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WOLFFKRAN City Portal Debut in the UK

City Portal CP 690 has been used for the first time in the UK to support the installation of a WOLFF 355 B luffing jib tower crane at the redevelopment of 110 The Queen's Walk in London. The crane stands 42 metres high with a 50-metre jib and, together with this unique base design, effectively addresses the site's significant space constraints.

The City Portal raises the crane above ground level, creating sufficient clearance for lorries to pass directly underneath. This is particularly important on a highly restricted urban site, where vehicles are required to complete a three-point turn in order to exit safely. By lifting the crane base above the working area, the portal design maximises use of the limited footprint while allowing site logistics to operate efficiently and safely.

City Portal systems are already successfully in use across several European markets, including the Lavalette Dam in France, where they have proven their value on complex and space-restricted projects.

Newsletter Highlights

SUMMER UPDATE

Dear Customer,

Welcome to the summer edition of our Customer Newsletter.

The UK Tower Crane rental market remains compressed however, it is great to see our red cranes gracing the UK skyline despite the continuing economic pressures within the general construction industry.

We continue to work through these challenges, striving to deliver the highest standards on each and every project that we are involved with. Our people are our greatest asset so I am pleased to note that we are seeing benefits from recently improved safety initiatives and we remain committed to deliver a premier service with health and safety at the heart of all that we do.

I hope to see many of you at Vertikal Days and invite you all to visit our stand and meet the team. Thank you all for your previous business and we look forward to working together on your future projects.

Dave Holder
Managing Director

September 9th - 10th 2026 Newark Showground

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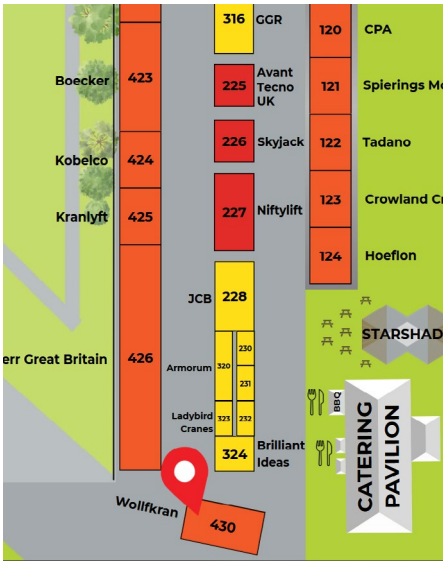

Safety, sustainability and people – our 2025 progress

In 2025, WOLFFKRAN continued to strengthen its commitment to health, safety and environmental responsibility, focusing on practical improvements that support our people, our customers and the environment.

Environmental improvements

We made a number of tangible steps to reduce our environmental impact. LED lighting was installed in the workshop, the number of fast EV charging points increased to four, and our electric fleet grew to seven electric vehicles and one electric forklift.

Careful waste management resulted in an 18.8% reduction in waste, while improved control of the heating system led to a 13% reduction in gas consumption. Solar panels now provide 14.7% of the yard's electricity, supporting our move towards cleaner energy. In addition, we refurbished our 29 year old WOLFF 100 B, restoring it to a near new condition and extending its service life.

Together, these initiatives made 2025 the third consecutive year in which WOLFFKRAN reduced its overall carbon footprint, achieving a 4.5% reduction compared to 2024. For the third year running, we also offset our measured emissions through the purchase of Gold Standard carbon credits.

Safety and prevention focus

Safety remained our top priority throughout the year. All yard employees completed IOSH Working Safely training and we introduced the "Stop, Think, Act" approach. Employees were actively encouraged to share ideas for improvement, which were reviewed and actioned through a "You said, we thought, we did" initiative. Key areas included communication, the work environment, tools and equipment, and supervision.

We also held dedicated yard crane team meetings, introducing new slinging techniques to further improve lifting safety and efficiency. Lift planning and communication standards showed clear improvement, supported by discussions around real crane incidents and how they can be prevented.

Ongoing engagement, wellbeing and leadership

To support safe behaviours on site, we continued to promote the Safety Observation App, enabling employees to report good practice, concerns and suggestions. Video toolbox talks were introduced on topics such as blind lifting and pre-start checks, clearly demonstrating the consequences of unsafe actions.

Mental wellbeing was further supported through a Mental Health Support Network, with QR codes installed in every crane cab to provide easy access to confidential resources.

WOLFFKRAN maintained its ISO accreditations for quality, health & safety and environmental management. In 2025, the integrated management system was further developed, aligning safety, environmental and quality processes into one clear framework.

Leadership development remained a priority, with all managers completing Level 5 Leadership and Management training, and face-to-face appraisals carried out with lifting team members, strengthening communication and identifying future training needs.

Attention, “wolves” on the track! Five WOLFF cranes in a challenging deployment at historical London construction site

This is a place that has seen television history for decades: The Television Centre in West London’s White City was built in the fifties as a key production location for the BBC television broadcaster. Over ten years ago, the partially listed area began to be converted into mixed-use development with residences, hotels, gastronomy, and public areas. Wolffkran was involved at the time with a mix of WOLFF 180 B and WOLFF 320 B luffing cranes. Phase 2 of this redevelopment has been ongoing since the beginning of 2024, for which Wolffkran has provided a total of five jib cranes on behalf of developer Mitsui Fudosan UK and construction managers overseeing the work Multiplex Construction. Located in the middle of White City and directly adjacent to the London Underground, the project has strict planning and logistics requirements.

