



TORUS Building East Kilbride

haa design's business plan focuses on the development of its 3 key business areas - architecture, interior design and consultancy and recent months have seen useful progress in each of these areas. Architecture is booming with the handover of two major new builds in the past six months and the completion of a third at the end of October. Interiors secured a major term contract with South Lanarkshire Council in January and have moved into the area of health care in addition to their traditional (and growing) speciality areas of offices and education. Consultancy has focussed on education, with projects for various colleges and universities and the completion of a research project for the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) looking at the design of Social Learning Spaces.

#### BANFF & BUCHAN COLLEGE

The gradual development of an 'Outline Business Case' for submission to the Scottish Funding Council has moved forward, with various exercises working with the College to determine the size and nature of their teaching requirement in the future. haa design have been assisted in this by their 'research' projects for the SFC (looking at the impact of technology on learning and teaching spaces) and the JISC (looking at the design and management of technology-rich open plan spaces)



Banff & Buchan College

#### LINKS PLACE EDINBURGH

haa design have been working with J Smart & Co (Contractors) plc on the refurbishment of the public areas of Great Michael House and Links House at Links Place in Leith. This fit-out is now complete with a refurbished atrium, reception areas, lift lobbies and toilets to the two buildings.



Links Place, Edinburgh

#### TORUS BUILDING EAST KILBRIDE

haa design's new build sustainable office development for Speyroc was handed over in January and was met with good publicity and the immediate take-up of half its 20,000 sq.ft. lettable office space. The project is understood to be one of the first to secure a 'very good' BREEAM rating for speculative office space. To do this not only did the building require to meet its sustainability agenda but do so very economically, at the same time as addressing the issue of maximum flexibility. The project is now due to be featured in a forthcoming Forestry Commission book on the use of timber in architecture.

#### DUMBARTON ROAD



Dumbarton Road Entrance Foyer

Following hard on the heels of TORUS and undertaken also for Speyroc, the first phase of haa design's Dumbarton Road projects is now complete. Designed for a marginal office letting area, the development provides highly flexible, quality office space at an affordable rent. The project is one of the first office projects within the Clydebank Rebuilt regeneration project.

#### JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee)

Working with Les Watson, haa design have just completed an analysis of the 'Design and Management of Technology-rich open plan Learning & Teaching Spaces'. The exercise involved a questionnaire, interviews and visits to more than 25 institutions up and down the country and the completion of 6 case studies. The subject area involved a key aspect of a rapidly changing landscape in the make-up of higher and further education.



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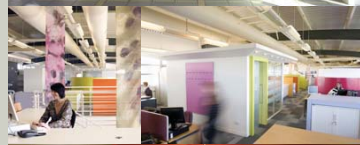
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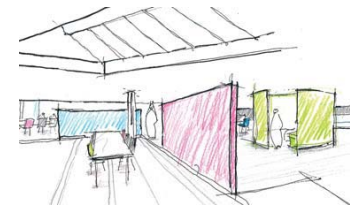
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### WEST LOTHIAN COLLEGE

West Lothian College (WLC) are gradually turning their campus, conceived under PFI and organised more like a business park, into something more attuned to stimulation and learning. Following **haa design's** successful reinvention of the College's Health & Beauty Department which conjured up a salon from some classrooms and corridors, **haa** undertook a rapid make-over of the Terrace Restaurant, turning it from a catering demonstration area into a stylish place to eat. This summer **haa design** fitted out the Student Development Centre, creating a reception / help desk, dealing with all aspects of Student Support, backed up by those admin departments immediately associated with student help.

### GOVAN WORKSPACE

**haa design**, in association with Sneddon Associates, is contributing its expertise in innovative, sustainable design, to the masterplan for a major commercial development in Govan. The site, adjacent to the Clyde tunnel, covers more than 5 acres of former industrial land, and will be transformed into high quality, flexible, and highly sustainable office and workshop space.

### 38 BATH STREET (FOR TOWN CENTRE SECURITIES plc)

Working with the client's managing agents, L&PM and a property stylist, **haa design** have been refurbishing and upgrading 20 serviced apartments to let in Glasgow's city centre, a rapid learning curve in soft furnishings and domestic detailing!

### WESTERLY DEVELOPMENTS

**haa design** have continued to be involved with Westerly Developments in various projects between Fort William and Oban. In Appin there have been proposals for an extension to the 3 houses now complete and looking like part of the village. In Oban we have been working on the conversion of an old convent into up-market flats.

### KPMG

The accountants and management consultants KPMG occupy a large portion of one of the floors of Edinburgh's Saltire Court (see **haa design** news August 06) which includes a balcony straddling the main entrance with dramatic views towards the Castle and Princes Street Gardens. As a follow-up to KPMG's boardroom upgrade **haa design** have modified the balcony to make it comfortable and safe for amongst other things, watching the festival fireworks. **haa design** are now working with KPMG on various areas of office reorganisation.

### LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY (LSBU)

Following their work looking at Social Learning Spaces, **haa design** were invited by LSBU to advise them on a rapid conversion of two floors of their Perry Library and their Learning Resource Centre into places for relaxed learning and social interaction

### ARUP SCOTLAND

**haa design's** upgrade and extension of Arup's Scotstoun House is coming into focus at last, with a detailed planning submission to Edinburgh City Council. The exercise has involved a juggling act between satisfying Historic Scotland and the Council on the restoration of a 1960's icon and meeting Arup's need for flexible and affordable modern office space. A tight programme now looks forward to contractor appointment early in the new year.

### KING STURGE

**haa design** have been working with King Sturge on the design of their new offices in 145 St Vincent St, understanding their corporate image and their changing position in the marketplace.

### UNIVERSITY of ST ANDREWS

**haa design** have been assisting the University in their development of the brief for various major new projects, including their new medical school, the re-development of their new library and the re-development of their Fife Park residential flats. This has involved both consultancy work and feasibility studies to see what is possible and desirable.



St Andrews University

### GHI OFFICE

GHI's new headquarter building in Bellshill is now nearing completion and looking good. At 1,800 m2 new build it is organised over 3 floors and will have taken 12 months from initial briefing to practical completion. The architecture team now hands over to the interior designers to complete the fit-out.

GHI Headquarters (Bellshill)



West Lothian College

### QUICKFIRE NEWS

The speed with which sustainability has managed to establish itself on both the building industry & political agenda has been surprising (although not before time). The difficulty now is one of showing that you can bring something genuinely new to the debate and not be seen as just jumping on the bandwagon. At **haa design** the principles of sustainability have been embedded in our approach to the issue of change, namely that it should be able to take place simply and without the wasteful and environmentally expensive need to constantly start anew.