



HAWORTH

55 UNIVERSITY AVE., TORONTO, ON

Square Footage: 13,000

Market Sector: Industrial/Manufacturing

Architect/Designer: IBI Group/Perkins & Will

Electrical Engineer: Mulvey & Banani

Mechanical Engineer: The Mitchell Partnership

Landlord: Bentall



Located on the ground and second floor of 55 University Avenue is the Haworth showroom. The 13,000 square foot space, complete with movable walls and raised access floors, is an ideal resource centre for designers, architects, real estate professionals, clients and dealers. Designed in conjunction with Perkins & Will and IBI Group, the space showcases the company's products and progressive ideas in sustainable design and adaptable workspaces.

Along with the inherent challenges of earning a LEED certification, was the ongoing coordination

with a large team of American and Canadian consultants. Like many of Govan Brown's projects, Haworth's showroom was completed with an aggressive schedule. Included in the schedule was the procurement and supply of a large staircase and glass balustrade. This specific long-lead staircase and balustrade were pre-tendered and awarded, then fast-tracked in order to ensure completion within the time restraints. Further challenges included the high ceilings which could only be approached by lifts and the inconvenient location of the sole accessible elevator which sat

beyond the worksite's walls. High concentrations of trades and laborers also complicated the process, however, we were able to complete the project on schedule.

Govan Brown, in our years of experience, has had the opportunity to install many extravagant design elements into many different spaces. Our experience has prepared us to deal with the potential difficulties presented by large project features. For the Haworth staircase our knowledge was tested but ultimately the combined experience of our team ensured the completion of the project.