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Synergy sees an influx of new recruits

Transformed building is proving popular

THE landmark Synergy Building in Sheffield's Cathedral Quarter is reaping the rewards of its recent multi-million pound transformation by developers Quintain Estates and Development, as Knight Frank move into the unique office building.

Agents on the scheme, Lambert Smith Hampton, have announced the letting of 3,200sq ft of prime office space to the Sheffield team of fellow property agents, Knight Frank.

Knight Frank has relocated to The Synergy Building, taking advantage of the recent investment into the refurbishment of the strategically located building.

With dual frontage onto Bank Street and Campo Lane, the 65,679sq ft The Synergy Building now benefits from attractive, new, contemporary entrances and upgraded reception areas along with improved access and restyled common areas.

In addition to the stylish interior, the building also benefits from 65 secure on site parking spaces, all contributing to its desirability as a prime city centre office location.

Quintain Estates and Development, who purchased The Synergy Building in the summer of 2005, are a London-based property investment and development company with an impressive investment and property portfolio of some £940M, spanning across a broad range of sectors including hotel, office, retail, healthcare and industrial.

The Synergy Building joins an extensive portfolio of nationwide regeneration projects which include the transformation of the 6.2million sq ft site surrounding the new Wembley Stadium.

Alasdair McGowan, Senior Asset Manager for Quintain Estates and Development says: "We are delighted with the success of the refurbishment of

The Synergy Building and this latest letting is testament to all that we have achieved and also to the commitment of our appointed agents.

"We saw clear potential in the building, namely due to its strategic location close to the prime retail pitch and also the variety of letting options a building of this magnitude presents to potential tenants.

"It is great to be welcoming Knight Frank to the scheme."

Peter Whiteley, Partner at Knight Frank, added: "The Synergy Building met all of our requirements for high quality office space in the traditional professional core of Sheffield City Centre. We are settling in to our new premises well."

Rob Darrington from Lambert Smith Hampton concludes: "We are already dealing with high levels of interest in the remaining space and anticipate welcoming additional tenants to this exciting building over the forthcoming months."



▲ New HQ: Rob Darrington (Lambert Smith Hampton), Jeremy Wilson (Knight Frank), Alasdair McGowan (Quintain Estates), David Aspland (Crossland Otter Hunt)

Work starts on top hotel

WORK has started on the latest arrival at Sheffield Business Park - a high-quality hotel and conference centre.

The 78-bedroom facility is being built by Aston Hotels, the UK's newest hotel group, on a 1.3 acre site adjacent to the Parkway and M1 at Junction 33. It is due to open next April.

The hotel is designed to cater for business travellers, with desks and wi-fi internet access in every room and seven conference rooms catering for up to 100 delegates.

Like many of its new neighbours, Aston Hotels selected Sheffield Business Park because of its strategic location - the chain serves commercial business centres across the UK.

For the business park, a high-

quality hotel is a welcome addition to an ever-increasing range of facilities available to occupiers. "Sheffield Business Park isn't just a place of work, it's a community as well," says man-

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ager Rebecca Wyatt. "We have a dry cleaning service on site, there's a walking group and we offer reflexology and other services."

Facilities include Kidz @ Work, one the country's most advanced nurseries providing around 7,000 sq ft of facilities for 120 children, a newsagents - complete with cash machine - and a Subway sandwich shop.

Rebecca also acts as a travel plan co-ordinator, working with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and Rotherham and Sheffield councils to encourage car sharing and to enhance the number of transport options available for all occupiers and visitors.

Recent developments at the business park - at 200 acres the region's largest - include an 8,600 sq ft headquarters for George Wimpey South Yorkshire and a 20,000 sq ft headquarters for SIG plc, the

European supplier of insulation, roofing and commercial interiors. Meanwhile another leading housebuilder has now doubled the size of its regional headquarters on the park's Europa Court complex.

Gleeson Regeneration, a division of the MJ Gleeson Group, took 4,000 sq ft of space at Europa Court last spring.

Now the company has leased the remaining space in the unit with the transfer of Gleeson Homes' operations from another site in the region.

And expanding high-tech company Fujitsu Siemens Computers IT Product Services Ltd has moved its Sheffield operations centre from the city centre to state-of-the-art premises on the development.

Wide range of units for business needs

AS well as offering modern, high specification office accommodation, Chesterfield Borough Council's property portfolio also includes a wide range of more traditional industrial units at numerous locations throughout the borough.

Calow Lane is one of Chesterfield Borough Council's longer standing developments.

At this convenient site on the edge of Chesterfield Town Centre and close to Hasland's pleasant village facilities, some leasehold units suitable for warehousing and light manufacturing are currently available.

The units range from 1290 - 2500 sqft and include three-phase electricity, single phase

lighting and roller shutter doors.

A number of well known companies have used Calow Lane as a springboard for major growth.

For example Polar Windows currently occupy three manufacturing and showroom units.

In addition, the authority also has 1250 - 1800 sq ft Units currently available in Staveley and Sheepbridge.

If the above properties are not suitable for you then why not call Claire Marriott on 01246 345 255 to ask for a copy of a free sites and premises guide which lists details of other industrial, office and retail premises in the borough both council and privately owned.



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