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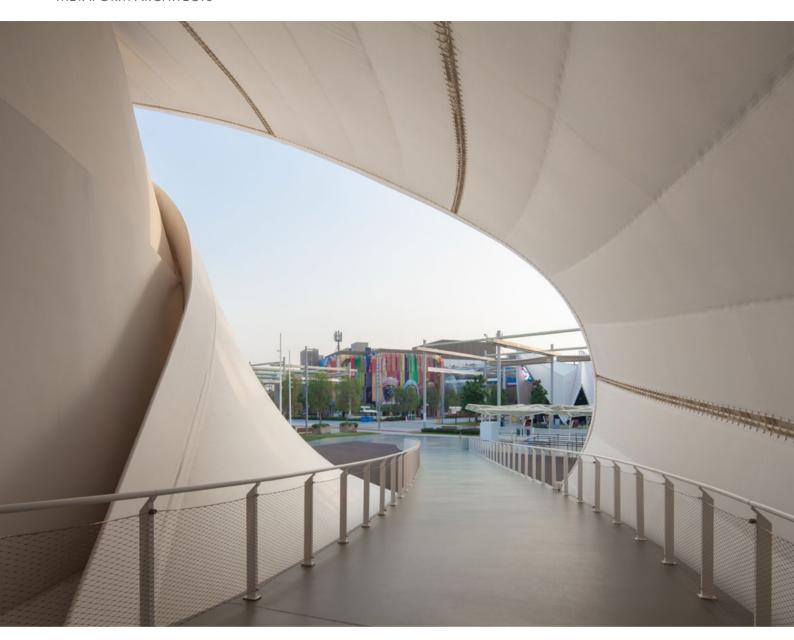
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## THE JOURNEY OF SENSES

#### LUXEMBOURG PAVILION AT WORLD EXPO - DUBAI

The main inspiration for the pavilion design comes from Metaform Architects' desire to convey a true reflection of Luxembourg's past, present, and future, while also presenting the values of the country: small but ambitious, intriguing yet reassuring, and above all generous and open. What better inspiration than a Möbius strip, a loop, a single surface twisted with neither beginning nor end, symbolizing infinity and, most of all, the circular economy and diversity united as one.

One of the biggest challenges was to find a good flow for visitors to pass through quickly. A setback was thus created between the main walking street and the pavilion: the space and distance offer a clear perception of the whole.



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# Scenography and architecture are complementary in the mission to merge people with the exhibition.

Given that the visitor experience begins in the waiting line, Metaform designed a ramp as a welcoming red carpet, inviting people to discover the building, and guiding them along a continuous path that blurs the limits between the exterior and interior.

## HOW DO YOU MERGE USER EXPERIENCE, SCENOGRAPHY, AND ARCHITECTURE?

Scenography and architecture are complementary in the mission to merge people with the exhibition. In a didactic, interactive, and intuitive way, different projections and animations display the country and its people. Collectively, it creates a continuous flux of images from start to finish for experiences on the top second floor. The ribbon becomes a multilayered scenography canvas, alternating floor, wall, and ceiling as means of expression.

The ground floor accommodates a storage area that is accessible from the back, as well as restrooms, a VIP suite, and an administration unit with visibility over the central area. There is also a restaurant with an open kitchen, and a gift shop oriented towards the front area.

The first floor, accessible directly from the main ramp, is a multi-functional space. To accommodate concerts, receptions, and conferences, the side door remains closed, and the ramp guides visitors along without causing disruptions. When hosting a temporary exhibition, the door serves as a barrier, with the indoor space becoming an intuitive part of the flow.











The second floor is the highest reaching point, and is dedicated to the space-themed exhibition. To reach the earth again, a slide down through the picturesque green patio concludes the journey in a fun and playful way.

The journey from the bottom to the top is continuous, but constantly changing. While moving between the inner and outer protective skins, the feeling of being in and out at the same time prevails. The proportion of the space constantly changes, giving a nod to the similar perceptional changes of Luxembourg City due to its very particular and unique landscape. A variety of parallel visual connections are created on different levels, and through different stages. Ambiances and moods shift instantaneously, sparking curiosity to learn more about the country.

One of the requirements was to complete the project using 70% reused or recycled materials, which was a challenge that Metaform met by opting for steel construction. The fiberglass membrane, although difficult to recycle, can be reused by the producer, who specifically agreed with it.

**Technical Sheet** 

Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Year: 2017-2021

Typology: Exposition Pavilion

Size: 2100 m2 Status: Completed

Client: GIE LUXEMBOURG @ EXPO2020DUBAI

External Collaborator: Jangled Nerves

Award: 1st prize in Dubai Expo2020 Competition for Luxembourg

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# IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A SENSORY EXPERIENCE FOR DOORS

When we talk about interior doors in the context of sensory experience, the obvious topic is to think about looks and general appearance. However, in our hopefully soon to be, post-pandemic world, a more immersive experience is sought in our future daily lives

Innovative door design can often be limited to visual perception. In other words, does it turn heads and stand out in its surroundings? A not unrealistic aspiration, although seldom achieved these days. This is especially true given the humdrum and quite frankly tired result presented by the ubiquitous white painted moulded skin doors you see at every turn. The use of colour and wood grain pattern can elevate interior doors immeasurably. This is something Vicaima have been perfecting for over 60 years, with their factory finished decorative door portfolio. However, now they take us on a new journey of sensory experience with the introduction of doors that invite you to feel in every sense of the word.

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Coffee Oak door

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Dekordor 3D Silver Oak



Part of the 'Sky-House' development.

Image: CODA Architecture

# SCHÖCK ISOKORB FOR AWARD WINNING 'SKY-HOUSE' SCHEME

The 'Sky-House' development, at Oughtibridge Mill to the north of Sheffield, comprises forty high-specification homes. The term 'Sky-House' being derived from the spacious feel of the properties, which benefit from unrivalled views and offer bright and airy living, complete with riverside balconies. Designed by CODA Architecture, it is built very much with sustainability in mind and minimising any risk of thermal bridging at the balcony detailing is critical. The load-bearing structural thermal break that easily achieves this; and most

effectively helps the project meet compliance with the necessary Building Regulations (and the impending Future Homes Standard criteria) is the Schöck Isokorb. Specifically it is the Schöck Isokorb T type SK for concrete-to-steel connectivity that is incorporated at Oughtibridge Mill. This is a complete system thermal break. It is unique in being the only formally UK approved product that satisfies the load-bearing and thermal insulation requirements for this type of application, providing assurance to the end-user that the safest product has been selected for their building needs.

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#### **AWARD WINNING SCHEME**

Oughtibridge Mill 'Sky-House' is an award winning scheme – recipient of the Development of the Year (fewer than 50 homes) at the Insider Yorkshire

Property Industry Awards 2021. It is part of a wider scheme for 320 new homes that will enable the regeneration of this former industrial mill site.

been a flourishing paper mill from Victorian times until its closure in 2007 and renovation of the old mill building for use as a mixed-use food hall, community hub and leisure facility is underway. To reference the industrial history of the area, a sensitive contemporary design style features saw-toothed roofs on the three and four-bed townhouses.

