

**Project Location**  
Levels 6-8  
151 Pirie Street  
Adelaide

**Client**  
KPMG:  
Belinda Powell  
Peter Siebels

**Design**  
Woodhead:  
Angelo Di Marco  
Simon Dodd  
Sandra Kuchel  
Adam Hebbard  
Louise Talbot  
Annette Convery

**Schiavello SA Systems**  
Grant Digance  
Tony Sedgman  
Rick McCleave

**Area**  
3850 m<sup>2</sup>

**Products**  
i.box (custom-made floor to ceiling), QED workstations, System 45 perforated/glazed panels, powder coated MDF and metal storage, custom-made laptop and storage shelves.



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1\_Full-height i.box used for office fronts, specially adapted to meet the client's brief.  
2+3\_QED workstations with System 45 perforated/glazed panels, special lap-top shelves, custom-made powder coated MDF and metal storage.

# INVESTING IN INTEGRITY

The sepia palette, banksia imagery and luminous warmth of Adelaide's KPMG headquarters define the new premises as distinctly South Australian. With sweeping views of the Adelaide Hills to the East and the city skyline to the North, employees enjoy what Angelo Di Marco (Principal at Woodhead) describes as, 'a fundamental access to natural light and views, with colours, materials and finishes highlighting local influences, with reference to KPMG's aligned businesses such as resources and wine industries.'

\_For KPMG, a leading audit, tax and advisory firm, the move to 151 Pirie Street was significant in itself. The newly constructed building is well known for its environmental sustainability, boasting 4.5 and 4 stars respectively from the Australian Building Greenhouse Rating scheme, and the Green Building Council of Australia. As Peter Siebels, (KPMG Chairman of Partners South Australia) describes: 'We have set out to refresh KPMG. We need to be a bolder firm, so this move has been a very physical demonstration of continuous improvement.'

\_For its 240 employees, it was important for KPMG to convey the firm's values and brand attributes into the built environment, and to allow communal ownership of the space. 'A rigorous consultation process was undertaken engaging KPMG's people to collectively develop and reach solutions' (Angelo Di Marco). KPMG's Facilities Manager Belinda Powell states, 'In line with the KPMG values, we wanted the business to demonstrate it was open with communication

through transparency and the encouragement of team work.'

\_Enhancing KPMG's transparent, light-filled culture was the utilisation of Schiavello's i.box glazed partition system. Schiavello's SA Systems Furniture team specially developed the full-height i.box system with the expertise of Schiavello's Research and Development division. Workstation and storage solutions were selected from the Schiavello range for not only their unique design statement and usability, but also their sustainability features. QED desking, System 45 panels, tambour cupboards and custom-made storage shelves were designed and manufactured to suit the architect and client's needs. 'Using the 120-degree workstations with low height screens in an irregular layout created visual openness, encouraging contact between staff, and maximisation of light' (Belinda Powell). The MDF powder coat technology with E0 board (on work surfaces) is proven to drastically reduce toxic emissions, materials and life cycle impact. The durability and adaptability of Schiavello's systems furniture also means fewer replacements and flexibility of workstation arrangements. \_Angelo Di Marco comments on Schiavello's performance: 'From sourcing locally available materials to designing to maximise long-term flexibility and reusability the team worked from sound green building practices to develop solutions that were cost-effective and commercially manageable.'