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Architecture: Smith Scott Mullan Associates, Edinburgh

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invitation, black dot,
high end, ambition,
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Aegon, an insurance company with its head office in Edinburgh, has completely restructured its British offices in the coastal town Lytham St Annes. After many years and internal company changes, the architectural structures and the general furnishings needed to be adapted.

The company decided to work with Smith Scott Mullan Associates and planned a total of one year for the restack and refurbishment measures. Originally, the building had been designed for 1,000 employees but now it was only to be used by a staff of 700. This led to more spacious concepts for the floor plan layout. The building was largely gutted and fitted out with new air conditioning, lighting and interior furnishings. From the floor to the wall and ceiling design and, in addition, the furniture.

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At the workstations in the open plan offices, there is only a limited amount of storage space for each employee (top). To make up for this, there are large filing cabinets on each floor. The desks created with the **invitation** bench system have special working surfaces with double wave (left). **black dot** office swivel chairs were used for seating.

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The workstations are located in the open plan offices while the only closed rooms are used for conferences or are reserved for loud equipment such as printers, copying machines etc. Spacious meeting zones with lounge armchairs as well as restaurant areas with a view out into the green evoke a feeling of well-being and are more reminiscent of a boutique hotel than an office building. The subdued colour scheme, ornamentation, attractive furniture and lighting elements contribute to a feeling of luxury, the new "Aegon look and feel".

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The conference rooms have been fitted out with tables from the **high end** or **invitation** series. Sometimes round, sometimes in the shape of a boat, the furniture, with its real-wood veneer, combined with the leather armchairs and the ornamental wall decorations create an exquisite atmosphere.

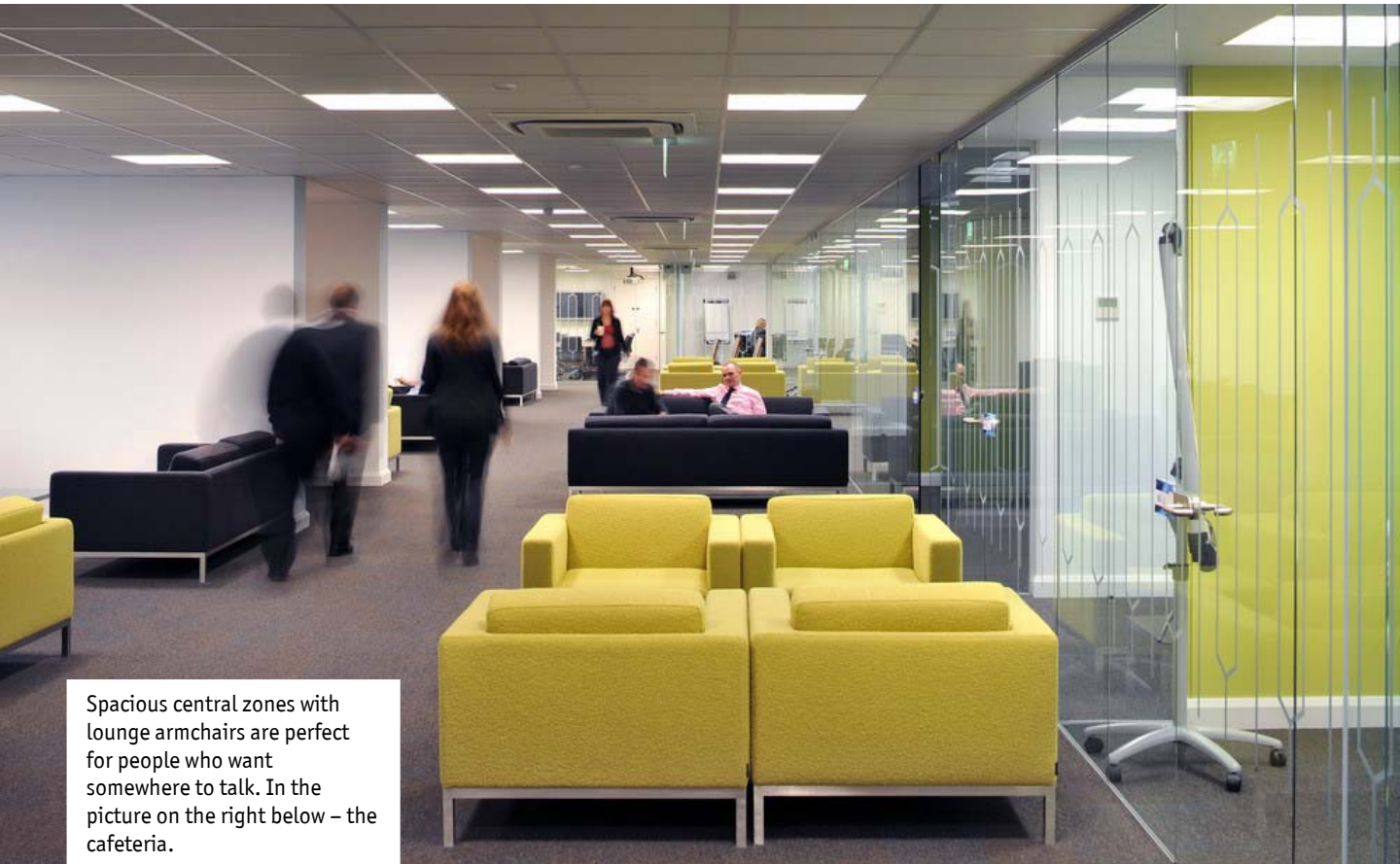


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Spacious central zones with lounge armchairs are perfect for people who want somewhere to talk. In the picture on the right below – the cafeteria.

Conference situation, furnished with **relations** tables and **black dot** cantilever chairs.

