



eFIG Awards 2007



Design and Installation
Less than £5,000.00



Silver Leaf

Winner:
Project:

Urban Planters Oxford
Ridge, Woodstock

Ridge is the leading design company in Oxfordshire and has experienced rapid growth in the past few years. The company welcomes important visitors from all over the country to this facility which is a very successful and tasteful barn conversion on the Blenheim Estate just outside Woodstock.

The conversion comprises five former adjoining farm buildings constructed of period Cotswold stone and tile in a lovely rural setting. The brief from the client was to round off the fit-out with a particular emphasis on linking the separate elements of the complex. The design had to meet with the stringent high standards of this market-leading design company which meant that our materials selection was closely monitored. This led to selection of the stylish brushed stainless steel containers combined with adventurous and varied planting. The building has a traditional feel, yet the Client was anxious to achieve a 'cutting edge in their field' aesthetic and so it was felt that a metal container combined with stylish planting would be appropriate and in keeping with this philosophy. All displays have a bespoke irrigation system consisting of patented polystyrene reservoir with capillary matting wicks and cover and accessed by filling and level-indicator tubes fastened into the polystyrene. We always use branched plant material for greater impact in our installations and where the light levels permit, we like to use unusual plant material. The planting for this Client was carried out at our

Reading premises and held off site for about a week prior to an out of hours installation before the offices opened for the first time.

Substrate is a 50% peat-reduced product with the other half of the material made up from forest bark waste from commercial timber extraction. Slight shrinkage of this product in the warm office environment takes place over a period of time and we have removed and sieved the top dressing, topped up the substrate and re-applied top dressing once in the last year on this site. The top dressing is a tumbled grey marble shingle passed over a 12mm screen which removes all dust and delivers a classy finish to the displays. See attached information for relevant Risk Assessments and COSHH and Method Statements for the site and also Training and Safety Certificates held by our staff. We hold an Environment Agency Waste Management Exemption and Certificate for recycling and composting of Green Waste generated from our Client sites, which is spread back onto our own farmland rather than going into landfill.



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