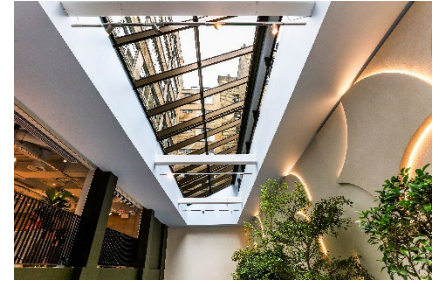


PROJECT NEWS



KAWNEER SOLUTIONS FEATURE ON A PRESTIGIOUS LONDON WORKSPACE DEVELOPMENT

VISION

Providing a highly flexible range of permanent and flexible working space options, the 85,000 sqft Uncommon Holborn is workspace provider Uncommon's latest and largest flagship location.

Constructed in the 1950's and the former headquarters of London Underground (Templar House), the building has undergone a Category A fitout, designed by architects astudio london.

Centrally located close to Somerset House and Covent Garden and some of London's best attractions, parks, pubs and restaurants and only two minutes from Holborn Underground, Uncommon Holborn is ideally situated for fast and easy commuting.

TRANSFORMATION

The original Templar House building received a shell, core and internal fitout overseen by main contractor Structure Tone London, retaining the original frame.

Installed by approved specialist subcontractor JPJ Installations Ltd, a wide range of Kawneer's architectural aluminium glazing solutions were chosen for this extensive refurbishment project.

Offering design flexibility, two types of Kawneer Curtain Wall Systems were used, the AA®100 Zone-Drained Curtain Wall System on the shopfront area and amenity areas. The flexibility of the AA®100 was required because of the 3m spans in the staircase areas, which were logistically difficult to glaze. The AA®110 Mullion-Drained Curtain Wall System was used for the rooflights in the East and West areas of the ground floor.

Replicating the original sash windows, Kawneer's AA®3610 Vertical Sliding Windows were installed on the 9th Floor roof terrace for their performance and aesthetics. Kawneer's Tiltturn Windows, Doors and Fixed Lights feature on a link block.

The AA®190 TB Severe-Duty Entrance Doors, for use in high traffic areas, was selected for the shopfronts, main entrance and amenity areas and the AA®720 HI Doors were fitted on the High Holborn elevation of the building. Working closely with the client, JPJ Installations replicated the original vertical sash windows and devised an internal picture frame surround which included stick-on applied bars.

REALISATION

Now open for business with an internal capacity that has increased by 16%, Uncommon Holborn's in-house facilities include a cafe lounge, meeting rooms and event spaces, a wellness studio, a roof terrace with views of the city, kitchenettes on every level and bike storage and shower rooms.

Uncommon has four other similar facilities around London - Borough (1 Long Lane), Fulham (126 New King's Road), Highbury and Islington (25 Horsell Road) and Liverpool Street (34-37 Liverpool Street).

Sustainability is a key factor at all locations, including BREEAM certification and carbon-neutral status. Uncommon Holborn has a BREEAM Excellent rating.

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