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TREES SOFTEN ARCHITECTURAL LINES IN NEW CAMPUS



A new state-of-the art campus at Fareham College has opened on Daedulus airfield at Lee-on-the Solent that required just the right amount of plants to compliment but not crowd the clean architectural lines.

For the vast concourse in the distinctive CEMAST (Centre of Excellence in Engineering & Manufacturing Advanced Skills Training), Urban Planters Southampton opted for three 4.5-metre-high *Ficus binnendijkii* 'Alii' trees in stainless steel containers to sit along the edge of the space.

Plants have also been proven to improve concentration, creative thinking and productivity, so hopefully these new trees will help to nurture future talent!

As Peter Marsh, Deputy Principal of Fareham College puts it:

“The CEMAST concourse is a very special place. I am delighted with our choice of plant: the three new specimens installed complement the architecture beautifully and add just the right degree of softening to this space without overwhelming it in any sense. Thank you for your guidance; we’ve just made a great space even more spectacular!”

JUNGLE TAKES OVER AT CHESSINGTON AZTECA HOTEL

Animal-ravaged and charred planters, vines creeping around pillars and large, leafy plants all around have brought a new Aztec-themed hotel to life at Chessington World of Adventures Resort.

Using a mixture of live, replica and preserved planting and customizing aged wooden containers with “animal” scratches, charring and a “washed up” effect, Urban Planters created a planting scheme which makes the Temple Restaurant & Bar look as if it is an Aztec ruin being taken over by the jungle.

Robert Wright, Hotel Operations Director said: “Urban Planters have added the final detail to this important addition to Chessington World of Adventures Resort and created a truly immersive environment for our guests to dine amongst leaf cutter ants and live piranha! Thank you for all your hard work in creating such a top job and congratulations on your well-deserved award. We are proud to be working with you.”

The scheme also impressed eFIG, which awarded it a Gold Leaf at its latest awards.



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