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OMA recently completed their first architectural project in London City's Square Mile. The new 21,000sqm building is located in the narrow medieval alley of St Swithin's Lane, in the heart of the City, a dense context where OMA's precise intervention is able to blend and become an active urban piece.

New Court comprises a central cube of ten efficient and flexible open-plan office floors, which facilitate views over St. Stephen's and the surrounding City. This cube is linked to four adjoining annexes, with meeting rooms, enclosed offices, vertical circulation, reception areas, and a staff cafe and gym. This in turn is overlooked by a Sky Pavilion – a small tower with three double-height storeys peering out over the city – which houses meeting and dining rooms and a multifunctional panorama room with extraordinary and unfamiliar views across the City, including St. Paul Cathedral.

Switchable privacy glass was specified at design stage where Architects OMA wanted to open up the Sky Pavilion to create an almost transparent tower where light and space could be maximised. LC SmartGlass was used to create a series of switchable glass partitions separating general office space from private meeting rooms within the first and second floor of the tower. Lord Rothschild's office is located on the top floor of the Sky Pavilion overlooking St. Paul's Cathedral and the City of London. Floor to ceiling LC SmartGlass partitioning was used within this space to create a sleek, sophisticated interior whilst allowing for instant privacy on demand.

Project: Rothschild Bank HQ, New Court, London

Architect: OMA - Office Metropolitan Architecture

Asst. Architect: Allies & Morrison

Designer: Rem Koolhaas & Ellen Van Loon