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## ARCHITECTURE OF WINE

CHÂTEAU ANGÉLUS HAS ACQUIRED A NEW WINERY IN LIBOURNE, FRANCE, FINELY DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT ERIC CASTAGNOTTO FROM THE FIRM ARCHITECTE DPLG

The cellar is used for making the second wine produced by Château Angélus, Carillon d'Angélus, as well as the latest arrival: Tempo d'Angélus. This new Château Angélus signature wine will be introduced in Quebec for the first time in November 2021.

#### THE BALANCE BETWEEN HERITAGE & INNOVATION

The old winery of Carillon d'Angélus - located on the estate - had become too cramped to accommodate new, more efficient, and more innovative equipment. Its location in a UNESCO World Heritage Site limited the possibilities of expansion and imposed strong architectural constraints. It was therefore decided to create a new winery from scratch.

A search for space to accommodate this new structure determined that it was not possible to find the necessary surface area for its construction in Saint-Emilion. The spectrum was thus widened to neighbouring communes, and that search led to selected grounds in Saint-Magne-de-Castillon.



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#### A nitrogen production plant enables permanent protection of the wines, as well as oxygen control during vinification and ageing.

As a result of technical, environmental and aesthetic considerations, this new winery is resolutely modern, deriving benefits from state-of-the-art equipment.

The 4400 m2 building, located on a 3.30 hectare plot, is semi-submerged with a green roof. It contains a reception area for grapes, with optical sorting, a vat room for vinification, a cellar dedicated to malolactic fermentation, and a cellar for maturation. Eventually, bottling and labelling equipment will be added to the line.

Inspired by Fleur de Boüard in Lalande de Pomerol, the wine-making cellar, with its 18 inverted truncated cone-shaped vats, hoist system, and vat lift, is 100% gravity fed.

A nitrogen production plant enables permanent protection of the wines, as well as oxygen control during vinification and ageing. Photovoltaic panels allow for self-production of part of the electricity required for the new structure's operations.

Carillon d'Angélus, like the entire estate, is HVE3 certified. This highest level of "High Environmental Value" certification attests to the best practices of Angélus in terms of biodiversity, phytosanitary strategy, and fertilization management. The building is BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) certified, which is the British equivalent of France's HQE (Haute Qualité Environnementale). The winery was delivered during the 2019 harvest.

#### "BREEAM"

Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method - or building environmental performance assessment method - is the most widespread building certification standard in the world. Each type of building has its own assessment standard. The BREEAM assessment, simple and pragmatic, allows for a calculation of the environmental performance of a building and provides applicants with a guarantee to respect the environment from the design stage through the entire lifecycle of the building. Therefore, the certification corresponds to a global environmental approach.

These approaches also help to develop a more creative spirit and positive dynamic that improves team morale through direct impacts on their productivity, health, comfort, and well-being. The environmental aspects rise to the same level as the human aspects.

#### IN CONSTANT EVOLUTION

Carillon d'Angélus is committed to an active R&D approach, from the vineyard to the winery, from viticultural techniques, to the invention of new gestures.

The new winery of Carillon d'Angélus lends itself perfectly to the experimentation of numerous prototypes, from the electronic mustimeter to the grape washer...so many tests which, if successful, will equip all of the wineries in a few years, thus improving the work of the teams, and sublimating the wines produced.

#### TEMPO D'ANGÉLUS

In the next few weeks, Tempo d'Angélus will hit the shelves of the SAQ for the first time in Canada. GALLEON, a fine wine import agency, is its exclusive importer, and they offer the vintage in Magnum or Jeroboam formats through its online store.

#### **TECHNICAL SHEET**

Client: Château Angélus

Location: Saint Magne de Castillon, France Construction completion: November 2019

Area of project: 4400 m2 building, located on a 3.30-hectare plot

Architect: Eric Castagnotto from Architecte DPLG

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The EcoVadis assessment is built on international sustainability standards, including the Global Reporting Initiative, the United Nations Global Compact, and the ISO 26000, covering 200 spend categories and 160+ countries.

SFA Group was rated based on a sustainability scorecard which illustrates performance across 21 indicators in four main categories of environment, labour and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement.

Saniflo UK Head of Marketing and Product Management, Ann Boardman, says: "At Sanifo UK we uphold the same high standards set by our parent company, SFA Group in France. We pride ourselves on our ongoing commitment to being the best we can be in all ways, always. This Bronze medal is well deserved."

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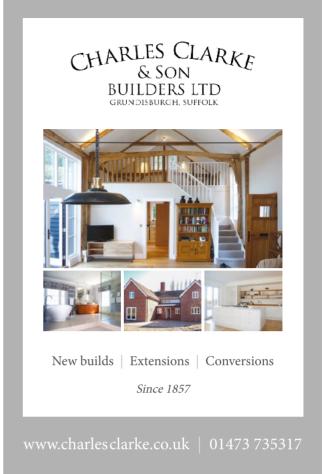
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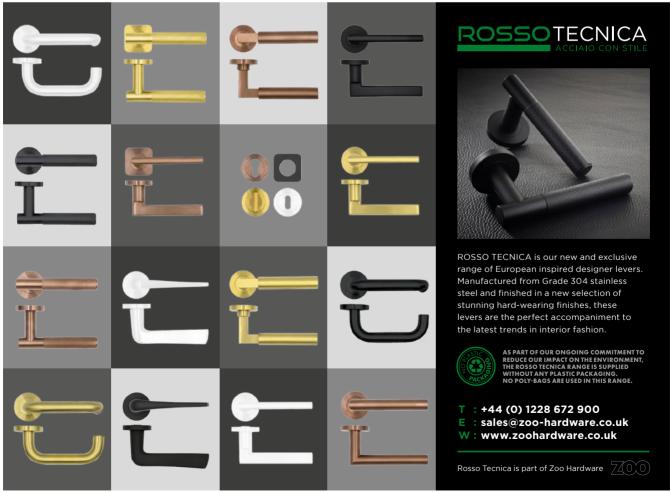
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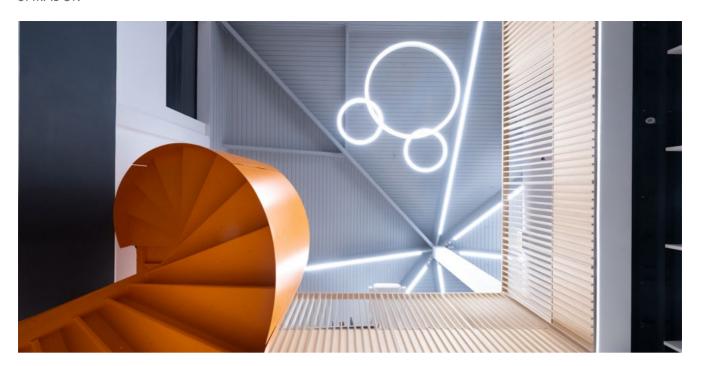
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This statement staircase was part of a refurbishment project commissioned by commercial fit out specialists Fuselek Ltd. Block two at Halesowen College's Whittington Road Campus in Birmingham has become the home of its student hub where the student services team offer a range of financial and administration support to students.

