

# A CLASSIC VIEW IN THE OFFICE

As the debate over the future of the office grows, the language used to discuss it has become more and more predictable. By far the most groan-inducing cliché is the Mark Twain-inspired claim that **"reports of the death of the office have been greatly exaggerated"** (Twain's original one-liner was in response to an incorrectly published obituary). So a shout out to Addleshaw Goddard real estate partner Lee Sheldon, whose LinkedIn article this week, **"Long live London, long live the office!"** makes an admirable attempt at shaking up the frames of reference.

It's succinct at just a little over 300 words, but Sheldon manages to paint a picture of the working-from-home trend as **"taking lessons from Usain Bolt"** and now "firing on all cylinders", as well as suggesting that Greek philosopher Aristotle could almost have coined his phrase **"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts"** to describe the benefits of a modern office.

Oh, and he drops in the etymology of the word office - it's from the Latin officium, meaning performance of a task. Diary didn't know that, but does now, so thanks Sheldon. And not a Twain quote in sight.

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