

### Whittle Laboratory - Interior Fit Out, Cambridge



Client:  
**Whittle Laboratory**

Main Contractor:  
**SDC**

Contract Value:  
**£300,000**

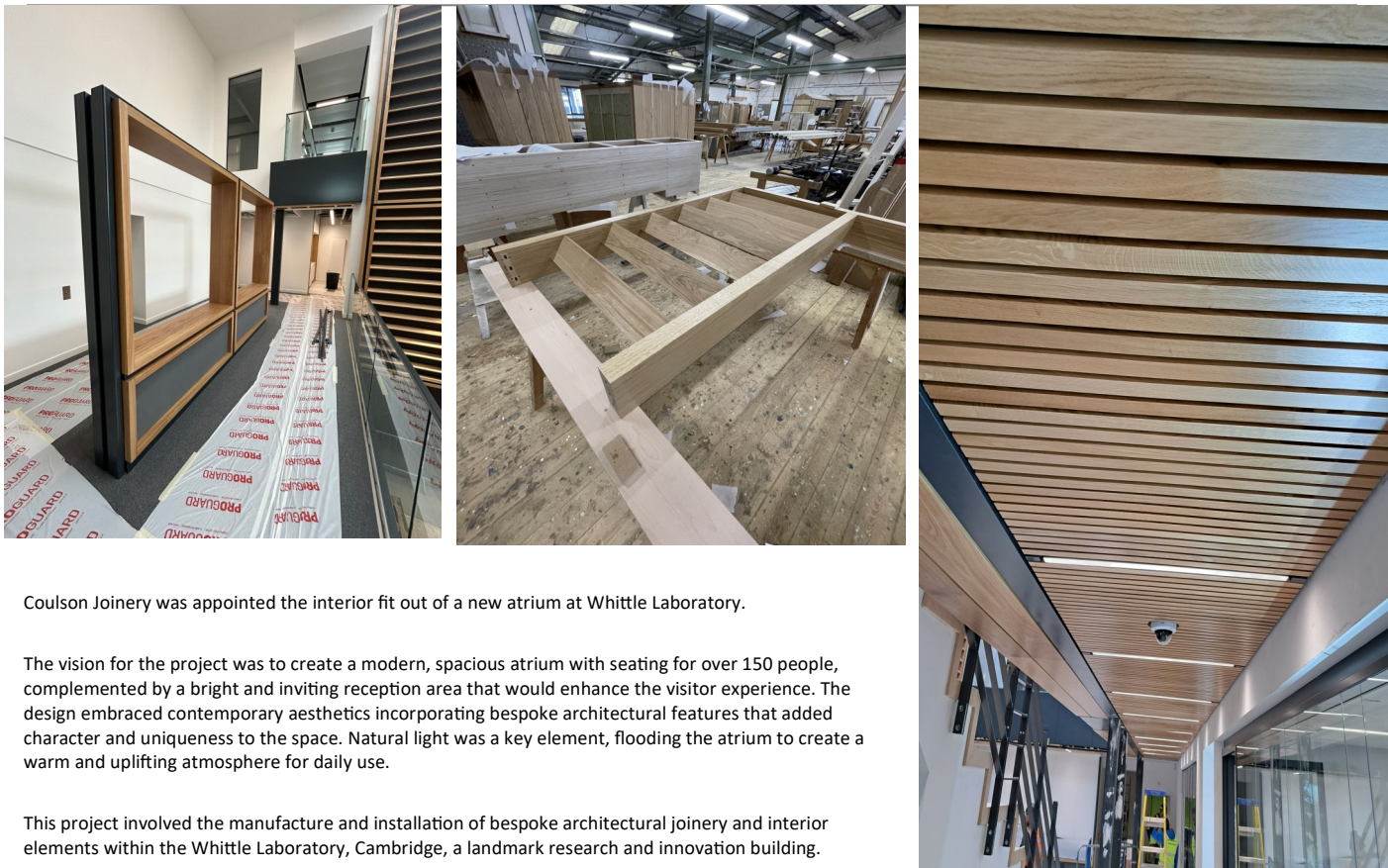
Construction Period:  
**Start: 29th August 2024**  
**Completion: 1st August 2025**

Contract Period:  
**52 weeks**

Brief Description:  
**Phased delivery of the new Atrium screening along with new planters, lift veils, kitchen adaptations, handrails and ceiling panels.**



# Project Description



Coulson Joinery was appointed the interior fit out of a new atrium at Whittle Laboratory.

The vision for the project was to create a modern, spacious atrium with seating for over 150 people, complemented by a bright and inviting reception area that would enhance the visitor experience. The design embraced contemporary aesthetics incorporating bespoke architectural features that added character and uniqueness to the space. Natural light was a key element, flooding the atrium to create a warm and uplifting atmosphere for daily use.

This project involved the manufacture and installation of bespoke architectural joinery and interior elements within the Whittle Laboratory, Cambridge, a landmark research and innovation building.

Working under SDC as main contractor, the scope focused on delivering large-scale timber features, integrated acoustic solutions, and coordinated metalwork within a dramatic open reception space approximately 12 metres high, alongside lift foyers and circulation areas.

All joinery elements were manufactured with a high level of precision, with particular attention to:

- Consistency of oak colour and grain
  - Accurate setting out across large-scale installations
- Integration between timber, aluminium, and acoustic components

Installation was carried out in close coordination with SDC, ensuring:

- Safe working at height
  - Sequencing aligned with the wider construction programme
  - Protection of finished surfaces
- Compliance with site safety and quality standards

The completed works deliver:

- A visually striking and cohesive reception environment
  - Successful integration of large-scale oak joinery within a modern research building
  - Improved acoustic performance in a tall, open space
- Durable, high-quality finishes suitable for intensive use

The project demonstrates the ability to deliver complex architectural joinery at scale, working closely with a main contractor on a technically demanding building.

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