The area has been updated to a more edgy informal environment with our spiral staircase really making an impact in the modern entrance space, where it leads up to the computer zone.

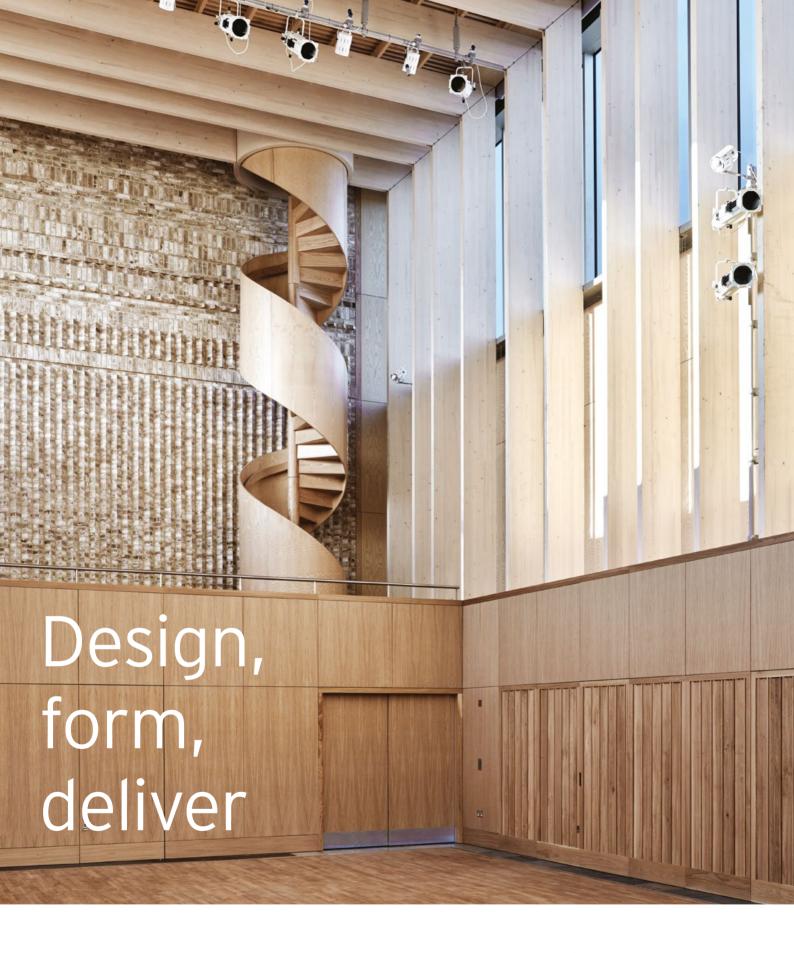
The full height steel plate balustrade creates an organic curved form that, along with the choice of bright orange, juxtaposes nicely with the otherwise neutral, manmade environment in which it sits. This commercial staircase really makes an impact in the space, even more so at night when the carpet-covered treads are lit up with LED lights – practical but also dramatic. And BPN Architects could've chosen any colour for the powder-coating of the staircase but the striking orange almost glows when the lights hit it, making for some stand out photographs.

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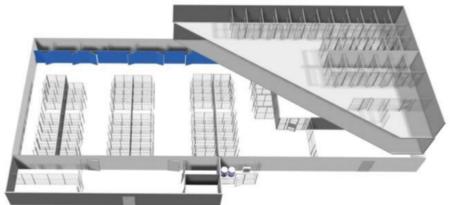


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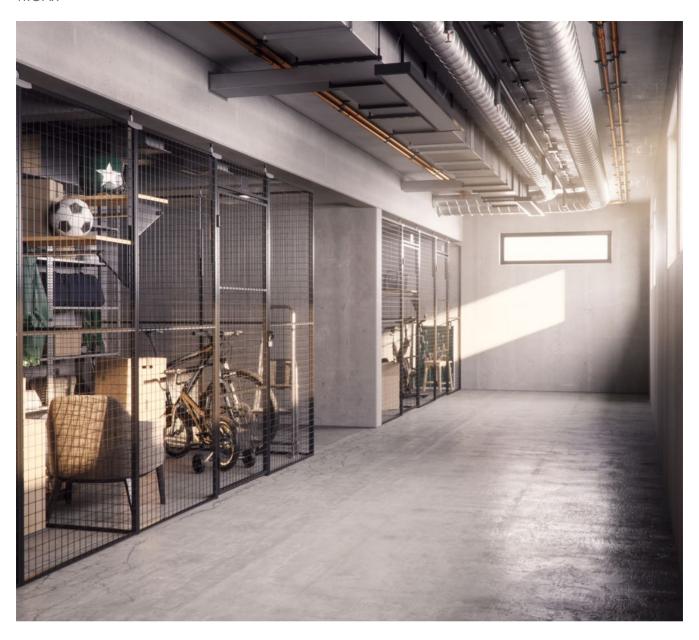












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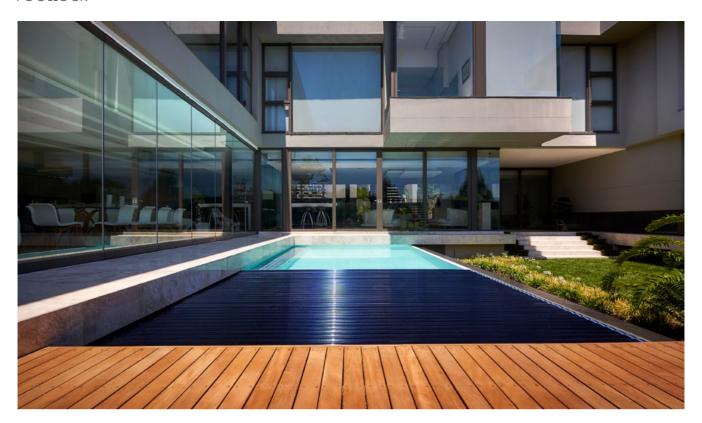
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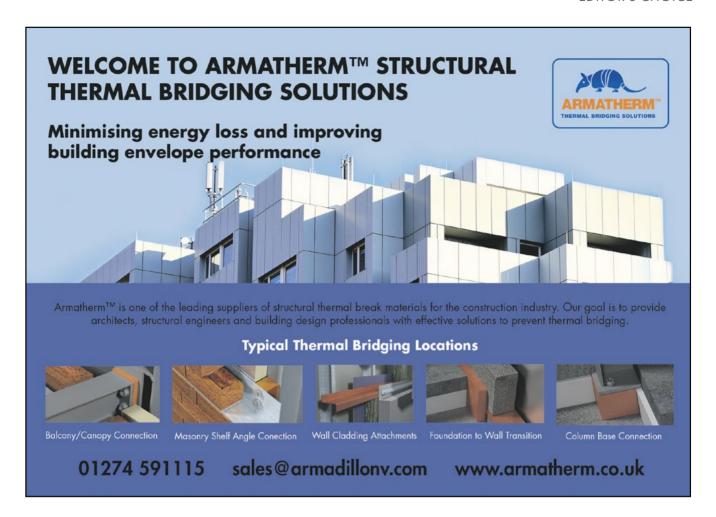


