



Case Study

SMU School of Law

53 Armenian Street, Singapore, 179940
Architect: **MKPL Architects (Singapore)**
Main Contractor: **Kajima**

The Space:

With an already well established reputation for excellence in business, academics, research and education, the Singapore Management University (SMU) announced its plans to invest in a new School of Law building.

Standing at the junction of Armenian Street and Canning Rise, The University selected 250,000 sq ft in the heart of Singapore's business districts, being only 1km from the Supreme Court and other legal partners' offices.

This building marks a significant milestone for the University, which was established back in 2000 and promises to foster closer ties among students, alumni and the law fraternity in the area.

Products Installed:

Revolution double glazed system
Edge Affinity double glazed doors with Tech Panels



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The Project:

When searching for an architect, SMU found their partner in MKPL Architects, whose vision matched the University's desire to create a modern ground-breaking facility to support academic activity and legal collaboration.

A key feature of the new School of Law building is the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library. This 2,600 sq m research library is based on aesthetic appeal and functional ability.

Strategically placed at the high point of the site, it is designed to be an "inspirational beacon." Named in memory of the late Madam Kwa Geok Choo, wife of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, this state-of-the-art law library will be fully equipped to cater for cutting-edge legal research for up to 500 persons, including faculty members, university legal partners and students.

The library building adopts an almost pearl like architectural form via the utilization of a central glass atrium. This will offer somewhere where students can meet, study, socialise, eat and relax together.

The key to this design is ability to nurture a natural air of collaboration whilst at the same time to create a space that works sustainably and sits confidently within Singapore's prestigious business district.

MKPL Architects chose Optima's Asia Pacific team to design, engineer and install glazed partitioning systems throughout this ground-breaking space. What was key to these systems was that they were naturally aesthetic whilst offering the very best level of acoustic control, so as to create an organic working environment.

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Optima's Installation:

Throughout the new School of Law, Optima installed its high-performing Revolution double glazed system to achieve unrivalled acoustic performance.

Optima also installed Edge Affinity double glazed doors with Tech Panels that serve to provide in-room customisation and control. These glazing systems were applied with different finishes in accordance with SMU's vision and MKPL's designs.

Each of these systems was installed to the highest level of accuracy and precision. The outstanding acoustic performance meant that both privacy and openness could become part of everyday working and teaching life for the SMU.





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Working with Optima:

Working directly with the project's main contractor, Kajima, Optima consistently met tight deadlines professionally and effectively.

This project demonstrates our Asia Pacific team's ability and commitment to delivering high quality glazed systems to world class education institutions.

SMU's new state-of-the-art School of Law will open in 2017.