



Dyson Headquarters

by WilkinsonEyre

At the time that WilkinsonEyre was invited to design this new factory and headquarters building, Dyson was one of the fastest growing companies in the UK. The new development therefore needed to embrace an extensive range of uses and be built and occupied in a rolling programme. Our masterplan for the overall site optimised the layout of a range of functions whilst incorporating flexibility for future expansion.

Our design created an exciting yet economical space with an undulating wave form roof which 'floats' above the trees, disguising the bulk of the factory. The architecture is derived from a clear expression of the structure and a limited palette of materials, and is designed as repetitions of a standard module. New and existing buildings on the site are linked by an exciting crystalline cube, distinguished by a lightweight canopy, which contrasts with the 'sheds' either side and draws in approaching visitors.



Details

Location: Malmesbury, UK
Client: Dyson Ltd
Architect: WilkinsonEyre
Structural Engineer: Anthony Hunt Associates
Main Contractor: Kier Western
Site area: 22,500m²/242,188ft² new build,
10,000m²/107,639ft² refurbishment
Value: £23m
Completed: August 1999

Awards

Civic Trust Award Commendation 1999
Royal Fine Art Commission Trust/BSkyB
Building of the Year Award
Commendation 1999