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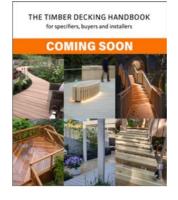
#### LAUNCH OF THE NEW TIMBER DECKING HANDBOOK

On the heels of the popular Timber Cladding Handbook, the Timber Decking & Cladding Association (TDCA) is set to launch another definitive guide in the New Year – the Timber Decking Handbook, for specifiers, buyers and installers.

Timber decking provides a versatile way to create unique outdoor spaces: seating and entertaining areas or garden landscaping. The 52-page book provides clear, relevant and illustrated guidance covering decking design, installation, material choice and UK building

and planning compliance. It features a timber gallery section – detailing key characteristics of softwoods, hardwoods and emerging modified wood brands. Full of inspirational projects and practical summarised installation and maintenance tips, the publication will be free to download or a beautiful A4 printed version can be purchased for £12 (inc p&p).

The handbook has been produced in partnership with Timber Development UK (TDUK) with support from a number of industry trade bodies to provide summarised and illustrative guidance. For more detailed reading, the Handbook references a TRADA publication entitled Timber Decking – The Professional's Manual.



Janet Sycamore – TDCA Director, commented: "This well-illustrated document has been produced to help prevent the common and easily avoidable problems that we see time and time again. We hope it will prove to be a valuable reference for anyone involved with timber decking".

The TDCA is an independent, not-for-profit advisory organisation, established to influence and promote good industry practice. Sourcing third party accredited materials will help in the pursuit of acquiring quality, fit for purpose

products; look for the DeckMark® and CladMark® badges – they are the quality accreditation schemes operated by TDCA for its members.

Head over to the TDCA website where this handbook and

many other resources are available – including FAQs, technical advice and an approved supplier database – or contact the TDCA helpdesk with your specification enquiries.





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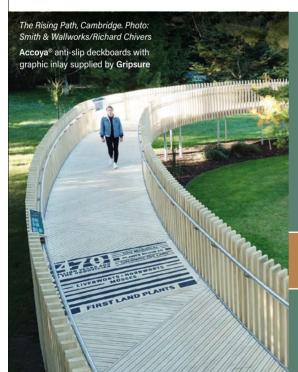
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For 35 years Armourcoat Ltd have been developing natural mineral plaster finishes that incorporate large percentages of recycled material. In this time a wealth of experience in formulating plasters for both interior and exterior environments has been gained, leading to Armourcoat organically becoming the most respected brand for sustainable decorative plasters worldwide.

Armourcoat's newest addition to their extensive product range is 'Clime', a natural Clay lime plaster. There has been a lot of interest focused on clay plasters as a sustainable option for wall finishes, however after extensive research and evaluation Armourcoat concluded that despite the wonderful qualities of clay, clay only plasters are unfortunately extremely fragile and soften almost immediately when exposed to water. By developing a natural binder made from roughly equal amounts of clay and hydraulic lime, Armourcoat believe they have achieved the optimum balance. Naturally sustainable, low in embodied carbon and retaining the raw aesthetic of clay only plasters, Clime is resilient enough to be used as a wall finish with true longevity.

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Clime Matte creates a finely textured, subtle finish which radiates the natural material used. Clime Stone includes recycled crushed

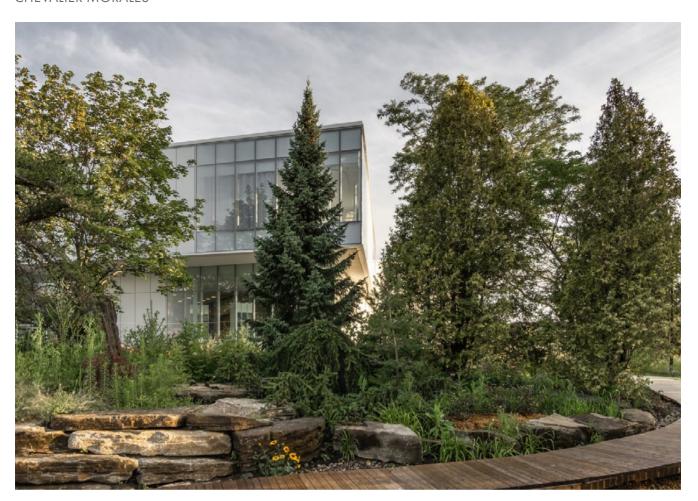


marble to create a heavier texture, suitable for large areas where a more dramatic finish is desired. Both finishes are available in 15 colours and are suitable for internal areas. Custom colours and finishing techniques are also possible including banding, layering and pearlescent washes.

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## PIERREFONDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINNING PROPOSAL OF AN ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION; THE NEW PIERREFONDS PUBLIC LIBRARY EMBODIES THROUGH ITS ARCHITECTURE THE GREAT CHANGES OCCURRING IN THE LIBRARY SCIENCE WORLD

Defined as the combination of a park and a shopping mall, both considered as highly attended "third place", this innovative library embodies an ecosystemic vision where the programs and the relations between them are developed with the same level of attention. It is a true social and information exchange network that takes shape into a complex circulation structure that renews the library experience with each visit.

The design of the Pierrefonds Public Library also innovates in its relation to the landscape, its discreet technological approach actively participating in the scenography, and the collections' display. The latter are structured around thematic poles to enhance accessibility.

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## THE COMBINATION OF AN IDEAL PARK AND A SHOPPING MALL

While looking through old masterplans of Pierrefonds-Roxboro, the architects came across a graphic image depicting the main planning criteria for green spaces in the district. The drawing showed an idealized park on a generic site. The park was divided into various areas, based on age groups and types of activities: green spaces, rest spaces, play zones, exchange networks, etc.; similar to library planning.

An in-depth study of this document, paired with a reorganization of the various areas, especially the green spaces, became one of the foundations for the project. An interior garden emerged as a result of these explorations. Created by an extraction process, the garden allows natural light as well as part of the natural surroundings to reach the heart of the existing building. The garden also functions as reference point for users and employees of the library.

Typical of suburban environments and often criticized, the shopping mall typology was also investigated. Generic buildings, obedient to functional and economic requirements, shopping malls have one or many focal points. These centers of activities and exchange are almost always topped with a large skylight accentuating the composition.