The construction project comprises two central residential buildings: “The Ariel”, the 23-storey residential tower with 167 apartments, and “Scenery House”, a nine-storey building that contains 180 residential units. The first four cranes, all WOLFF 355 B types, were erected between July and August 2025. Three of them are responsible for the lower building components. For the section of building with the high tower, a WOLFF 355 B (TC1) was erected to an initial freestanding tower height of 77.2 meters in order to slipform the concrete core.

During the roughly 20-week construction phase of the core tower, the WOLFF 355 B was climbed to a freestanding tower height of 95.2 meters. “Although tie-ins on the tower could have been an option, it would have led to downtimes, which is why the customer opted for the freestanding version, which we implemented using a tower combination of the 3.3-meter TV 33 tower element and four TV 20 tower elements,” says Gerard Saville, Senior Sales Manager at Wolffkran Ltd.

Once the concrete core had been completed, the WOLFF 355 B erected a WOLFF 630 B (TC1A) with a tower height of 9.0 meters. It was erected on top of the slipformed core on a steel grillage using bolted tower spigots. Once commissioned, the WOLFF 630 B (TC1A) immediately dismantled the adjacent WOLFF 355 B (TC1), before being used to complete construction of the reinforced concrete tower.

WOLFF cranes deliver, even under challenging conditions

To comply with the strict oversailing regulations set by London Underground due to close proximity of the Hammersmith and City Line, all the cranes had to be placed on the rear of the building, which, for its part, has special requirements for crane deployment. Since all the tower cranes and mobile cranes are located within a defined safety zone, they must be reduced to 75 percent of their regular lifting capacity. At the same time, the crane foundations had to be constructed 33 percent stronger than standard.

Thanks to their high lifting capacity of 11.6 tons for a 40-meter jib, they can carry out all the necessary lifting tasks, even at 75-percent capacity. The very steep jib position and the low park radius of 12.0 meters made the WOLFF 355 B jib crane perfect for this job, since the cranes did not slew over the railway tracks, neither during operation nor when parked.

A well-conceived timetable for assembly and dismantlement

From the beginning, the crane arrangement was planned to enable some of the WOLFF 355 B to be mutually disassembled. This is how one of the WOLFF 355 B has already been dismantled.

The remaining three cranes – two WOLFF 355 B and the WOLFF 630 B on the residential tower – are expected to be disassembled using mobile cranes. It is particularly demanding to disassemble the WOLFF 630 B, which stands at roughly 100 meters. A 650-ton mobile crane has been planned for the operation.

Rigging and de-rigging of the 650-ton mobile crane will be made all the more difficult because it will be standing in a circular road, on which the project is built. The curved road makes it difficult to assemble the mobile crane's full luffing jib on the floor in a straight line, before running out of room. For this reason, the luffing jib will need to be assembled in the air ('piked' as it's known).

Even assembling WOLFF cranes was challenging. The new TVC2 development is being built in close proximity to fully occupied residential flats built in the first phase. There were strict noise and environmental restrictions in place regarding working. To avoid impacting the construction process of the other trades as much as possible, the work primarily had to be done at the weekend, and hence outside of regular business hours. However, it was still a consistent challenge to shut down other work during assembly to comply with the stipulated safety zones. The necessary mobile cranes were permitted to be set up only in close proximity to the railway track. As a result, its lifting capacity had to be reduced to 75 percent, and all the work had to be performed parallel to or outside of the track area.

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WOLFF cranes power construction of Europe's tallest life sciences building in London

Construction is progressing at pace on One North Quay in London, set to become Europe's tallest and most technically advanced commercial life sciences building. Located within the dense urban landscape of Canary Wharf, the project sits on a highly constrained site surrounded by water, existing infrastructure, and limited access routes - exactly the kind of environment where WOLFF luffing cranes excel.

To deliver this landmark scheme, our client Kilnbridge deployed a combination of their own WOLFF tower crane and WOLFFKRAN supplied cranes: two WOLFF 355 B units and a WOLFF 700 B.

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WOLFF Training - Developing people to provide a safer and sustainable lifting culture

At WOLFFKRAN, we provide more than tower cranes. Alongside our equipment, we offer a complete training package delivered through our WOLFF Training department, supporting customers across the lifting industry.

All WOLFF training courses are designed to improve knowledge and understanding, while building confidence and ensuring compliance. Training is based on real world site experience and supported by practical guidance that extends beyond course completion.

Our new specialist Emergency First Responder Training

We have recently introduced a Specialist Emergency First Responder Training course, developed specifically for tower crane and high risk construction environments.

The course enables non crane personnel to safely access and isolate tower cranes and to provide life saving first aid at height, where conventional emergency response may not be immediately available.

