

architecture

Capita Symonds is one of the largest architectural practices in the UK and includes urban designers, master planners, landscape architects and interior designers as a comprehensive design team.



Capita Symonds architects and designers bring innovation and flexibility to the creative process. Established teams, working to clear procedures, provide a balance between originality and productivity on projects of all sizes.

The adoption of a partnering approach to our relationships contributes greatly to having an in-depth understanding of our clients business and the capacity for us to exceed their expectations.

Each project is unique, each client's needs are specific, whether individual or institution. We utilise our nationwide presence and proven experience across a wide range of use sectors and specialisms to maximise the opportunity and create a special response that exceeds expectations both in performance and project. Today's successful projects should above all, provide their communities with new and valued places: spaces that are rich and varied; providing for the needs of today but not to the detriment of tomorrow. We produce functional, contemporary designs that improve people's lives, now and the future.

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successful people, projects and performance



Children's Centres, Blackburn

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council / Sure Start - Project value: £1m

Capita Symonds delivered a multidisciplinary service for multiple Sure Start Children's Centres through the Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council strategic partnership. Services included Architecture, Structural, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, Quantity Surveying, Cost Management, Landscape Design and Project Management services. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council was selected as the overall winner of The Guardian Newspaper 'Public Services Team Award for Children's Services 2004' and the overall 'Best Team Award'. The judges called the project "a clear winner demonstrating joined-up government at its best, linking 12 different agencies to improve services for children".



Lancashire Building Schools for the Future (BSF)

Catalyst Education - Project value: £250m

Capita Symonds is Catalyst Education's consortium partner for Lancashire County Council's flagship BSF programme. Capita Symonds expertise is being used in the delivery of the initial phases and associated projects and to advise and support new project approval and delivery. Capita Symonds provides partnering and education services, lead consultant for the design including Architecture, Landscape Design, Cost Management, Transport Infrastructure, Civil and Structural Engineering, Acoustics, Fire and DDA consultancy. The BSF programme will radically improve the quality of the schools estate in East Lancashire over the next 10 years.



Darwen Leisure Centre

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council - Project value: £12.7m

Capita Symonds was commissioned to replace the existing 1932 leisure centre with a new landmark structure. Conservation and/or re-use of some of the existing centre's architectural features are included in the design. Capita Symonds is providing Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Project Management, Mechanical & Electrical and Structural services. The Centre will be utilised by the public, sports clubs, local schools, the adjacent health centre and other community based groups. The scheme will include an 8-lane 25m pool, a smaller pool, a fitness gym, aerobics / exercise studio and a health suite.



Newfield Special Needs School, Blackburn

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council - Project value: £5m

The outline brief required the development of a new special school to replace the current buildings at a new location for the provision of national curriculum based education, to pupils aged between 2 and 19 designated as having Complex Learning Difficulties. The building design required a number of class bases, specialised teaching areas, therapy areas and ancillary accommodation, ICT, Induction Loop, Hydrotherapy Pool and Disabled access provision was required for all areas. The project utilised design workshops with attendance by all parties involved in the project; including the end-user, client, design team and contractor. Capita Symonds provided Architecture, Mechanical & Electrical, Landscape Architecture and Quantity Surveying services.



St Asaph OpTIC Centre, Denbighshire

Welsh Development Agency - Project value: £11m

The client brief called for a building capable of considerable flexibility and utilising 'Green' technology to achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating as a minimum. The final proposals included rainwater harvesting, passive ventilation in non-clean room spaces including the double height street atrium between the Incubator Units and Technology Centre and extensive use of photovoltaic walls to generate energy, which is the largest Copper Indium Diselenide (CIS) photovoltaic array in the world (2004) comprising 1000m² of panels. The project was named Sustainable Building of the Year at the 2005 Building Sustainability Awards.



Institute of Molecular Medicine and Cancer Research, Leeds

University of Leeds - Project value £15m

Capita Symonds provided Architectural services on the new 8,200m² institute which was constructed on the St James' University Hospital site in Leeds. The building accommodates world-leading research teams from seven disciplines in the field of molecular medicine, currently dispersed on several sites in the city. The 9-storey building features large open-plan laboratories to promote collaboration, interaction, and the interchange of ideas between scientists of different disciplines. The design adheres strictly to the JIF guidelines and as a result, offers an 'open-ended' solution with more than one option for change in the future, without compromising the present intended use of the building. The six floors of research and support accommodation follow a standard modular layout. This offers identical laboratory support, and office zones to retain flexibility in use and to allow for future developments and changes in practice.

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