Another important characteristic of the shopping mall is its circulation network fed by multiple entryways that compels the customer into specific paths. Thus, stairways typically located in central atriums are often voluntarily reversed, as a way of extending the visitor's stay. This typology is particularly interesting to the planning of a library. Its numerous spatial qualities are essential components of what is called a "third place". Users circulating freely, flexibility in spatial organization, multiple movements and experiences are just a few of these advantages.

The project's main elements are directly inspired by the shopping mall typology: wings merging into a central meeting space, a network of stairways, a bleacher, floor openings allowing visual connections, multiple skylights, as well as a civic space. The building's surroundings, usually filled with parking lots, and opaque walls are here replaced by green spaces and glass curtain walls.

Formally, the project adjusts itself according to the site's main elements. Instead of being purely functional and economic, the building's shape is drawn to both manifest its urban presence on Pierrefonds Boulevard, and get closer to the wooded park, and to retract to reveal existing greenery islands on the site.



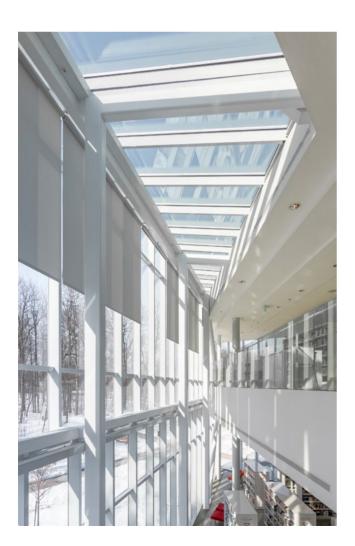


## WHITE TRANSPARENCY AND STRUCTURAL LIGHTNESS

The project's forms and materials are simple and intend to disappear to highlight the presence of its landscape, users, and books. White is dominant both inside and out and offers a neutral canvas from which the landscape's changing colors, the roaming visitors, and the many documents contrast and stand out. The white surfaces – walls, ceilings, and shelving – also reflect and multiply the natural light coming in through the vast glass curtain walls, the interior garden, the glass roof, and the multiple skylights, allowing the library to stay bright even during cloudy weather. On the upper level, the light-yellow epoxy-glazed concrete floor, oak bleachers, and colorful and comfortable furniture bring warmth to the predominantly white spaces.

A glazed curtain-wall system punctuated with white aluminum sections wraps the perimeter of the building. Some glass panels are screen-printed to create a smooth transition between transparency and opacity. The envelope is also textured inside; perforated aluminum panels flank the floor and ceiling, which also act as a ventilation distribution system.

Most of the upper floor slab is cantilevered along the perimeter of the building. The structural challenge to preserve the impression of lightness was achieved by making the floor slab appear as thin as possible. The steel structure was carefully crafted in collaboration with structural engineers, especially the glass roof over the bleachers facing the woods.





Finally, the new building spreads around the initial borough's library. Developing the junctions between the new building envelope and the existing facade was another technical and esthetical challenge. Some salvaged bricks were used to create inside partitions recalling the outline of the previous building. Integrating the memory of the old library into the current project was fundamental.

#### **COLLECTIONS ORGANIZATION AND DISTRIBUTION**

In dialog with the collections' organization in thematic poles desired by the clients, the architects developed an approach that prioritizes individuals and their interactions. It offers visibility, flexibility and a variety of spaces to read, work, and relax. The architects first opted for a dense distribution of the collections to free a maximum of space in the centers and accentuate the plan taking care to preserve interesting views.

Then, they proposed to place thematic isles in the freed-up spaces allowing the display of the collections in a library style. Just as one occupies a place that suits them in a park, these central spaces are organic and contain many sub-spaces more or less intimate following each one's desire.

#### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

Location: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Client: City of Montreal Built area: 4550 m2

Construction cost: 17,5 M\$ CA

Sustainable development: LEED Gold certification (target)
Team: Lead Architects: Stephan Chevalier, Sergio Morales
and François Lemoine. Architects: Alexandre Massé, Julie
Rondeau, Gabriel Lanthier, Céline Leclerc, Christian Aubin, Ève
Beaumont-Cousineau, Catherine St-Marseille, Simon Barrette,
Geneviève Riopel

Consultants: Bouthillette Parizeau, SDK, Équipe Laurence, Version Paysage

Awards: Canadian Architect Award of Merit (2014); Design Award of Excellence – Institutional Projects of the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (2018); Quebec Libraries and Archives Architecture Award (2019)

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It was no surprise then when d-on architects Itd choose Colinwell's EchoCheck Acoustic Block, which is manufactured from 65% recycled aggregates for the interior of the school's Multi-Purpose Hall, they further affirmed the primary school's own green credentials, while satisfying the requirements of BB93 and most importantly creating a quieter and more pleasant space.

The Colinwell EchoCheck Acoustic Block allows design teams to address sound control issues and to provide a low maintenance Fair-Face finish in one product. It eliminates the need for either visually obtrusive or imposed compromises, such as panels, screens, or curtains which are prone to damage and potentially can interfere with some games.

By choosing Colinwell's EchoCheck Acoustic Block, d-on architects Itd affirmed that "the acoustics in the Multi-Purpose



Hall were softened and incorporated into patterns on each wall and an acoustic guilt above the suspended radiant heating panels. The acoustic blocks gave a robust wall finish with the additional benefit of built-in sound absorption."

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## WEGGISHOF

#### A MIXED-USE WOOD HYBRID BUILDING ON LAKE LUCERNE

The Weggishof, a mixed-use development in Weggis on Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, is a wood hybrid construction and consists of 39 apartments made of prefabricated wooden elements. These are intersected with a bracing concrete fundament, which houses 1'200 m2 of commercial space with public uses. The apartments, ranging from simple studios to five-room apartments, are double faced and open to the green, seasonal and biodiversity-oriented courtyard with a garden and a playground, which is a public meeting place for the community.

Weggishof is a pioneering project in the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM). A digital workflow was crafted to allow for dimensional steering of the prefabrication of the standardised wood elements, whose surfaces are left raw for visual impact. The BIM also supported the project's high sustainability intentions as it facilitates a more precise layering and system separation of structures and materials. Thus future material recycling will be easier and more efficient.



A digital workflow was crafted to allow for dimensional steering of the prefabrication of the standardised wood elements, whose surfaces are left raw for visual impact.

The modular metal facade gives a vivid identity to the public space while adding a layer of privacy. Thus it acts like an open threshold between the two worlds of prefabricated precision and the surrounding landscape with a striking alpine panorama.





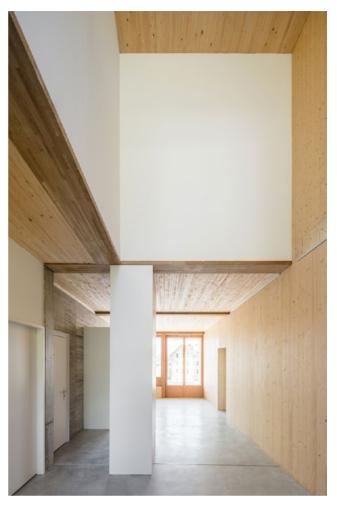


The building nestles into an existing natural U-shaped slope, which allows for structural diversity. Floor heights are staggered to let the new construction blend in with the surroundings without blocking the view of the lake from existing structures. Interestingly, the 39 flats offer a small and large version of each of the different floor plans, providing comparable quality at different scales and budgets.

