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55 Colmore Row, Birmingham

Architect: AHR Architects, Birmingham Product: Bespoke Glass Fins

CASE STUDY

55 Colmore Row is a major development on a key listed building in a conservation area. The scheme incorporates an additional floor level and replaces the Barwick Street elevation. The building provides high quality office space in a prime central Birmingham location. The ${\tt \pm 30m}$ program of works increases the net lettable space in the building by 19% to deliver Grade A accommodation, while respecting the historic fabric of the building and its position overlooking St Philip's Cathedral. Significant changes to the internal layout of the building improve the experience of access into and around the spaces and improve the functional quality of office floorplans. The layout of the building is reconfigured to provide a stunning new reception space within the listed banking hall and brings the space back into its historic role as the central public destination at the heart of the building. The changes to the rear façade flood the floorplates with natural light, creating a contemporary and open working environment, while the internal reconfiguration and addition of one-storey provides modern and flexible office space around a single core. Contrasol designed supplied and installed horizontal glass louvres to the fifth and sixth floor elevations, after working with Morgan Sindall and AHR architects from the very early stages to ensure a smooth transition from concept to completion, with an elegantly engineered product solution. CONTRAS

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