SKA RATING

SKA rating is an environmental assessment tool for fit-out and refurbishment projects. Operated by RICS, SKA rating offers a credible, established alternative to BREEAM for benchmarking sustainability. Communicated through a Bronze, Silver, Gold rating system, projects are rewarded for addressing elements applicable to the project and the assessment refrains from penalising schemes for elements that are outside of the schemes control, including the base build.

HOW RLB DELIVER ON SKA

Our RICS qualified SKA rating Assessors can assist through each stage of the project:

- Design Stage: Specification reviewed by our qualified SKA rating assessors and feedback provided to allow the design to develop in line with SKA.
- Construction: Project monitored through regular site visits by our qualified SKA rating assessors.
- Handover: Evidence collected from contractor and certificate issued.

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SKA FOR OFFICES

SKA rating can be applied to the refurbishment of all office spaces. As experienced practitioners, RLB has helped clients achieve sustainable results and benefit from:

- Reduced operational and maintenance costs
- Improved CSR
- Employee engagement and churn reduction
- Enhanced health and well-being for building occupants
- Recognised level of achievement in sustainability
CASE STUDY:
1 NEW YORK STREET, MANCHESTER

Rider Levett Bucknall helped secure the first SKA Gold rating in the North West, for an office fit out at 1 New York Street, Manchester for ADT. The project was a £1.5m fit out to provide 2000m² of Grade A office space over three floors.

The fit-out comprised a number of sustainability focused enhancements. This included reusing as much of the existing internal fabric as possible and redistributing all existing furniture from the tenants’ previous office across their estate, before the remainder was given to charities.

In addition all service installations utilised green products; for example an LED lighting system, and separate electrical and heating metering with remote monitoring capability.

Other Good Practice Measures achieved include sustainably sourced timber, and diverting 90% of waste from landfill.

The project has resulted in a dramatic reduction in staff churn of 44%.