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## Darren's role may be niche, but his view is expansive, especially from the deck of a boat on the River Clyde.

Water has always been in Darren's blood, so to speak, and this passion has led him to become one of the few property professionals who specialises in coastal and marine asset management. He has developed a unique skill set while delivering managing agent services to Crown Estate Scotland.

Graduating from Cardiff University in 2005 with a PhD in Marine Environmental Management, Darren works in a challenging and dynamic environment subject to distinct legal and regulatory requirements, applying his experience and specialist marine and property knowledge to facilitate and unlock development opportunities.

He admits it's the variety that keeps the job exciting. That and the knowledge that he is managing Scotland's foreshore and seabed on behalf of the people of Scotland and assisting businesses and communities in realising their development aspirations. Ports, harbours, marinas and pontoons are all in a day's work.

Away from the coast, Darren is also currently involved in wind and battery storage renewable energy projects as part of a wider remit of land and resources management focusing on carbon reduction. His role is intrinsic in enabling and facilitating projects which enhance the UK's green and blue economies.

### Key relevant project experience

Negotiation of ground leases with P&O and Stena Line for their respective port interests in Loch Ryan.

Negotiation of 'master agreements' with CMAL, the Secretary of State for Defence and Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar.

Negotiation of ground leases for various marinas and pontoon facilities from Stranraer, Girvan and Port Bannatyne to the Inner Clyde.

Negotiation of a land agreement on behalf of an institutional client in relation to SSER's consented Clyde Wind Farm Extension, including provision of valuation advice.

Negotiation of wayleave agreements on behalf of two landowners in respect of the electricity export cable originating from Falck's consented Kingsburn Wind Farm.