

DFS FURNITURE

HEADQUARTERS - DONCASTER

Client: DFS Furniture Company plc

Role: Principal Contractor

Contract Type: Negotiated design and build

Architect: JM Architects, Leeds

Value: c £4,100,000

Duration: Eleven months

Complete: August 2004



With 50,000 sq ft over four floors, this prestigious office accommodation was constructed to replace the existing outgrown DFS headquarters. The new building, adjacent to the A1 motorway, is the centre of the company's nationwide business and was shortlisted for a RICS award.



Features include an imposing four-storey glass atrium. The building has air conditioning throughout, with the condenser farm hidden from view in a purpose-designed roof recess.

Automatic office entry lighting ensures economical use of power, while a total of

51km of CAT5 cabling provides the important IT infrastructure essential to the smooth running of the business. A standby generator provides full electrical back up within seconds of mains power failure.

Outside, the façade is enhanced by lignacite architectural polished masonry and extensive thermally-enhanced glazing, with brise soleil protection to the south-facing elevations.

A 142-seat café/restaurant caters for both head office staff and the many visitors who attend the adjacent DFS training centre.



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