

CitySwitch 'South Australian Signatory of the Year' 2016

Winner: Savills SA



"As their lease expiry date approached, Savills (SA) did not let the opportunity pass them by. Entering into a new seven-year lease, Savills negotiated and received funding support from the landlord to assist in the refurbishment of their tenancy.

Improvements implemented by Savills included a comprehensive range of sustainability initiatives including an extensive upgrade of the lighting to LED technology and the introduction of energy sub-metering. Savills upgraded their onsite server hardware and transitioned to Surface Pro computing and Skype for Business telecommunications, eliminating traditional phone hardware and improving workplace mobilisation.

The real-estate firm transitioned to an open plan office arrangement including standing desks and indoor planting, greatly improving access to natural light and connection to the outside helping to achieve higher indoor environment quality for staff.

Savills also negotiated for the landlord to commit to the modernisation of the lift and energy efficient lighting in common areas.

In addition to now boasting a showcase office, in receiving this award, Savills is also recognised for their leadership in sharing their office retrofit checklist with other CitySwitch signatories. This checklist empowers tenants during the important lease renegotiation 'window of opportunity' to assist in achieving improved energy efficiency and better office environmental outcomes for other South Australian office buildings."

