

## Manchester Town Hall Extension

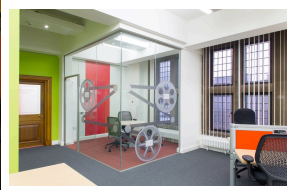
**Customer:**  
Manchester Town Hall

**Location:**  
Manchester

**Architect:**  
Ian Simpson

**Contractor:**  
Laing O'Rourke

**Product:**  
Polar Single Glazed,  
Polar Double Glazed



### The Background:

Historical landmark brought into the 21st century with Komfort. An intelligent fusion of old and new has created a stunning working environment in this grade I listed building in Manchester.

### The Building:

The Manchester Town Hall complex is a series of three buildings made up of iconic structures of international architectural significance and exceptional craftsmanship.

### The Brief in Brief:

The project benefited from a 'One Team', collaborative approach, with all parties

including Manchester City Council, main contractor, Laing O'Rourke and architects, Ian Simpson Architects working from a shared office and committed to shared goals, including specific regeneration and sustainability objectives.

All of the team members were chosen for their quality, ability, understanding and experience of working within a collaborative environment. Komfort worked together with the architects and the main contractor to address the design challenges of maintaining the architectural integrity of the beautiful 8-storey building whilst enhancing it for current and future use by various growing municipal departments.

### Komfort's Solution:

Komfort's intelligent space approach was applied throughout this integrated solution. Specialist architectural glazing, frameless single and double glazed partitioning, along with fire screens and doors were used to renovate a historic landmark building in Manchester which increased the useable office floor space by 17%.

Komfort designed, supplied and installed a specialist bespoke integrated solution, comprising architectural glazing, frameless single glazed and double glazed partitioning and firescreens. Doors were of timber and glass – including automatic doors – and a bespoke timber door frame was fitted to the back of a large heritage oak framed door to seamlessly integrate with the bespoke single glazed solution. Whilst always being sensitive to the building's architectural features, the transformation increased the useable floor space by 17%; this resulted in cost savings through a reduced need for leasing office space elsewhere in the city.

### The End Result:

The Manchester Town Hall Complex Transformation Project has won the 2014 British Council for Offices Northern Awards Refurbished/Recycled Workplace Award, RICS North West Awards Building Conservation Award and the North West Regional Construction Awards: Sustainability Award, Regional Project of the Year Award and was also highly commended in the Project of the Year Award category. It has also been named Public Sector Project of the Year 2014 by the Forum for the Built Environment.

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