Paris Smith
LEGAL EXCELLENCE

Creating a warm and welcoming workplace for a large legal practice

Specification	
Client	Paris Smith Solicitors
Sector	Professional Offices
Size	20,000 sqft
Service	Design & Build
Duration	20 weeks
Location	Southampton

Paris Smith is a large regional law firm offering a full range of legal services across family, employment, property and corporate law. With their four-storey Southampton office in urgent need of an update, they approached AXIS House for a contemporary redesign that would encourage staff collaboration while providing professional meeting spaces for their clients. With hybrid working in mind, a key part of the brief was to create inviting spaces that would balance warmth with functionality. The Paris Smith team also set specific wellbeing and sustainability goals.

Their aim was to reduce waste, improve air quality and increase energy efficiency while creating a welcoming workplace filled with natural light.

We transformed Paris Smith's dark and uninspiring offices into a series of bright and inviting spaces optimised for wellbeing and collaboration. Glass-walled meeting rooms were positioned centrally to maximise natural light for the surrounding open-plan desk areas. And different working styles were accounted for with a mix of collaboration booths, focus pods and café-style breakout areas. We also incorporated tactile textures throughout the space such as wood panelling, wool-effect upholstery and lots of planting to aid wellbeing and to create a 'home-from-home' feel. The result for this busy law firm is an appealing, contemporary workplace that fosters staff collaboration while providing a warm welcome for visiting clients.

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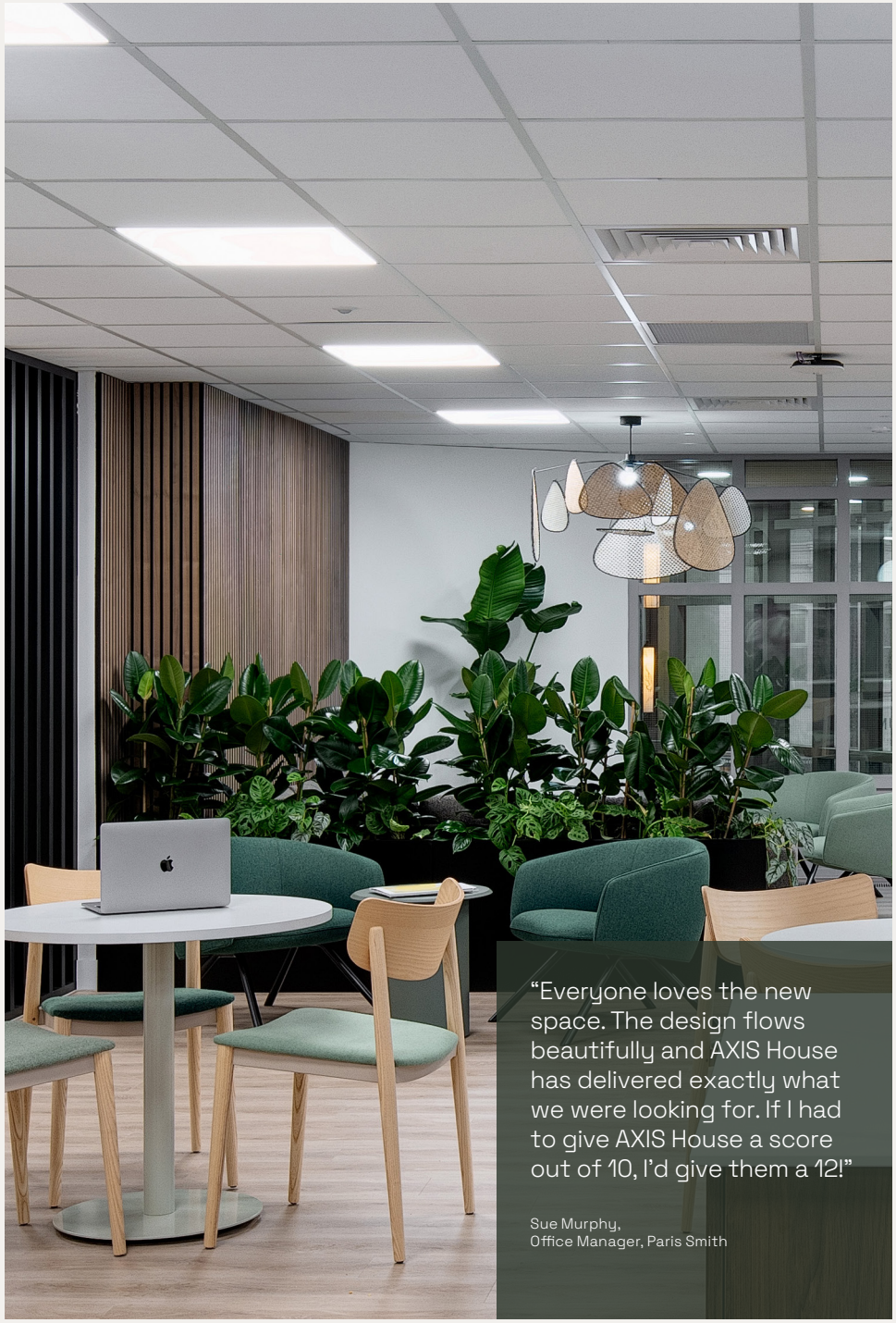
case study



"Everyone loves the new space. The design flows beautifully and AXIS House has delivered exactly what we were looking for. If I had to give AXIS House a score out of 10, I'd give them a 12!"

Sue Murphy,
Office Manager, Paris Smith