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Knauf AMF ceilings help bring old sorting office back to life

A redundant Royal Mail sorting office in central London has been brought back into use with the help of Knauf AMF Heradesign.

The acoustic ceilings system is now installed throughout the main reception area, office spaces and the lift lobbies on every level of the new Post Building, which comprises a vibrant innovative mix of office, retail, residential and community uses.

The regeneration involved the partial demolition and rebuild of the 1960s building, on a prominent site. A key requirement of the project was to maintain sections of the original structure to deliver 320,000 ft² flexible, Grade-A office space with impressive 5.5m ceiling heights allowing the introduction of innovative floating decks and unparalleled natural light to flood in. The building also provides impressive rooftop gardens with panoramic views and street-level retail and public spaces.



One major challenge was to find a material for the ceilings that would complement the exposed services and an industrial design aesthetic, whilst fulfilling modern acoustic requirements. Heradesign with its outstanding acoustic credentials and raw wood wool texture ticked all the boxes. Specified in Grey, Heradesign provided a strong visual contrast to the exposed structural elements. 4000m² Knauf AMF Heradesign was employed.

Commenting on the project, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris said: "Because the conversion retained the original irregular structural gridlines of the building, a key issue faced was how we created a consistent pattern across the ceiling to fit the space without leaving little gaps. This required us to set a consistent strategy staggering the joints and setting-out every cut panel, but Heradesign is a really versatile material that worked exceptionally well in the space. Our contractor found it easy to install and the results are really good."

The Post Building is a prominent triangular block in central London bordered by New Oxford Street, High Holborn and Museum Street. The building renovation has employed world-class technology, design and sustainability. Comprising impressive one-acre office spaces; floor to ceiling heights of up to six metres; natural light from all sides; private roof terraces to every floor; and a 7,500ft² rooftop garden with 360° views it is set to be one of London's most inspiring workplaces.

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