This specialist training has already been delivered on live projects. Bowmer + Kirkland teams recently completed the course in Manchester and Leeds, strengthening emergency response capability across their sites. They commented:

"The Tower Crane Emergency First Responder training has strengthened our ability to respond in high-risk environments. The course equips our teams to safely access tower cranes and provide life-saving first aid at height, where conventional response may not be possible."

Source: Bowmer and Kirkland Ltd LinkedIn

Watch the Emergency First Responder Training video

Management of Lifting Operations

One of our most in demand training course is the Management of Lifting Operations. These courses range from one, two or three days and are designed for those with overall responsibility for lifting activities. The aim is to provide the knowledge and confidence required to manage lifting safely, legally and effectively. Thomas Walton - Associate Construction Director at Mace Construct who recently attended the course said:

"I recently completed the Management of Lifting Operations course delivered by WOLFFKRAN, and I found it to be well-structured and highly relevant. The course provides comprehensive coverage across all key aspects of lifting operations, with content specifically tailored to align with Mace standards.

What sets this training apart is its interactive approach, which keeps participants engaged while reinforcing practical understanding. The inclusion of real-world scenarios and focused discussions on relevant topics ensures that the learning is both applicable and impactful.

Overall, this is one of the best training courses available within Mace. It delivers both depth and clarity, making it a valuable experience for anyone involved in planning or managing lifting operations."

In addition, WOLFFKRAN offers specialist technical training through the WOLFF School of Cranes, including assembly, climbing, and service/brakes courses.

For more information, visit the WOLFF Training website.

Complex crane engineering at 1 Victoria Street

The redevelopment of 1 Victoria Street is transforming the site of an old 1960s office block into a modern, low carbon workplace in the heart of Westminster. The new building is being constructed on the original foundations, avoiding the need for new piling and significantly reducing embodied carbon. This approach, however, created unusual tower crane environments in central London: all cranes had to be installed at basement level, directly on foundations more than sixty years old.

A nine - crane scheme delivered in multiple phases

The project began with demolition works undertaken by our client, Keltbray. To support operations on the confined and complex site, a WOLFF 355 B (TC0) was deployed to lift a range of demolition plant and materials. Throughout the programme, the tower crane handled key items including excavators, tracked loaders, dumpers, heavy skips, generators, and structural steel. Its combination of reach, lifting capacity, and precision proved essential for safely positioning heavy and awkward loads.

Following demolition, four tower cranes were installed at basement level for our client Mace Construct to support slipforming and early superstructure works.

The installation sequence required meticulous coordination. As the demolition crane remained in service longer than anticipated, TC2 was initially erected at a reduced height to prevent any potential clash. Once TC0 was dismantled, TC2 was climbed to its full working height.

As construction progresses, the basement slab will be cast around the crane bases, leaving only the tower openings accessible.

In the next major phase, scheduled for late 2026, the crane scheme will move to the roof. Two WOLFF 630 B and two WOLFF 355 B luffing jib cranes will take over lifting operations for the upper floors and installation

of the cladding and building services.

Engineering Challenges Below Ground

Installing cranes at B2 level on legacy foundations presented a significant engineering challenge. The foundations of the old building are being reused without re-piling, so each crane had to be positioned directly over the original foundation points. As a result, the usual method of anchoring into concrete base foundations was not suitable in this case.

To overcome this, WOLFFKRAN deployed the WOLFF cross frame system. This system is unique in that it allows each of the four legs to be extended to varying lengths, anywhere between six and ten metres for each crane. The entire crane tower was also rotated to align with the available bearing points of the existing foundations below.

For TC2, the constraints were particularly demanding: four different leg lengths were required on a single cross-frame base to achieve correct alignment with the available support points. This configuration demonstrated the full capability of the WOLFF cross frame system to accommodate highly irregular legacy structures.

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Changes in leadership: Dr. Peter Schiefer becomes Group CEO

Over the past two decades, WOLFFKRAN has transformed from a traditional European company into a globally leading provider of tower cranes and crane services. The consistent implementation of its internationalization strategy has enabled the company to significantly expand its global footprint and more than double its revenue over the last ten years.

To further align the organization with its strategy of international expansion, WOLFFKRAN's Board of Directors has decided to adapt its leadership structure. Effective April 1, 2026, Dr. Peter Schiefer, Delegate of the Board of Directors, has in addition taken on the role of Group CEO, a position he previously held from 2005 to 2019. After many years in global executive roles, Duncan Salt has stepped back from his global responsibility to focus on targeted development in our emerging markets. To reflect this, while preserving his strategic value to the company, Duncan Salt has transitioned into the role of Regional CEO and Board Member for the Middle East & APAC region.

Milestones of Growth

Since Dr. Peter Schiefer acquired WOLFFKRAN from MAN in 2005, the company has grown continuously and established itself as a key international player in the tower crane industry. Major milestones in its development include the revitalization of core markets in Central Europe, the establishment of a hub in Dubai, the acquisition of HTC in the UK, the market entry in France, and the entry into the U.S. market with operational bases in Texas and California. Most recently, the company has further expanded its footprint in the GCC region with the establishment of subsidiaries with operational bases in Riyadh and Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Thanks for reading!

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