

Geldards' new office is the pride of Derby

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Edwards Geldard, one of the UK's leading regional commercial law practitioners, is the latest firm to commission Arenson Group and Harrison Associates to refurbish its offices.

Edward Geldard needed to relocate its entire 90 strong staff from its existing office in Derby city centre to a newly refurbished building in the city's Pride Park district. Arenson Group worked with the Nottingham branch of UK dealer Harrison Associates to carry out the refurbishment to a tight, carefully planned timescale. After a lead-time order period of eight weeks, the two companies worked quickly to install the furniture inside ten working days.

Edward Geldard's previous office consisted of two adjoining buildings. Here the law firm's staff – comprising partners, fee earners and support staff - worked from desks arranged in small cellular clusters. The layout did not facilitate easy communication between individual members of staff and - on a wider scale - different departments. The offices also limited the firm's ability to expand its operations and staffing.



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As a result, Edward Geldard decided to relocate to a single building, with a more open plan office layout. It was important that the new office made a more efficient use of space, while at the same time enhancing communications and operational efficiency.

Arenson Group and Harrisons provided ongoing consultative expertise to Edward Geldard on the configuration and installation of furniture over a 5-month period.

Working together, they produced a detailed refurbishment programme for the three floors of the 20,000 square foot office. The refit plan stipulated new seating, storage, desking and tables for the main office, the training rooms and conference rooms.

The law firm wanted a reduction in the amount of storage units housed within the new office in order to free up space. It recognised that

by using an open plan configuration in one building, it could maximise the creation of space to store paperwork locally. Edward Geldard required desks that took up as little space as possible and provided significant capacity to store a large amount of paperwork in or under the desk. Arenson Group's space efficient K range workstations suited Geldard's remit perfectly.

Under the deal, Arenson Group supplied desks with silver leg frames from its K range, along with its silver side opening tambour storage units. It also provided pedestals to enable the firm's partners to store more documentation under their desks. Edward Geldard's decision to incorporate flat screens for its support staff was an important factor in reducing the required size of the workstation. The law firm chose the K range not only for its space saving qualities but also because its shared components meant it was easy to install and cost effective.

David Williams, East Midlands Senior Partner at Edward Geldard, remarked: “The relocation to our newly refurbished offices is



generating three major benefits for the firm and its staff. The open plan configuration enables a greater degree of communication between support staff. Arenson Group furniture is ergonomically friendly, stylish and is perfect for the dynamics of team working. The new storage system has enabled us to streamline our administration and paperwork – creating a more efficient operational regime.”

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