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Project Overview

After being appointed by Sir Robert McAlpine following an early consultation, Bennett Architectural installed Kawneer's AA100 and AA110 curtain walling, and AA720 windows into Manchester's world class research facility: Citylabs 2.0.

Close collaboration with our supply chain throughout this project rendered us capable of creating a solar shade solution resembling interlocking shapes of varying sizes that was integral to the glass.

The 92,000 sq. ft. facility was designed by architect Sheppard Robson and is situated directly opposite the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Construction of the building continued throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, subject to the government's advice on safe practice, and is now occupied by the life sciences firm Qiagen.

The £25m project was developed by Manchester Science Partnerships and Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust for companies operating in the medtech, genomics and precision medicine sectors, among others.

The project reached completion in July 2020, with Citylabs 4.0 receiving permission earlier in the year.

Client:

Bruntwood

Main Contractor:

Sir Robert McAlpine

Architect:

Sheppard Robson

Programme Dates:

May 2019 – July 2020

Bennett Architectural Team:

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Form of Contract:

JCT 2011 DB SC + modifications