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## Planet completes work on new Moneypenny offices

Planet Partitioning is delighted to have recently completed works on the new Moneypenny Offices in Wrexham. Billed as the 'UK's happiest office' this new 91,000 sq ft building is now home to the telephone answering service; Moneypenny. Its fun and quirky interior, including an indoor treehouse; has already been featured on the BBC, in addition to numerous other news and blog sites.

Planet Partitioning's Leeds division worked closely with Main Contractor Pochin's on the eccentric interior, designed by AEW Architects in Manchester.

AEW Architects were commissioned by Moneypenny to take the budget of a standard new build and



'rip up the rulebook' to create an office that inspires and entertains its occupants. AEW achieved this by creating a large office that offered both the high acoustic insulation needed for the telephone operators and a large social atrium for relaxation and meetings. The £15 million space that consists of two three-storey wings, adjoining a 17m high central atrium, includes a treehouse, a pub and a sun terrace with a dunk pond and nature trails surrounding the building.

Planet won the project after impressing AEW Architects with cost effective and stylish products. Having originally suggested the FireTec range of fire rated doors, the client favoured the look and feel of FireStop in an oak finish to complement the earthy tones

and playful 'outdoors' theme of the office design. The FireStop door range are Planet's robust fire doors and can achieve up to 60/60 fire rating, making them perfect for corridors and lobbies.

For the meeting rooms and office partitioning Planet's glass slimline partitioning, Planet 20 and full height glass swing doors were used to maximise the light and airy feel of both the office and atrium areas.

Philip Hepworth, associate at AEW, said: "This has really been a dream commission for AEW Architects and a real honour to work with such an exciting, forward-thinking company such as Moneypenny. The opportunity to create a bespoke office of this magnitude on such a beautiful site, where the brief was to ignore the norm and create a space that inspires, is rare. We really hope that the design helps the company continue to excel and inspire the staff to enjoy working there."

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