

TRADE INSIGHT & INTERIOR FOCUS

BEYOND THE KITCHEN

The rise of modern boot rooms and high-performance utility architecture: Key insights for contractors, joiners, and fit-out professionals.

GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE: DELOITTE OUTLOOK

MMC, off-site prefabrication, and digitized supply chains drive autumn completions globally, offsetting material cost headwinds.

IRELAND CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK: CIF REPORT

Autumn momentum remains robust across housing. Commercial retrofit activity spikes as contractors fast-track energy upgrades ahead of Q4.

INTERIOR TREND DISCUSSION

3 Trends Shaping Utility Architecture

1. THE DOUBLE-DUTY MUDROOM

Transitioning from laundry corners to high-traffic, organized entrance zones.

CONTRACTOR ASK:

"Are we integrating dedicated lockable joinery, bench seating, and equipment zones?"

2. CONCEALED APPLIANCE NICHES

Hiding laundry appliances behind seamless full-height joinery without restricting airflow.

3. TASK LIGHTING FOR SECONDARY SPACES

Boot rooms and pantries now demand automated, low-voltage illumination.

Contractor Takeaway

High-density utility joinery yields higher margin per square meter than standard kitchen cabinetry due to custom fitting requirements.

"Secondary utility spaces have become a primary benchmark for quality in Irish home renovations."

DRAWER SYSTEMS

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Sources: CSO New Dwelling Completions 2026, SEAI Retrofit Programme updates, Deloitte Construction Outlook, CIF Ireland.