Austin·Smith:Lord

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT EXTENSION



LOCATION: LIVERPOOL

CLIENT: UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

VALUE: £6.5M

SIZE: 2700M² NEW BUILD, 1000M²

COMPLETION: SUMMER 2016

SERVICE: ARCHITECT, LANDSCAPE, INTERIORS

SECTOR: EDUCATION

LANDSCAPE: AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD

STRUCTURES: SUTCLIFFES

SERVICES: STEPHEN HUNT ASSOCIATES

COST CONSULTANT: YOUDAN BRIGGS LTD.

CDM COORDINATOR: RLF CONSTRUCTION & PROPERTY CONSULTANTS

BREEAM: WHITE YOUNG GREEN

ACOUSTICS: PDA LTD



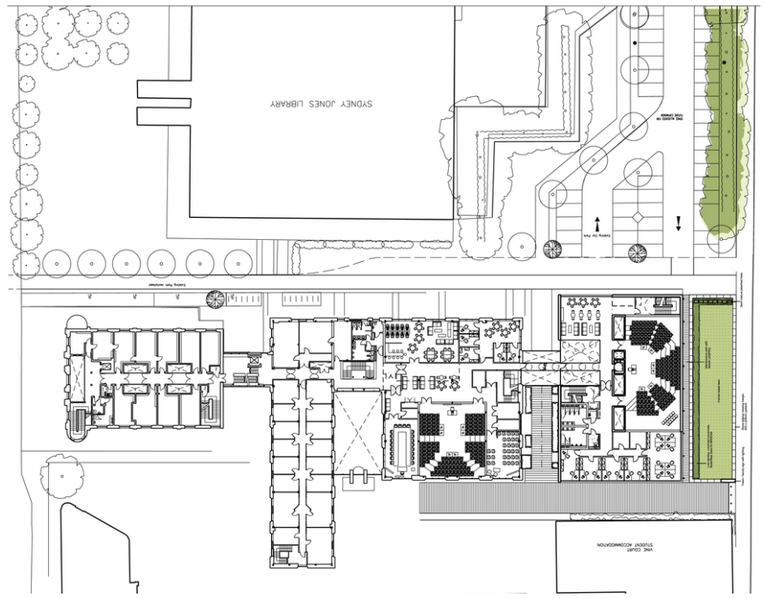
The Management School at the University of Liverpool is successful and highly regarded. Student numbers are increasing rapidly. To meet this demand, Austin-Smith:Lord were commissioned in October 2013 to develop the management school to accommodate 450 additional students by re-organising and extending the existing facilities.

The project vision was to embrace modern methods of teaching in a state-of-the-art new facility that encourages collaborative and social learning. The accommodation also includes a case pit for debate and discussion and a trading floor.

The new extension is a highly sustainable, BREEAM Excellent building.











The University of Liverpool campus is within the Knowledge Quarter of the city. It is a city centre campus in a gridded layout with Abercromby Square at its heart. The campus is characterised by formal blocks in a landscape of enclosed courtyards and green spaces. At the perimeters buildings are either built to the back of pavement such as around Abercromby Square, forming an urban space, or are set back from the street behind a formal landscaped zone creating a more generous campus environment such as Brett Building on Oxford Street.

The new extension is set back from Grove Street behind a formal landscaped zone consistent with the character of the campus. A green wall has been incorporated into the south west corner of the building at ground floor level to create a south facing courtyard.

The University has a distinguished architectural history. The best buildings on the campus are confident expressions of their age. The pieces form a coherent whole by respecting the context, the grain of the campus, scale and materiality. The vision for the extension as the third component in the evolution of the Management School was to modernise, raise the profile and rebrand to meet market expectations.

The location on Grove Street presents an opportunity to announce the Management School beyond the campus. To realise the Management School vision and to take its place in the campus lineage it is contemporary, high quality, aspirational, professional and distinctive.

The pavilion extension is linked by a double height glass box to the existing building. The scale and proportions of the cladding module pick up on the grain and verticality of Chatham House and the existing building. The cladding is subdivided vertically into floor zones and accommodation zones.

Joints are staggered between the zones. Windows are placed as required in the accommodation zone. Larger volumes such as the atrium are expressed by spanning windows across two accommodation zones and the floor zone, the floor in these areas will be set back from the glazing.

This structured and flexible approach enables the fenestration pattern to be determined by the needs of the spaces animating the simple pavilion form.