



STYLISH MEZZANINE GETS FURNITURE RETAILERS OUT OF A TIGHT SPOT

An industrial-style mezzanine floor designed and built by Pro-Dek Storage Systems has added over 500m² of space to Hi-Sell Direct's furniture showroom at St Ives, Cambridgeshire.

The concept was chosen in preference to a number of alternative proposals because it made maximum use of available space within the existing building and was also visually impressive, according to Hi-Sell Direct's joint managing director Peter Maskell.

The structure integrates with the existing roof to enable bedroom sets to be displayed without wasting space, and a large sweeping staircase with retro-styled steel balustrading forms an attractive focal point in the store.

The contract took five weeks and included a partitioned office suite, fire protection and electric lighting. Anticipating future legislation, a lift was also installed for disabled customers and staff. As project manager, Pro-Dek was responsible for health and safety and ensuring the CDM guidelines were followed. The store continued to trade without interruption throughout the contract.

