## Case Study

Office



## **ST Aldates Chambers**

## Facts about the project

St Aldates Chambers, Oxford, United Kingdom

Architect: Frankham Consultancy Group Ltc

Contractor: Level Best Solutions Ltd

Project size: 40 No Rafts

Products: Ecophon Solo

As part of a substantial internal refurbishment that encompassed multiple phases, Saint-Gobain Ecophon's Solo™ acoustic ceiling rafts were installed in the customer services area on the ground floor of the St Aldates Chambers in Oxford.

The 1930s building, which houses services for Oxford City Council, was becoming increasingly tired and run down and as part of the local authority's rationalization of office space, the building was refurbished to house more staff.

Ecophon worked closely with Frankham Consultancy Group Ltd to come up with an acoustic solution for the reception and waiting areas. Some 40 of Ecophon's Solo acoustic ceiling rafts in a variety of shapes, including ellipses, circles and rectangles, were installed.

As an open plan area with lots of noise created by people chatting and coming and going, coupled with high ceilings, it was important acoustic treatment was included as part of the design brief. There was also a requirement to hide services which the 'floating' ceiling rafts are ideally suited for, yet still allow access for maintenance.

The rafts have helped to create a quieter and more comfortable environment for the public and office workers by reducing the level of background noise.





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