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OFFICES PROFILE



Introduction

Oxford Architects has a long-established reputation for delivering high-quality office environments across the UK. With over six decades of experience, we have successfully designed and delivered new-build developments, complex refurbishments, and adaptive reuse projects from concept through to completion. Our national portfolio reflects a broad spectrum of office projects, including speculative developments, bespoke fit-outs, and corporate headquarters. We work in close collaboration with clients, developers and consultants to ensure every scheme is tailored to its context and end users.

By aligning with best practice design standards, including BCO guidance and BREEAM certification, we remain at the forefront of sustainable and performance-led office design. Our aim is to provide intelligent, future-proof solutions that support wellbeing, productivity, and business growth.

We take the time to understand your organisation - how it operates, what drives your people, and how space can be used to express your brand identity. This strategic approach allows us to deliver office environments that are functional, flexible and inspiring.

- We recognise the critical success factors in creating exceptional workplaces:
- Reflecting your brand, culture, and aspirations
 - Enhancing employee wellbeing, engagement and performance
 - Creating inviting, memorable spaces that resonate with clients and visitors
 - Oxford Architects brings the experience, insight and creativity required to deliver workplaces that work - today and for the future.

Design Principles

At Oxford Architects, every office project begins with a comprehensive briefing process. We invest time in understanding your organisation, its culture, operations, and aspirations to ensure the design is purpose-driven and fully aligned with your business needs.

Our design process typically includes:

- 1. Identifying and engaging key stakeholders throughout the project
- 2. Surveying the existing site or premises to assess constraints and opportunities
- 3. Analysing workflows, processes, and patterns of use
- 4. Evaluating preferences around open plan, agile and flexible working models
- 5. Reviewing health and safety compliance
- 6. Embedding sustainability goals from the outset
- 7. Interpreting your ambitions into a clear spatial and aesthetic brief

Each design is tailored and context-driven. We begin by establishing clear functional zones - such as cellular or open-plan offices, meeting rooms, receptions, breakout areas, and support spaces like comms rooms and print hubs.

Breakout spaces are treated as essential, whether as informal lounges or agile areas for collaborative or focused work. We ensure layouts reflect evolving workstyles, including hot-desking, mobile technology and hybrid working.

Early collaboration with furniture specialists informs a range of workspace options - from touchdown points and benches to privacy pods - allowing staff to choose the best setting for each task.

Our goal is always to deliver workplaces that perform, inspire, and reflect your business identity.



New Build

Oxford Architects has cultivated a deep understanding of office design and user requirements through our extensive involvement in this sector. We’ve tackled projects ranging from small-scale B1 starter units to bespoke, multi-floor open-plan corporate headquarters and expansive business parks. This diverse experience has equipped us with an in-depth knowledge of the technologies and design processes needed to deliver the ideal office solution, one that perfectly aligns with our clients’ aspirations and budgets.

In a rapidly evolving market, with constant technological advancements, it’s crucial for both designers and clients to understand how an office building can adapt and function throughout its lifespan. We believe in future-proofing designs.

We recognise that flexibility is paramount for businesses today. Our designers will work with you to integrate your projected growth and evolving business needs directly into your space plan, ensuring your office remains relevant and efficient for years to come.

While technology plays a significant role in achieving low-energy buildings, we’ve found that simpler design principles often have a more profound impact on long-term sustainability. Our philosophy champions the power of material choice, building orientation, and intelligent internal layouts. These fundamental design ideas are key to creating genuinely sustainable offices. We see technology as a complement to robust building design and performance, benefiting occupiers and users directly, rather than merely compensating for design limitations.





Refurbishment

Many existing office buildings, due to their age, fall short of current design, energy, and regulatory standards. Without regular upgrades, they can become inefficient, visually outdated, and less attractive to tenants and staff. Oxford Architects offers the expertise to transform such buildings into modern, efficient, and appealing workplaces that meet today’s expectations.

We specialise in façade upgrades, which can significantly improve thermal performance, reduce solar gain, enhance glare control, and revitalise the overall appearance of a building — helping to extend its lifespan and marketability.

When refurbishing occupied buildings, we work closely with clients to understand how the organisation currently operates and how it aims to evolve. This insight allows us to shape an upgrade strategy that is phased appropriately and clearly communicated to minimise disruption.

Our refurbishment experience also includes the reconfiguration of buildings from other Use Classes, including the sensitive conversion of listed and heritage buildings into high-quality office space. These projects often involve complex challenges, such as:

- Planning and Listed Building consent
- Building Regulations compliance
- Acoustic, fire, and structural performance
- Integration of modern services and data infrastructure

By drawing on our technical knowledge and sector experience, we deliver tailored refurbishment solutions that unlock the potential of existing buildings.



Space Planning

At Oxford Architects, our expertise extends beyond the structural design of buildings to encompass comprehensive turnkey interior design, fit-out, and space planning services. This integrated approach ensures that upon completion, your office environment is fully prepared for immediate occupancy.

Effective space planning is pivotal in transforming an office into a dynamic and productive workplace. We collaborate closely with our clients, meticulously examining every facet of their operations, including projected growth, business objectives, regulatory compliance, and IT infrastructure. This thorough analysis enables us to develop intelligent space solutions that cater to your business's evolving needs for years to come.

