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Exclusive Gallery to House the Office and Collection of Rare Sports Cars

A private client with a passion for cars commissioned SHH Architects and Interior Designers to custom-build an exclusive gallery space and executive office to house a unique storage collection of historic racecars.

The new build, based on a beautiful scenic plot in Hampshire, has been designed to showcase a collection of over 30 cars discovered and acquired with the assistance of broker Duncan Hamilton and Co. Ltd. The design concept requires one space for the currently 'scattered' collection to come together in a state of the art facility, as well as an executive office space and showroom for Duncan Hamilton & Co Ltd to operate and broker their vintage cars.

The challenge for SHH Architects was to design a modern and technical multi-use space that supports a working business on one side and a private space on the other. The Hamilton business requires a pristine showroom and sales space, but also office, garage, workshop and parts storage to operate their well-known and long established classic car business. The private collection space must be flexible to allow for presentations and events to be held in amongst the collection of beautiful cars.

Design Approach

While the site is an idyllic setting, it also sits within a flood plain. Steps were taken to implement numerous flood defense measures including lifting the building footprint. The scheme is also on target to reach a high BREEAM rating for environmentally friendly development.

The rural nature of the site inspired the concept and SHH created a design where each garage/showroom is a modern representation of a traditional black form barn. Linked by a modern glazed office, adding colourful panels adds a vibrant composition against the stunning countryside backdrop. The barns are staggered to form a barrier and dynamic curve creating a public courtyard for visitors to the front, and a private 'back of house' courtyard to the rear for staff parking and deliveries. The barns are clad in ply and timber battens that are stained black, contrasting against the thin-framed glazed elements and automotive painted rain-screen of the office.

The interiors of the garage showroom areas form a neutral backdrop to the colourful and glossy cars, as the design team was conscious to let the 'cars be the stars'. The interiors of the office are simple and clean to support the open glass effect and support the stunning views. The space is elegant and flexible to work as a showroom and event space when required.

SHH Design Responsibilities

Sketch Design, Detailed design, Planning, Technical Design, Contract Administration, Site Operations, BREEAM input, selected bespoke furniture.

Size of space:
Office 162m²
Duncan Hamilton Unit 1,147m²
Private Collection Unit 1,186m²

Completion Date: **August 2016**

Suppliers:

Mechanical & Electrical Engineers: ME7
Structural Engineers: Engineers HRW
Cost Consultants: MDA Consulting
Main Contractor: Mica Projects
Services Subcontractor: Star Services
Cladding Subcontractor: Weathertite
Hard Landscaping: JRM Engineering

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Notes to Editors:

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