DESIGN SERVICES

Kate McLaren Design Ltd (KMD) is committed to supporting your organisation through strategic change and performance improvement by delivering high quality, bespoke design solutions in your workplace environment.

Building close working relationships with Sponsors and Stakeholders based on mutual trust and knowledge sharing KMD provides professional services and advice at every phase of the project life cycle including the following key areas:

- Vision statement
- Support for organisational change
- Design led briefing
- Building occupation strategy
- Space planning
- Concept Scheme Detailed design
- Production information
- Furniture consultancy
- Post occupation evaluation

CASE STUDIES

Public Sector

East Thames – Provided furniture consultancy to a housing association supporting their cultural change programme and performance improvement initiative, relocating 700 people from poor quality office space to a 10,500m², £6m new office build. The new facility transformed the work place to flexible open-plan team areas and included customer 'shop fronts', children's play area, café and exhibition spaces.



Home Office – Interior Design Team Leader from the FBAFO stage through to project completion providing briefing, occupational strategy, space planning, interior design and furniture consultancy to the client organisation through the PFI contractor. The 55,000m², £30million (Cat B & C) new build accommodates 4,000 staff incorporates the highest levels of security and bespoke areas including Ministerial Suite, restaurant, cafes, press suite and a multi-function sports facilities.



Private Sector

Oliver Wyman – Project Director providing design leadership through briefing, interior design, furniture consultation and site monitoring to a management consultancy practice undertaking a merger of four separate companies whilst moving together to a new premises affecting circa 600 staff. The high end £6m fit-out was specified and implemented to '5 Star Hotel' standards.



Google – Project Director providing design leadership through briefing, space planning, interior design and furniture consultation to Google's new premises in Amsterdam. This 1,500sq m office was a combination of sales and engineering for 150 staff and was later expanded onto additional floors. The project was designed and delivered through remote communication with the client and contractor via weekly conference calls and electronic communications.



CLIENTS

UK

BBC, Capital One, East Thames, Fidelity International, Financial Compensation Scheme, Financial Ombudsman Service, Home Office, KBC Bank, King Sturge, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand High Commission, Ofsted, Oliver Wyman, Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication, Wragge & Co.

Europe

Google, Fidelity International, Swisscom

Asia Pacific

Clifford Chance, Dai Ichi Hotel, Royal Bank of Scotland, Bank of Scotland, Fuji Xerox, South African Consulate, Tony Roma's, Swenson's, Melbourne Central Shopping Mall, City Polytechnic Hong Kong

Delivery

KMD offers a bespoke and flexible approach to project delivery tailored to meet the unique requirements of each individual client. Depending upon the client's specific needs or preferences KMD can represent the client and end users at the critical interface with, for example, the developer or D&B contractor. Alternatively KMD can lead a multi-disciplined design team from needs recognition and strategic briefing through design development, production information, construction monitoring and completion.

Where a project embraces more complex issues such as, for example, organisational and cultural change or rebranding, KMD has access to a pool of specialist consultants. KMD can rapidly assemble an effective team of specialists to work in a collaborative manor. The team members have pre-existing relationships with KMD and are known to KMD as former colleagues or delivery partners on previous projects.

Personal Profile

Kate McLaren

Educated at Napier College, Edinburgh, Kate has 20 years experience of managing the delivery of interior design solutions to key clients in both the private and public sectors. Kate has extensive international experience through residencies in the developing economies of Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Australia and the UK. Kate's diverse multi-sector experience spans commercial office, professional services, legal, banking, restaurant, hotel, hospitality and retail.

For the ten year period 1998 – 2008 Kate was employed by DEGW an £8m turnover global workplace design consultancy recognised within the industry as a pioneer of 'new ways of working.' As Director of Interior Design Kate managed DEGW's interior design team of 22 staff generating a fee income of circa £2m/annum. Kate held responsibility for winning work and project managing jobs from initial client briefing, through space planning and production of concept and detail design and construction information. Kate held additional responsibility for developing and achieving the company business plan, ensuring staff utilisation, meeting financial targets and recruiting staff and developing the team's capability through coaching and mentoring.

In 2009 Kate established KMD Ltd

Links

Organisations that Kate McLaren Design values as partners and collaborators:

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