

Marshalsea Courtyards

Client: Montvelan
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Address: Merchants Quay Dublin 8

The courtyards at Marshalsea are designed to harness the many benefits of greenery in urban and office environments. The contribution of natural flora to physical and mental wellbeing is a much-studied area, the findings of which have indicated numerous reasons why well-designed outdoor spaces are so advantageous in modern workplaces. These benefits include among many others an increased ability to concentrate, reduced stress, moderation of actual and perceived temperature, higher workplace satisfaction and improved air quality.

The recent refurbishments at Marshalsea have been cognisant of these findings from concept design through to delivery, ensuring at a minimum that the courtyards are verdantly green spaces, both comfortable to inhabit and attractive to look upon from interior offices. The entrance courtyard in particular is an arrival space that offers a welcome contrast to the hustle and bustle of Merchants Quay. Its lush greenery features a range of colours and textures that stand out against the warm but muted colour tones of walls and paving, attracting your attention and instantly removing you from the loud urban environment outside.

The interior courtyards continue this theme and provide lush and quiet enclaves within the wider office environment. A range of bespoke seating is provided for people to simply sit and enjoy the spaces or to dine and socialise outdoors. Decking and paving are provided in addition to artificially turfed areas that offer continued flexibility of use no matter the season.

The courtyards are complimented with lighting that is a unique feature in itself. It includes suspended pendant lighting which adds a contemporary character to the entrance courtyard, as well as soft-hued uplighters that pick out the many textures within the planting scheme.

