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KI FURNITURE CREATES FLEXIBLE WORKSPACE AT PARAMOUNT

KI has helped film production giant Paramount Pictures create an agile, flexible new workspace at their new UK headquarters.

Drenched in natural light, the offices give staff and visitors views over the adjacent green space and lake, as well as sweeping views across London. Spread across two floors at Chiswick Park, the offices also accommodate the team of Paramount subsidiary, United International Pictures.

Working alongside office furniture supplier Rapid Office, Paramount Pictures selected KI's UK-designed and manufactured workstations, tables, storage, workwalls and breakout screening, enhanced by a palette of 12 colours from Camira's Lucia fabric range. The vibrant combination of blues, purples, greens and beige has been used to differentiate departments.

Mark Furnston, Facilities Manager at Paramount Pictures UK commented: "The nature of film releases creates an unusual, dynamic way of working at Paramount Pictures. This raises a number of interesting challenges

for our workplace strategy - traditional space planning, power supply and furniture design had to be reassessed in order to facilitate this hybrid of fixed and highly reconfigurable office landscapes. Working together with Rapid Office and KI, we were able to achieve our vision for a modern office, fit for purpose and on brand. In addition to looking great, the new offices enhance our team's wellbeing, which is important for our employer branding, both now and into the future."

Desks were specified in a combination of retrofittable fixed height and powered sit-stand versions, allowing Paramount to upgrade extra desks in situ, to full sit-stand capability over time. Some have been fitted with returns, and KI's 800 Series mobile pedestals have been specified to provide personal storage in the agile environment. Executive office areas feature workwalls with overhead storage, 800 Series pedestals and cupboards, and Work2 Sit-Stand desks with modesty panels. Finished in dark walnut and white, these spaces are elegant and complement the views over nature outside the generous glazed exterior of the building.

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