In the end Weggishof is much more than a sustainable housing project – it also enriches the centre of town with a new urban expression and a public space.

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Project: HHF

Program: Housing, Commercial Location: Weggis, Switzerland Commission: Competition, 1st prize

Design: 2014 - 2020 Status: Finalised in 2021

Team HHF/HERLACH HARTMANN FROMMENWILER

Building Footprint Area: 2,540 m2 Gross Floor Area: 7,000 m2 Usable Floor Area: 5,680 m2 Building Volume: 23,900 m3

Client: Einfache Gesellschaft Amrein-Tellenbach-Widmer

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The range of products supplied by Touch date from circa 1640 French (Louise XIV) and cover all subsequent periods (Georgian, Edwardian & Victorian), Art Deco and contemporary pieces also make up the product ranges.

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Touch Ironmongery have recently become suppliers for Designer Doorware (Australia) Who have beautiful products with a cutting edge design Metal, Wood and concrete. We also have the exclusive rights to sell the Olaria (Barcelona) range in the UK.

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### ALUPROF LAUNCHES A NEW GFT SYSTEM

#### BY WOJCIECH BROZYNA - MD OF ALUPROF UK

The UK and Ireland have long embraced the European style systems which have now been specified in the British Isles for many decades. Many of the UK based systems companies have emulated these European systems, but still the majority of window and curtain wall systems installed in the UK and Ireland are supplied through European systems companies, that is until it comes to robust entrance door systems, or what is better known in the UK as 'Ground Floor Treatments' or 'GFT'.

In Europe, there is a preference for mitred and rebated single and double door sets for swing entrance doors for shopping centres, offices and leisure facilities. Whilst their use is on the increase, the UK and Ireland have never fully embraced such door systems and instead preferred a non-rebated commercial door fitted on either floor or overhead concealed spring closers.



#### The system is available in two thermal variants, the 'ST' or 'SI' which is offered with EPS or polyethylene inserts between thermal breaks.

These systems made their early debut in the 1960s when they were supplied in the UK by North American aluminium systems companies. Using framing based on a 4" x 2" profile the systems were initially used in new shopfronts and office entrances. These GFT systems are still being specified today because they offer a cost-effective, robust construction coupled with a good life expectancy.

With Aluprof's continued growth in the UK and North America, our systems designers have been busy developing a high thermal performance GFT door and framing system to meet this market requirement. Enter our new MB-100GFT, a stand-alone thermally broken GFT system that has been developed to interface with other products in our systems portfolio.

The new system from Aluprof builds on all the features you would expect from a modern UK GFT system, namely the robust construction, anti-finger trap hinge stile, glazing options up to 48mm in width and of course class-leading thermal efficient aluminium profiles. The system is available in two thermal variants, the 'ST' or 'SI' which is offered with EPS or polyethylene inserts between thermal breaks. The SI variant allows shopfront framing to offer U values as low as 1.2 W/(m2K) and doors as low as 0.96 W/(m2K) which is currently the highest performing GFT door system available in the UK.

Using the low height, thermally broken flush threshold, doors can achieve a water tightness of class 3A (100Pa) to EN 12208, so are ideal for use for a wide range of commercial applications. Given these qualities, MB-100GFT systems provide ideal solutions for buildings that are exposed to heavy pedestrian traffic areas such as schools, hospitals, leisure facilities, shops, shopping centres and even offices. The system also promises to deliver thermal comfort and security to high-street shop owners without



compromising the aesthetics, accessibility and durability. Security options in the system include single or three-point locking or the use of panic hardware. There are also multitude of other hardware options from third-party suppliers that can also be accommodated.

The new system is now available in a wide range of finishes. Should you wish to have an introduction to the system, do not hesitate to give Aluprof UK a call.

Since setting up the Aluprof Office at the Business Design Centre in London, the company has rapidly grown their specification influence in the UK with their high-performance architectural aluminium systems. Further expansion of the company's headquarters in Altrincham now provides specifiers with meeting facilities and an extensive showroom of commercial systems to view. With overseas growth across Europe spreading into the Middle East and firm roots already in the East of the USA, the company is becoming a global player in facade supply. Further information is available on the company's website at <a href="https://www.aluprof.co.uk">www.aluprof.co.uk</a> or direct from their UK head office in Altrincham on 0161 941 4005.







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### WHY CHOOSE CURTAIN WALLING?

As the face of a building, facades are one of the most important design elements – and curtain walling can play a critical role. While it is easy to see the aesthetic benefits of selecting curtain walling over alternative materials, the benefits of this material can be extremely far-reaching.

Let's explore five key reasons to include curtain walling in the design of modern buildings.

#### 1. ULTIMATE DESIGN FREEDOM

Curtain walling equips architects with the ability to create striking glazed facades through the use of off-the-shelf and bespoke systems. In practice, architects experience complete design freedom, safe in the knowledge that suitable curtain walling systems will be able to accommodate design considerations while still delivering the desired performance and functionality required of modern buildings.

#### 2. SUPPORTING SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is a primary consideration at every stage of a building's design, from initial planning through to construction and even once occupied. Through its design, curtain walling can contribute towards the overall sustainability of a building thanks to the individual performance characteristics of specific systems, supporting functions such as cooling and ventilation through to energy efficiency.

#### 3. DELIVERING COMFORT

To be successful, a building has to do more than look good – it needs to perform well and be functional for occupants. Comfort

is a key consideration here, ensuring that interior spaces cater for the needs of those who use them. There are several layers to optimising comfort, including noise control, safety and security and daylighting. It is in these areas where curtain walling can help buildings to excel.

#### 4. LEADING ON AESTHETICS

Often centre to the design of a building facade, aesthetics are integral. The trend to incorporate significant volumes of glazing into the building envelope is facilitated by curtain walling, delivering on a number of requirements, such as helping a building to fit into its surroundings, equipping it with a unique character and maximising views outwards.

#### 5. UNDERPINNING PERFORMANCE

As the most basic function of the building envelope, facades need to provide a barrier against external elements. To this end, systems are expertly engineered and rigorously tested to meet the demands of modern building requirements. This includes everything from Air, Wind and Water tightness through to thermal efficiency and building movement.

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Concealed hinges carry a huge amount of appeal for everyone from cabinet makers to interior designers seeking a pristine finish on interior doors. Hide away the hinges, and the simple act of opening and closing a door takes on a magic of its own.

How do they do that?

