



Vivid Interiors, 1-2 Berners Street

Vivid is an interior contractor to the hotel, leisure and retail sectors and forms part of the Morgan Sindall Group of companies. KKS has worked with Overbury, the sister office fit-out company, on many interior office projects and has designed Morgan Sindall's head office. In April 2006, as a continuance of this relationship, KKS was appointed to design headquarters in Central London for Vivid.

The interior space consists of three distinct zones; a client facing area, including reception area and three flexible meeting rooms; an adaptable workspace for approximately fifty employees; and breakout areas.

Due to corporate responsibility guidelines, budget, site & planning regulations plus the irregular floorplan with structural intrusions, various constraints were imposed on the design. These restrictions stimulated creative design responses to create light, space and cohesion with particular attention given to reducing environmental impact.

The completed interior is in keeping with the client's design led projects and environmental responsibility. Highlights include a shimmer screen hung from the back wall of the reception that incorporates a series of rail hung beads extending into the meeting rooms for visual connection and fluidity, whilst lifting the space from its domestic scale.

Repetition of sustainable oak veneered timber panelled walls within both reception and the meeting rooms further unifies as do the glass meeting room fronts and folding sliding doors between the two main rooms. KKS designed a bespoke timber and lacquer reception desk with modernist lines and the trough lighting in the ceiling interplays with both the reception desk form and the floor-plan shape, creating cohesion. Halo lighting underneath the reception desk and behind the timber panelling is used to punctuate the space and draw attention to these elements.

The completed project illustrates that excessive expenditure isn't crucial to achieving an impressive solution. Neither does environmentally conscious design, within a difficult space, block the path to an inspiring and sophisticated outcome.

Client: Vivid Interiors - Morgan Sindall Group
Industry Sector: Corporate
Location: London, W1
Size: 5,500 sq ft
Brief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Create a significant and impressive environment, in keeping with design-led projects and clients. ▫ Particular emphasis on client facing areas. ▫ Provide space for 50 staff with provision for growth ▫ Accommodate 2 receptionists and 3 meeting rooms within the client-facing area. ▫ Adhere to strict corporate responsibility guidelines set by Morgan Sindall Group

