



Stelios Ioannou Library, Learning Resource Centre, University of Cyprus

The Stelios Ioannou library and learning resource centre, Nicosia, Cyprus takes the form of an artificial hill beneath which is the five floor library (basement, ground floor and three floors) covering a total area of approximately 15,700 m². The project was designed by the famous French architect Jean Nouvel and is named after the Greek Cypriot industrialist Stelios Ioannou. Due to its particular architectural character the project is expected to become a landmark and place Cyprus on the world map of architecture

Demco Interiors was commissioned to design, manufacture and install the innovative, unique designed library shelving over the five floors of the building. The volume of shelving across all floors offers uniformity and familiarity creating an intuitive space for students. This design offers clarity and orientation to minimise the 'where is' and 'how can I go to questions'.

The shelving will house 1 million printed volumes, over 30,000 electronic journal titles and 150 databases and include over 900 study places equipped with the latest technology.

Demco's world renowned steel library shelving – Cantilibra – was especially manufactured to incorporate unique features including a 25mm flat front profile shelf, a European styled square bracket an integrated end panel lightboxes. A combination of island and single sided, grey steel shelving bays are clad in white with additional feature LED lighting suspended into the framework across all the bays.

Over a two year period the Demco design, project and installation teams worked with the architects, project partners and contractors to manage the delivery and installation of the shelving whilst working alongside other building contractors. The shelving was transported in stages from Demco's UK manufacturing base, in the North of England, to site where it was then managed and installed by Demco's own teams of contractors who are specialists in the configuration and construction of all Demco's shelving systems.

John Thornberry, Managing Director, Demco Interiors said: "This innovative project demonstrates our capabilities in delivering large scale, complex, cross country multi-partner projects. It's been exciting and challenging to have been involved in such a groundbreaking architectural project and we look forward to the official opening of the Stelios Ioannou library in 2018".