



Recognised as one of Australia's largest providers of IT solutions, Data#3 Brisbane commanded a work environment that accurately reflected its reputation. New premises and a new fitout have provided the firm with an enhanced image and strong market presence.

DATA#3 Combining individual and team-based hot-desking within a totally open plan environment, Data#3 sports a high-tech, highly efficient workplace reflecting its market and style. Shared desks and mobile storage cabinets plus wireless internet and network access exist to provide a place for all staff to call home, supporting the view that as service providers, the majority of their staff's time is spent with customers in the field.

"We were interested in an openplan office that would fit over 130 people," said Endre Iberer of Data#3. "We wanted to minimise the number of offices, maximise meeting rooms, and have a dedicated, sizable staff lunch area.

A major consideration for Data#3 was the ability to quickly relocate people around the office, where the workstation and design incorporated hot-desking; people moving around, and no one really owning their workstation. "Our flexibility requirements were achievable with Schiavello's Unimet system," declared Endre Iberer.

"We required a very stylish, very practical workstation. We actually had Schiavello make up a prototype that was tested in our previous office. So, the staff were able to sit down and use it, providing feedback before we committed to buying the lot. We felt Schiavello provided good value for money," he said.

The challenge for designer Paul Coory of DesignInc was to accommodate all of Data#3's requirements within a very tight space. "Facilitating communication while maintaining privacy within an openplan was our aim," he said. "As the majority of the fitout included the workstation area, we had to select a workstation that was going to look contemporary and cutting edge. Schiavello's Unimet system fit the bill."

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Location: 80/88 Jephson Street, Toowong BRISBANE

Client: Data#3 – Endre Iberer, Mark Esler

Design: DesignInc Brisbane – Paul Coory, Peter Flanagan, Renee Lau

Project Manager: Howie Herring & Forsyth – Barry Forsyth

Schiavello Qld Systems: Paul Hawthorn, Bret Gehrman, Paul Sheehy

Schiavello Qld Fitout: Dave Allenby

Area: 1600 m2



Left/Right Photos> Schiavello's Unimet workstations provide a contemporary cutting edge look - ergonomically designed with voice and data cabling, lockable drawers, built-in storage, and ample desk and foot space.

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"The current workspace provides an extremely efficient use of space," adds Endre Iberer. "The Unimet workstations are ergonomically designed with features such as voice and data cabling, lockable drawers, built-in storage space for books, metal notice board, and ample desk space and foot room."

A generous and grand front of house area greets visitors from the main lift. Fine finishes were chosen to create a formal, impressionable place of business surging with success.

All built-in joinery, plasterboard and glazed partitioning was constructed by Schiavello's fitout team, including joinery surround to a six metre long fish tank used as a central space divider and major design element.

"The advantage of the fish tank as a room divider is that it still creates an open feel, but also provides a living element within the workspace. It's quite a talking point," said Paul Coory.

"The delivered layout allows us to grow organically as a company," concluded Endre Iberer. "As our staff numbers increase and working conditions alter, we will have ample room to accommodate this. As technologies emerge to allow staff to be more mobile, the current layout can be manipulated to satisfy our changing needs.

"The position of the new working environment has provided us with a great opportunity to gain greater mind share with our customers, shareholders, and the general public in Brisbane. The perception of Data#3 has also been enhanced with the move to larger premises, we appear to be a stronger force in the market. The fitout is extremely professional in appearance which enhances our image."

