

# A Kaydee Case Study

Colmore Plaza, Birmingham





### The Situation

Colmore Plaza is a stunning 14-storey, landmark building located in the prime business district of the city of Birmingham. The site originally housed the former Birmingham Post & Mail Tower and, on completion in 2006, was named as the most valuable piece of real estate in Birmingham.

Rivalling the most prestigious buildings in the City of London and Canary Wharf, Colmore Plaza not only offers superb facilities for its occupants but - importantly - is one of the highest profile addresses available in Birmingham today. Everything about Colmore Plaza shouts style and quality, including the stunning hotel-like reception where visitors and guests check in and are directed to the automated pedestrian turnstiles leading to high-tech intelligent lifts.

### The Challenge

Kaydee Blinds was originally called in by Seymour Harris Architects in Birmingham to advise on the supply and fitting of blinds to this impressive building. The brief was to recommend a blind system and fabric which reflected the prestigious nature of the building, focusing on ease of operation and the provision of full reduction of solar glare as well as providing a suitable level of dimout for the conference areas on the upper floors.

### The Solution

The solution proposed was the Kaydee Mechoshade roller blind with closure and mount and with Thermoveil 0900 and Eurotwill 6000 fabrics.

The Mechoshade was chosen for its style, ease of operation and its substantial build quality reflecting the concept of the initial build. The blinds are fitted into a ceiling pocket which hides the mechanism and a professional finish is achieved with a bespoke closure to complete the concealment and to maintain the high level of finish.

The fabrics selected were extensively tested to provide a relaxed and comfortable work environment. The Eurotwill 6000 fabric has a 3% openness factor but has a light diffusing weave to ensure an environment filled with natural light and yet with a complete reduction in solar glare. The Thermoveil 0900 has a 0-1% openness factor providing perfect lighting conditions for the conference rooms where audio-visual equipment is in frequent use.

*"The installation was very professional and completed on time to a very high standard. The offices were left clean and tidy ready for immediate occupation"*

Mick Harvey of Bowmer and Kirkland

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