

Brown Thomas & Co., Dublin, Ireland

New Shop Within an Existing Full-Line or Specialty Department Store



Brown Thomas is a flagship name in Irish fashion retailing. Feeling it needed "a progressive sensibility to international luxury retailing," the company hired Toronto design firm burdilek to update 27,000 square feet within its historic Grafton Street location in Dublin, Ireland.

"We approached this with the idea that retailing at this level is about creating a fashion theatre for true style voyeurs," said Diego Burdi, the firm's creative partner. "The materials in this space needed to be completely customized with a global sensibility but also reflect the natural textural quality of the Irish landscape."

"The redesign has a distinctly feminine attitude with a handsome and sophisticated architectural language," says Burdi, "but most of all it is a beautiful contemporary interpretation of the retailer's rich cultural history."

Credit: Brown Thomas & Co., Dublin – Graham McNaught, project manager, Design burdilek, Toronto – Diego Burdi, design director; Paul Fitek, managing partner; Jeremy Mendonca, senior designer; Young Kim, senior designer; Jason Swiers, senior designer; Merika Nakagawa, designer; Diane Pat, designer; William Liu, designer; Michael Steele, designer; Anna Jurkiewicz, CADD; Edwin Reyes, CADD; Anthony Tey, CADD; Outside Design Consultants Douglas Wallace, Dublin (consulting architect); Curley Smith, Dublin (mechanical/electrical); Lightingrade, Toronto (lighting consultant); PKS, Dublin (construction consultants); JGA, London (the engineering consultants) General Contractor John Sisk & Sons, Dublin; Metal Work Simon Metal, Toronto; Faubles Primavera, Toronto; Tello & Cie, Toronto; Millenium Panel Industries, Mississauga, Ont.; Flooring Sullivan Source, Toronto; Furniture Louis Interiors, Toronto; Lighting RSA-Cooper, Chatsworth, Calif.; Laminate Formica, Cincinnati; Acrylics Mark Littlejohn Acrylics, Toronto; Glass Accra Glass, Toronto; Special Finishes and Wall Art Moes & Lam, Toronto. (Photograph) Ben Rahn, A Frame, Toronto