Our space planning services are designed to maximise the utility and efficiency of your workplace. Whether your objective is to enhance staff comfort, accommodate an expanding workforce, or boost overall productivity, we develop tailored reconfiguration plans to optimise your operational environment.

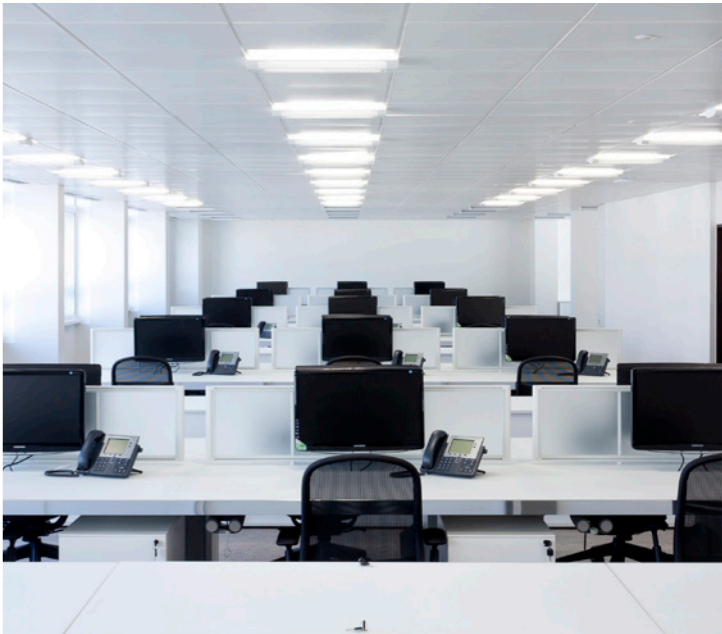
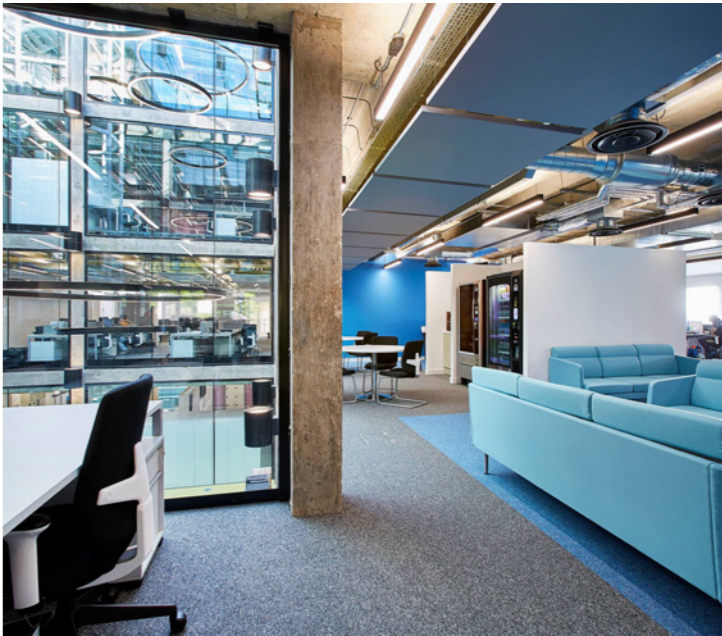


Interior Design & Fit Out

Our experienced designers possess the skills and knowledge to revitalise office spaces, delivering fresh, impactful, and cost-effective transformations. We have extensive experience in both Category A and Category B fit-outs, enabling us to manage projects from initial shell and core to complete, ready-to-occupy interiors.

When entrusted with interior design services, we meticulously explore how elements such as intelligent space utilisation, the interplay of natural and artificial light, thoughtful colour palettes, and strategic views can significantly enhance your working environment and, importantly, boost staff morale and productivity. Our aim is to create spaces that not only function flawlessly but also inspire those who work within them.

To ensure a clear understanding of the design vision and to foster collaborative decision-making, we provide clients with comprehensive visual aids. These include detailed concept drawings, immersive 3D visualisations, and precise layout drawings. By providing these detailed creative visualisations throughout the process, you gain a tangible sense of your new space's aesthetic and feel, long before the work is completed. This transparent approach ensures the final outcome perfectly aligns with your expectations and business objectives.





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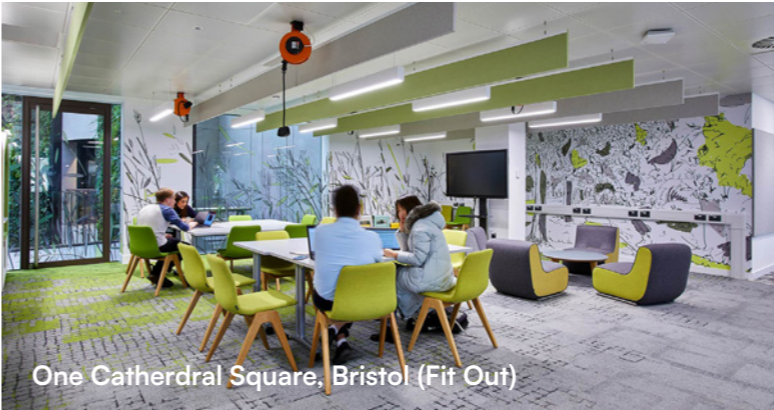
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