRF really kick-started our business.”

“We had the skills and the knowledge, but we needed the investment to make it happen.”

“It's not just about financial assistance either. The NHRF team has always been on hand to give advice and support.”

“I would definitely recommend NHRF to anyone looking to grow their business.”



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