

our project news...

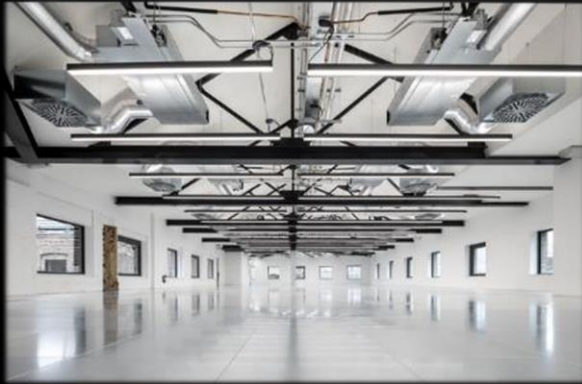


DONE!

Congratulations to Dukelease and the team on completion of yet another stunning residential development, Beau House, located in Jermyn Street.

ROYAL SEAL

At the end of April, Prince Harry and the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge were given a private tour of the Old Vinyl Factory and shown how the scheme is developing. A proud moment for our clients U+I and all the team.



THE PEPPER STORE

Congratulations to Blackstone, JRA and the team for successful conversion of Building 11, Devonshire Square. The Pepper Store has been named as one of the City's '6 Hot Desks' combining character with modern services and finishes.

GOLD!

Congratulations McLaren and Viridis Real Estate for their Gold in the Considerate Constructors Awards for 25-32 Chancery Lane. The development comprised the retention of an existing façade with eight floors of new office space created.



SHORTLIST!

Good luck to AHMM Architects who have been shortlisted for nine RIBA regional awards, including the Taylor Wimpey and Workspace Group project Grand Union Centre. We are very pleased to have worked with them and our Client on this project.

...congratulations

HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY HEYNE TILLET STEEL



STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Having had the pleasure of working with HTS on many projects over the last 10 years, it was great to see them celebrating their well deserved success at their party. Here's to another 10 years!!

Are you WELL ready?

Following a flurry of interest in the **The WELL Building Standard™** after the article in our last newsletter we have put together some further information for your interest...



There is increasing awareness that we spend 90% of our time within buildings. Consequently, building occupants are affected by the quality of their workplace environment. Classified as the new dimension in 'sustainability', the WELL Building Standard™ (WELL) fosters a holistic formula and focuses exclusively on human-centric design. The emerging international standard is administered by the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) and is grounded by evidence-based medical research that provides a performance-based model for design and construction. This integrates and actively promotes health and wellbeing of building occupants.

During the past year, WELL has brought the topic of human sustainability to the forefront of conversation, triggering new design developments and innovations in building practices. There have been significant advances in WELL's application across many building types including 'new and existing interiors'; occupying a portion of space within a building, and compliance as 'Core and Shell'. The latter Core and Shell rating system is used when the developer is seeking to implement fundamental features within the entire base building, such as building structure, ventilation systems, and window locations. In practice, the benefit to our clients is that the building can be advertised as 'WELL Ready'. This is an advantage to future tenants who may be seeking the WELL 'new and existing interiors' standard.

In addition, 2017 has witnessed the release of a briefing paper to demonstrate compliance and to streamline joint certification of BREEAM and WELL post-construction. It has been suggested that approximately 35% of credits are aligned to some extent. This would result in the reduction of duplicative reporting and could help to align the building rating systems.



The hopeful future for WELL considers an 'all projects in' strategy where multiple building types have the option to use an 'alternative adherence path' which will inclusively allow project teams to build a scorecard best fit for the specific project needs. WELL will continue to be an area of increasing interest throughout the year, and, we are likely to witness WELL amplify and extend their market interest particularly through its educational portal.

If you would like to discuss this further please get in touch with our sustainability team on 020 7836 1133.



As some of you may know, former MTT director Colin Lyall suffered a stroke three years ago. Fortunately Colin has made a remarkable recovery but has been left with a condition called Aphasia. Aphasia is a communication disorder or condition that makes it difficult to read, write or speak.

Being the sociable and positive chap that Colin is, he decided to set up a charity to help others in a similar situation as he knows first hand how frustrating and alienating the condition can be. This new charity, Say Aphasia, operates a weekly 'Drop In' for Aphasia sufferers and raises awareness of the disorder. The new charity has been set up to help people in Brighton and Hove (and beyond) who have, or live with, Aphasia. Take a look at their website <http://www.sayaphasia.org/>.

MTT/social...

With the pressure of the modern 100 mile life style, we think it's easy to forget the simple things like having a chat with your colleagues without phone, computers and ear phones.

Our Serbian office regularly do this, so we took a leaf out of their book and had a team lunch in our newly refurbished break-out space. It went down really well!

