

Said Business School - Oxford, England

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Said Business School is England based Oxford University's business school. Originally Oxford School of Management Studies, the school was rebranded into Said Business School in 1996 and is continually ranked as one of the world's top business schools.

The school was renamed following a 20 million euro donation from Wafic Said, which set the stage for the first phase of the Said Business School to be built. The first phase was completed in 2001, but received protests from students due to the controversy behind Wafic Said's donation.

The Said Business School's exterior is clad in bath stone with black granite entrance pavilion, offering a contrast and clear entrance point. The building is three stories containing teaching spaces for intensive teaching, administrative accommodations, and harvard-style lecture halls. The west side of the building is also lined with smaller seminar rooms and office spaces. The building's 60 meter north-south axis contains a large six-stage staircase that rises through the building, bringing in vast natural light from the top levels. The middle floor holds the dining room, which is a two-part volume with a truncated copper-clad pyramidal roof above its northern segment. The middle floor also holds a simpler club room. The first phase of the project surrounds a central courtyard.

The building is easily identifiable by the copper-clad pyramidal roof that aligns with the former building's tower. The east facade of the building has a gorgeous pergola that fronts onto a garden on the site of a medieval monastery.

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