PROJECT
THE CONTACT COMPANY
WIRRAL WATERS
BIRKENHEAD
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Ceiling and wall systems by Armstrong have provided form and function for an award-winning Grade A office building at the heart of one of the largest regeneration projects in the UK. The architect’s brief had been to design an office building of almost 5,000m² that would set a standard for future development within the regeneration area and also meet the aspirations of both the developer (Longmeadow Estates) and their prospective client.
Products Used

- R-H 200 standard perforated metal hook-on planks with acoustic inlay within a concealed grid
- W-H 1000 standard perforated metal wall system
- Ultima® OP Tegular mineral tiles
- Ultima® SL2 planks
Armstrong’s R-H 200 standard perforated metal hook-on planks with acoustic inlay within a concealed grid, were specified by regular Armstrong users Falconer Chester Hall Architects for the feature ceiling of the atrium of the Kingsgate building at Birkenhead in Wirral Waters which was built at a cost of £11.4 million.

They are complemented by Armstrong’s W-H 1000 standard perforated metal wall system on the four-storey walls, hooked on in a vertical brickwork pattern to match the ceiling. Both of these systems were supplied by Armstrong in bespoke sizes to aid installation... and in bright orange!

The metal tiles in the atrium are complemented by Ultima+ OP Tegular mineral tiles and Ultima+ SL2 planks in the open-plan offices and circulation areas. This ceiling system (and the suspension grid too) is Cradle to Cradle (C2C) certified in line with Kingsgate’s BREEAM “Excellent” rating.

Manufactured with up to 64% recycled content, the Ultima+ range is available in three core densities that allow specifiers to engineer sound absorption and attenuation for optimum acoustic performance – standard Ultima+ giving medium density, Ultima+ OP giving low density (both of these variables were used at Kingsgate) and Ultima+ dB giving high density, up to 41 dB.

Stephen Fieldsend of Falconer Chester Hall said the Armstrong systems were specified to reduce acoustics in the open plan office areas which serve as the core business for The Contact Company in its role as a contact centre and in the main atrium with its feature wall and ceiling.
We have worked with Armstrong continually on office developments. On this one particularly the Armstrong materials interface fantastically well with the other materials used on the project. We had continual help from Armstrong for the visual aesthetics to the main atrium space," said Mr Fieldsend.
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