

"Big Four" firm receives prime two floor fit-out

£2.5m

/ Project value

May 2017

/ The build commenced

17 weeks

/ The duration

KPMG, one of the "Big Four" auditors, selected us to undertake a complete fit-out of its Northern Ireland Headquarters within the Soloist Building at Belfast's Lanyon Place. In a clear statement of its "intentions for growth" in the region, the renowned professional services firm required 35,000 square feet of new office space to accommodate its 200+ workforce. Over a 17-week programme, we delivered a stunning Category B fit-out across the first and second floors of one of Belfast's most distinctive office developments.

The Brief

Committed to expanding its operations in Northern Ireland, KPMG envisaged an exceptional workplace over two floors that would serve as the centre of its regional business in Northern Ireland and provide the platform for its staff to provide world-leading financial solutions to its clients.



"We are delighted to have secured 35,000 square feet in this premium location. KPMG in Northern Ireland has experienced strong growth in 2016 and we are looking forward to further success in 2017 and beyond"

John Hansen, partner in charge of KPMG in Northern Ireland

“We have ambitious plans to grow our business in Northern Ireland and to continue to provide a top-quality service to our existing and new client base. This office move clearly states our intentions for growth”

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The Challenges

As the Soloist Building was already inhabited by a number of occupants prior to, and throughout, our 17-week works programme we had to innovatively navigate around the challenges of a live environment. Noise reduction measures were adopted and complemented a bespoke Logistics Management Plan, which was rigorously adhered to so that neighbouring businesses were minimally impacted. Situated in close proximity to the Waterfront Hall, with an established entrance to the overall Lanyon Place site, meant this project was completed within the confines of a busy city centre location.

GRAHAM's added value solution

Originally located in Belfast's College Square, KPMG required increased floor space for its expanding workforce following the creation of 500 jobs in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. The Soloist Building, which received an earlier complete Grade A fit-out of over 62,000 square feet by our experts in June 2016, was the preferred destination. In May 2017 we began the Category B fit-out throughout the first and second floors before handing over on time, and on budget, in September 2017. Featuring high-specification finishes, which promote high-tech capabilities, and modern breakout areas to energise staff, the office space also enjoys floor to ceiling solar control glass, designed to provide attractive views of Belfast.

Outputs & Benefits

- / **Accommodating Growth:** The 35,000 square feet fit-out supports KPMG's growth in the region
- / **Project Efficiency:** The fit-out was completed over a 17-week programme
- / **Delivery as Planned:** The project was completed on time and on budget
- / **Understanding Client Expectations:** This fit-out project was completed with high-end finishes to reflect the calibre of its future inhabitant – KPMG
- / **Design Awareness:** Our in-house Design Manager ensured that the project team was fully aware of the design deliverables.



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