



eFIG Awards 2007



Design and Installation
£10,000.00—50,000.00



Gold Leaf

Winner:
Project:

Urban Planters Leeds/Bradford
Woodford Group, Preston

Urban Planters Leeds/Bradford were approached by an interior designer who was appointed to provide internal layouts, colour and texture schemes for Woodford Group. Woodford HQ is a very modern glass fronted 4 storey high construction. There is a central core to the building, which houses the reception area on each floor and a break out area and a bistro on the first floor. The top floor houses the executive offices, board room and hospitality suites. Either side of the central core, are two wings dedicated to the workspaces.

Urban Planters had to be aware that whilst there was an abundance of natural light there was also strong direct sunlight in some locations and a re-circulating heating system made the building warmer than average.

Plant selection

Two 2.5m high Phoenix roebelenii, planted in 60dia x 50cm high flagstone crackle pots with a chunky 25mm black and white stone top dressed greet the visitors. In other reception areas Dracaena deremensis 'Compacta' 1.8m high overall, in 55 dia x 75cm high hammered aluminium pots were positioned to complement the plasma screens and lead the visitor to the work spaces in either wing of the building. The break out area that is visible from the first and second floor reception has striking Dracaena reflexa 'Song of India' with a braided stem and the two Podocarpus all planted in Safari Crackle pots. The snug—a peaceful area for staff to unwind brings a certain feel of a

Gentleman's Club with high backed brown leather armchairs. Lechuza 'choco' colour container planted with a graceful 5 stem Howea forsteriana giving an overall display height of 1.8m were positioned in here.

Installation

In view of the size of some of the plants and containers we decided to have the delivery, from Ki Plant Holland, made direct to site. With the permission of Woodford Group all plants and containers were transported into a large unoccupied ground floor office that became a potting-up room. All live plants were unwrapped and inspected on arrival. No physical damage or pest and diseases were identified. The plants were then planted into their containers which were fitted with Urban Planters' self-watering system. The plants were bedded firmly into the compost and transported to the final position. Once correctly orientated the plants were watered, cleaned and the pre-washed top dress added. The containers were then cleaned and surroundings checked for any debris.



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