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## **Ryder designed innovation centre completes Cathedral campus**

Ryder Architecture has completed work on Liverpool Science Park's Metropolitan Cathedral campus. Construction of the four storey £7m new wing of Innovation Centre 1 (ic1) started in March 2013 and has completed ahead of its 12 month schedule in February.

The 3750sqm flexible office and commercial laboratory accommodation builds on the success of the two existing innovation centres (ic1 and ic2) and now completes the campus at the heart of Liverpool's Knowledge Quarter, consisting of the universities, the Royal Liverpool University Hospital and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, amongst others.

Gareth Callen, director at Ryder's Liverpool base said "We designed the new wing of ic1 to have an identity of its own whilst complimenting the existing building and being sensitive to the adjacent Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. This crisp new addition to the site also has to define the southern edge of the urban park between the Cathedral, John Moores University Design Academy and ic2."

Chris Musson, chief executive of Liverpool Science Park said "The demand for this fit for purpose accommodation in a supportive environment is high, and our campus provides a very attractive offer - high quality accommodation, business support, and links to the region's specialist experts at the universities - all in a city centre location. The additional flexible office and laboratory space will be a great asset to the city region and reinforce the message that Liverpool is a world class destination for commercial knowledge enterprise."

Along with Karm Research Group, which develops healthcare products, Ryder will now move into the new state of the art premises.

Gareth added "It made perfect sense to make this our key base in the north west not only because we designed the building, but because the science park itself offers so much in the way of location. Being firmly based within the thriving knowledge quarter means we can develop strong links with the schools of architecture at both universities and tap into the world class talent that they produce."

Morgan Sindall carried out the construction work on the project.