There are many ways to pull off the trick. In fact, concealed hinge mechanisms can vary considerably from one application to another. Most noticeably, the types used for furniture and for doors are quite distinct from one another. They have evolved into separate markets, with certain manufacturers known for specialising in concealed cabinet hinges, others in hidden hinges for doors.

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#### Different challenges

For all the benefits of concealed hinges - the neat, tidy finish, the ability to reduce the gap between door and frame/ cabinet body - they do present certain design challenges. For full length doors, the standard solution for hiding away a hinge mechanism has been to embed it in a carved groove in the frame.

Not only does this make installation trickier, it is not a suitable solution for most furniture. Many cabinet doors are overlaid in front of the face frame rather than tucked away inside it. And even when they are inset, the walls of a typical kitchen or bathroom cabinet are too thin to cut a suitable slot into.

Concealed cabinet hinges therefore have to be mounted flush on the interior surface. This in turn creates the need for a double pivot, allowing the door to move 'out and open' to swing free of the face frame. That has led to the development of the elongated multipivot hinge arm that is now a familiar property of most concealed furniture hinges on the market.

It's a design that marks concealed cabinet hinges out from the equivalent products for doors. While these long hinge arms are hidden from sight inside a cabinet when the door is closed, on a two-way door there is no such place to hide them.

#### Simple ingenuity

The Sugatsune HES3D series brings the twin tracks of concealed hinge development back together. From the HES3D-70 to the HES3D-190, the range provides a solution for small cabinet doors weighing no more than 9kg all the way up to heavy duty doors weighing a maximum of 125kg. Ten products, one stunning design concept - a concealed hinge for every purpose.

The secret to the trick? A design built around a reimagined butt hinge, with the single central pivot replaced by three or five rotating pivot points and shortened in length. In opening, this multiple pivot ensures the door clears the frame however it is mounted. When closed, this shortened barrel tucks neatly away into recesses on either side. Rather than protruding, the re-engineered barrel is hidden from sight between stile and frame.

A deceptively simple solution to a longstanding problem. Just the kind of design challenge we thrive on.

#### Mounting made easy

As any carpenter or cabinet maker knows, hanging a door is a skilled business because of the precision needed in positioning both sides of a hinge. Getting this right when one half is already attached either to a door or frame/cabinet interior is tricky.

HES3D hinges allow the hinge mechanism to be unclipped from one side of the base, meaning you can install the frame plate without having to hold the door in position. The two halves of the hinge then just slot back together.

Once installed, HES3D hinges also offer three-way adjustment - hence the '3D' in the name - providing precision control for the perfect finish.

#### Style as well as substance

As with all of our products, the HES3D range is built with aesthetics in mind as much as functionality. Sure, the purpose of a concealed hinge is to remain hidden from view when the door is closed for a flawless finish. But what about when the door is open?

The compact, symmetrical nature of the HES3D 'butterfly' design lends itself perfectly to situations where appearances matter, at all times. Stylistically, HES3D hinges are a step forward from the elongated arm concealed cabinet hinge types, providing furniture manufacturers with a premium option.

To support this, we offer HES3D hinges in three colours as standard - nickel, gold and black. We can also arrange for custom finishes to suit special design requirements.

# TAKING AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO PRODUCT INNOVATION AND CERTIFICATION

The construction sector is currently facing one of its biggest transitions to date. As specifying and installing building products that go above and beyond minimum levels of compliance is paramount to ensuring the long-term safety of a building, here Marcus Parnham, Commercial Director at Profab Access, discusses the importance of adequate product testing and certification.

As the Grenfell Inquiry's second phase continues, further admissions regarding the performance of England's current building safety regime are set to come to light to inform policy makers as they consider new legislation and testing regimes.

No longer will just meeting current standards and regulations be acceptable. In this new era of accountability, it is imperative that the industry sets the standard in achieving a proactive and comprehensive approach to building safety.

First raised in Dame Hackitt's Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, the fire-resistance of a building product should be tested in 'real-world conditions' to ensure that all performance figures stated by the manufacturer are factual and represent the final installation. Whilst some manufacturers may currently only conduct product assessments via a third party, others have responded to Dame Hackitt's findings and have adopted a proactive approach to the testing, certification and verification of their products.

Profab Access has led the way in increasing standards within this area, being the first manufacturer in the UK to bidirectionally fire test its riser doors via an independent third party. As the riser door is physically tested in both directions, it offers the highest levels of fire safety, as professionals can

be confident the riser door will withstand exposure to fire and smoke from both directions for the certified time period.

This adequately prevents the spread of fire throughout a multistorey building as the opportunity for the fire to enter the riser shaft through a riser door located in a corridor and exit through another riser door in a different area or floor of the building is entirely eliminated because both sides of the door have been successfully tested.

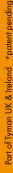
Professionals should look to work with manufacturers that are taking this commitment to third party testing and certification even further through latest advancements in technology and product design, which are providing a revolutionary approach to the installation and maintenance processes.

This includes the new PRECISION adjustable frame, which is supplied as standard with the Profab Access INTEGRA 4000 Series Fire Rated Riser Door. The product's unique construction enables the frame to precisely adjust to the specific dimensions of each structural opening, without the need for traditionally used packers during installation , dramatically reducing fitting times and superseding current building regulations.

The frame also eliminates the need for intumescent mastic bead application as a secondary operation on site, as it utilises a factory applied, integral, all-in-one smoke, intumescent and acoustic FS1000 seal to provide fire stopping between the frame and the wall. Whilst eliminating the reliance of the correct thickness of intumescent mastic bead, it most importantly ensures the compliance and adequacy of the entire installation, as its fire integrity performance has been sufficiently documented by an independent assessor. As a result, this also subsequently increases the efficiencies of installation and removes any potential margins for error.

As the construction sector continues to unearth deep rooted issues regarding the development, testing and certification of products, we are already starting to see proficient changes in action, as manufacturers, architects, specifiers and contractors work together to create and communicate an uninterrupted set of information and certification that goes above and beyond adhering to current regulations to achieve best in class specifications that will continue to perform for the entire lifecycle of the building.

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Rocket Door Frames Ltd, manufacturers of the only 100% steel pocket door system on the market, have moved into a brand new production facility with not only state-of-the- art production systems but also with a focus on the sustainability of the whole production and functionality of the unit.

It has been designed by local architects and engineers to meet or exceed the Minimum Environmental Criteria (MEC) currently used to define Green Public Procurement: green criteria designed to prompt public bodies in Europe to purchase green goods and services, with the lowest possible environmental impact throughout their life-cycle. This is now becoming legislation on continental Europe. See <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/eu\_gpp\_criteria\_en.htm">https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/eu\_gpp\_criteria\_en.htm</a>

From the very beginning this was at the forefront of the design, an examples of this are the efforts placed in the thermic insulation of the basic structure and the layout of the production system and offices to maximise the management of heat transfer and harvesting.







The production itself is almost completely supplied with energy from photovoltaic cells installed on the roof and supplying 200KW of energy to the machinery and offices. These were also manufactured and installed by companies local to the factory.

