



## The Montpelier Chapter Hotel

### Project overview

This 1896 Regency-style villa is considered something of a landmark in the Montpelier area of Cheltenham, and is now a five-star boutique hotel of remarkably high standard. Swire Group has acquired the hotel and appointed Whitehead for the building services aspects of a major renovation, modernisation and extension scheme to improve the accommodation block: 45 en-suite rooms; a new spa; a commercial, 200-cover kitchen and restaurant; plus a crescent-shaped extension providing an additional 16 en-suite rooms; and basement car park and plant areas.

### Challenges

Each room within the boutique hotel is unique in terms of size and layout, with limited space for services. In addition, the building is Grade 2 listed so great care had to be taken to not disturb original plasterwork, ceilings, covings and architraves.

### Solutions

Meticulous site surveys and careful planning allowed Whitehead to install comfort cooling, LPHW heating, underfloor heating, hot and cold water, solar water heating, mechanical ventilation, car park ventilation, BMS, public health services, sanitaryware, mains distribution, bedroom scene set lighting, small power, specialist feature lighting, fire detection and alarms and external façade lighting while maintaining the building's high standards and preserving heritage features.

#### Project title

» The Montpelier Chapter Hotel

#### Project Manager

» Simon Drinkwater

#### Sector

» Leisure/Commercial

#### Location

» Cheltenham

#### Client name

» Thomas Vale Construction

#### Start date

» September 2009

#### Completion date

» July 2010

#### Value

» £1.9m

"This was challenging project due to being part refurbishment/part new build, and its location within a residential area. Whitehead's team worked as part of Thomas Vale's construction team and has produced an overall finish for the building that is absolutely stunning."

Simon Drinkwater –  
Project Manager