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| <b>Date:</b>    | <b>April 11, 2013</b>                               |
| <b>Subject:</b> | <b>Computershare's UK HQ opens after £13m refit</b> |

South Bristol's biggest private employer, Computershare, is celebrating the official opening of its refurbished UK headquarters in Bedminster Down following a £13m refit.

The 250,000 square foot Pavilions complex now boasts a modern eco-friendly redesign, integrated gym and cafeteria and a totally refurbished working environment including a bold new colour scheme.

Bristol's new Mayor George Ferguson will be welcomed into the building on Thursday evening to officially "open" the new site.

Computershare has been operating from The Pavilions since 1997, and bought the huge complex in 2009.

In its time The Pavilions, sitting just off the A38, has been host first to CEGB (Central Electricity Generating Board) and later Allied Domecq.

The unusual complex was constructed in 1976/77 as an early example of "green" building with, amongst many unusual features, a swimming pool used to help cool computing equipment.

The pool is now gone. But the eco-theme remains and many of the original energy-saving features have been advanced.

For example, the building has an unusual "hollow deck" which stores the cold of the chilly night air to cool it during the day.

The mammoth refit began in October 2011 to bring the site up to modern standards after several years without significant work.

Computershare's UK chief executive Naz Sarkar said: "I love this building. It's eccentric yet completely functional. You can work here for years and keep finding something new.

"The difference between now and October 2011 is just huge. We wanted to make sure that the building catered for modern day working, and our clients and colleagues are extremely positive about the changes. We love the new site.

"I see this both as an investment in Bristol and our commitment to stay here for many years to come.

"We're proud to be south Bristol's biggest employer, with our staff managing customers around the world – all from right here in Bedminster Down."

George Czekalski has worked for Computershare and its predecessor firms since 1971, moving into The Pavilions in 1999.

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George, a relationship manager, said: "These buildings were seen as the perfect site for the headquarters of the various UK operational businesses, and I remember a sense of anticipation and excitement at relocating.

"It's nice to see it get such an amazing facelift now, I really appreciate the new fixtures and furnishings with the contemporary lighting and modern feel to an iconic building."

About 1,200 Computershare staff now work from the building across several businesses. In January this year the complex also became home to the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI).

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