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#### **EDWARD WILLIAMS ARCHITECTS**

## Deal signed to complete the Midland Met, promising the local community that the much needed hospital will be completed in 2022

The Midland Metropolitan University Hospital brings together acute healthcare services for the population of Sandwell and West Birmingham onto a single site in Smethwick, providing state of the art clinical facilities and equipment, serving over 600,000 people.

Signing the contract was Richard Samuda, Chairman of Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, and Chief Executive, Toby Lewis, who lead the organisation that will run the new facility, and Dean Banks, Balfour Beatty UK Chief Executive whose company won the bid, and has been working on an early works contract on the emerging building for the past year.

Edward Williams, Managing Director of Edward Williams Architects said: "we are so pleased that this innovative and unique design will be completed to allow the Trust and the people of Sandwell and West Birmingham to benefit from the new hospital and that it can support the creation of stronger, healthier communities and wider regeneration of the area."

Read more here.



The Midland Metropolitan University Hospital's winter garden

## Cundall wins Structural Engineering Award for our Offices in Paddington

The Institution of Structural Engineer's Structural Awards have been awarded for the structural design of buildings and infrastructure since 1968. The awards were re-organised in 2006 to include ten categories and the Supreme Award for structural engineering excellence, the highest award a structural project can win.

We are delighted that Cundall, structural engineers, won an Institution of Structural Engineers' award, the Small Project category, for the Offices in Paddington. It was a pleasure for us to work with Cundall on this project that we are all very proud of.

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# Structural Engineering Awards 2019

Winner - Small project

The award - detail

#### "Edward Williams Architects Converts Historic Mews to London Workplace" Architectural Record

"...To adapt the structure for its new use, the architect worked with the client, a family-owned fund that invests in sustainable agriculture and forestry, to develop a fittingly carbon-neutral office. "We talked a lot about the image they wanted to project," says Williams.

Taking cues from the ethos of the business, many of the construction materials are locally sourced or recycled and have minimal finishes..."

Read the article at this link.



Offices in Paddington, London, UK

### Research: Urban Land Institute Life Science & Healthcare Forum kicks off

Laura has been asked to join the committee of the newly formed UK ULI Life Science & Healthcare Forum. She hopes to bring interesting input from the US as she is also a member of the US ULI Healthcare and Life Science Council.

The UK ULI Life Science & Healthcare Forum was inaugurated last month at the Amsterdam ULI European Conference. The day session was hosted by Kadans and followed by a panel discussion. The short session received strong interest from individuals in the property industry, but also highlighted how little science occupiers are engaged with property professionals. The parallels between early tech property space attitudes and scientists property space attitudes are quite telling. Science above all else, comes first. The Forum is cochaired by Martin Field and Ryan Matenchuk.

The Forum's next ULI Council day is planned for May 2020 at the Francis Crick Institute in London. This first-rate research initiative sees over 1,200 scientists working collaboratively with over 10 Nobel prize winning scientists within the building on any given day. The centre delivers more than science by inspiring the next generation of scientists. The Forum is honoured to be hosting our Council day in such a cathedral of science. Read more here.



The new ULI Life Science and Healthcare Forum visiting Kadans

## Virtual Reality Masterclass - Midland Metropolitan University Hospital

We demonstrated our fully detailed (level 2) BIM model of the newly renamed Midland Metropolitan University Hospital by using it in a virtual reality tour at the ceremony to mark the restart of the works on site. For many this was their first experience of this technology and the impressive advances technically now make this a quick and easily accessible way to engage end users in the dynamic process of design; controls are familiar to gamers and easy to get used to for the rest of us. Midland Met will also use this technology to allow the large number of staff to become familiar with the building without the disruption, time and safety issues associated with bringing thousands of people on site tours.

We used the latest headset from HTC, the VIVE Cosmos, along with Enscape gaming software.



Temporary tent for the Showcase event, Smethwick, Birmingham, UK

## "Ask the Architect: Laura Carrara-Cagni" Architects Datafile/Building Construction Design

"Laura Carrara-Cagni of Edward Williams Architects answers ADF's questions about the things that drive her, personally and professionally."

Read the interview at this link or download the PDF from the printed magazine here.



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