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New Head Office for easyJet

Office Design and Fit-Out specialist Area Sq have been awarded the £3.1 million refurbishment project for easyJet's new Head Office in Luton. easyJet is consolidating its existing premises into one following the company's rapid expansion, and will be relocating to "Hangar 89" at the end of 2006.

H89 is one of the largest cantilever structures of its type in the UK; in addition to over 50,000 sq ft of office space, H89 can house three Airbus 319s/Boeing 737s at any one time.

easyJet's brief to Area Sq was to convert the 1970's hangar into an office environment reflecting the culture and ethos of the company, on a low-cost budget and challenging timescales. This will be achieved by creating large open-plan areas, without a single cellular office, combined with a strong corporate identity. The outside cladding will be painted orange, giving the 'low-cost' airline visibility, even from the air.

Included in the management challenge for Area Sq is to ensure the fit-out project takes into considerations such areas as landside/airside security and the ongoing requirements of the airside hangar maintenance operations.

The internal construction works will commence at the end of April, and will have to be coordinated with the external cladding contract to ensure the building remains watertight during the key fit out stages.

Huw Thomas, Head of Property at easyJet says: 'we appointed Area Sq on the basis that they understood the easyJet culture and were able to deliver a cost-effective solution. Consolidating our premises also means savings to the business, which ultimately will be passed on to the consumer.'

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Notes to Editors

Launched in January 2000 by Clive Lucking, Nigel Hudson and James Cornwell, Area Sq specialises in the design, project management, space planning, fitting out, refurbishment and furnishing of commercial office interiors. Area Sq is based in Egham, Surrey and Central London and undertakes projects of 5000 sq ft up to 100,000 sq ft throughout the UK.

Area Sq clients include Reed Elsevier, BAA, easyJet, Sungard, Cendant, Microsoft, Thomson Wealth Management, Epson, Budgens, TATA, Pharmion, Infosys and Capita.

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