Being the only 100% steel pocket door system on the market it was important that all the steel used for Rocket Door Frames is from suppliers who use recycled steel which in itself is 100% recyclable. The packaging has been designed in house and uses 100% recycled carton tubing with steel end caps for strength.

Based in Northern Italy near Treviso Rocket Door Frames are distributed throughout the UK by their distribution centre in Grantham Lincolnshire.

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# COASTAL GROUP'S BLU HARDWARE COMBINES STYLE WITH DURABILITY AT CARBIS BAY HOTEL

Coastal's BLU Range of 316 Marine Grade Stainless Steel Hardware has been fitted to several projects now at the luxurious Carbis Bay Hotel & Estate, including the Beach Lodges and new Orangery.

With such an amazing location right on the coast, the architects responsible for the development were well aware of the impact the corrosive saline air in the atmosphere could have could on the look and performance of the doors and windows. A hardware solution was needed that combined faultless performance with the right aesthetics and protection from corrosion.

What set Coastal's BLU Hardware Range apart from other hardware providers was its winning design combination of style and performance. Combine this with the fact the BLU Range is made from 316 Marine Grade Stainless Steel – the best metal to withstand corrosion – and it quickly became the obvious hardware to specify.

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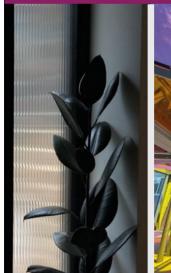
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# STUNNING ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS

#### SHINING A LIGHT ON THE POTENTIAL OF ANODIZING ALUMINUM

Aluminum creates a sophisticated look that can transform an application and, in many applications, including architecture, it can be anodized - a process that protects against corrosion, enhances aesthetics, resists scratching and is very durable.

Just over a decade ago the Belarussian aluminum floor coverings company KTM-2000 decided to invest seriously in the construction of its own anodizing line and, in addition to its existing business, it added the anodizing of aluminum façade claddings to its catalogue. The rest, as they say, is history.

"In 2014 I met Clariant and its distributor for its anodized aluminum colors, Omya. After the inspiration of these meetings, we decided that Clariant's dyes could significantly expand KTM-2000's capabilities, and the three-way partnership would help



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This three-way KTM-2000-Omya-Clariant partnership shows the advantage and possibilities of working with color and anodized aluminum, and it looks set to continue.

our business gain the experience to make a unique offer on the market," said Taras Gvozdkov, CEO of KTM-2000. Clariant's portfolio for aluminum finishing for Europe, North Africa and the Middle East is available through its exclusive distributor Omya (Schweiz) AG.

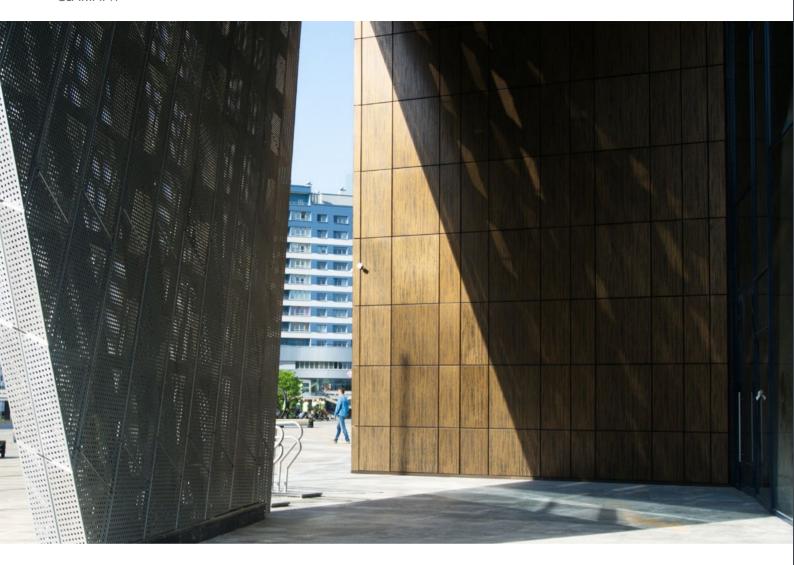
In quick succession KTM-2000 was commissioned to produce the façade of the Office of the 3rd line of the Minsk Metro and the façade of the Primakov school in a region of Moscow.

"Clariant and Omya helped KTM-2000 through these projects in a collaborative way, overcoming challenges through technical consulting and on-site trainings and workshops. The results spoke for themselves with finishes that display excellent light and weather fastness - unique in the industry, scratch resistance, corrosion stability, surface hardness, and heavy-metal free formulation," explained Andreas van Baerle, Head of Sales Aluminium Finishing EMEA at Omya.

These led to the KTM-2000's most significant project to date, the Palace of Rhythmic Gymnastics in Minsk where experience acquired from earlier commissions proved critical. "We had to complete the project in a very short time and finish a 10'000 square meter facade with 12 different color shades. It was a real challenge, but we developed 18 new work methods and new technological approaches to color anodizing. As a result, we completed the project on time and in just 70 days," explained Gvozdkov.







Clariant's palette of high-quality colorants for aluminum finishing is one of the broadest in the industry, with tailor-made solutions focused on improved sustainability and energy efficiency. The range of dyes and aluminum finishing chemicals are manufactured according to strict Swiss safety and environmental requirements and are suitable for outdoor and indoor architectural applications. The Sanodal® range of dyes, used in this partnership, offers exceptional light and weather fastness properties, in a broad range of shades.



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In addition, based on clients' complex individual requirements, with Omya, Clariant can offer technical customer services for all the steps in a production process, operation support, and workflow optimization, provided locally by Clariant technical centers and regional exclusive partners wherever possible. This support ensures that dyeing processes are optimized, aiding the development of special products and solutions to enhance end-products such as car parts, electrical devices and appliances.

This three-way KTM-2000-Omya-Clariant partnership shows the advantage and possibilities of working with color and anodized aluminum, and it looks set to continue, "Thanks to the partnership with Clariant and Omya, KTM-2000 has achieved success and completed some significant projects, but we believe that the most interesting projects are still ahead!" concludes Gvozdkov.

For more information on Clariant's aluminum finishing solutions, please visit www.clariant.com/Aluminum-Finishing.



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# CHOOSING THE RIGHT WOOD FINISH FOR YOUR PROJECT

# PAUL THOMPSON, SALES DIRECTOR OF OSMO UK, THE FLOORING AND FINISHES SPECIALIST, PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO WHAT DIFFERENT WOOD FINISHES CAN ACHIEVE

Wooden flooring is a beautiful feature, but as an organic matter, it will continue to need nourishment to ensure it stays in the best possible condition, both aesthetically and structurally. Our advice is to make use of a high-quality finish, full of natural ingredients to complement the woods properties. This will ensure that the wood continues to breathe and respond well to environmental conditions, removing any possibility of cracking or and blistering.

#### **PROTECTION**

A desired result by many architects, is a natural 'rustic' look to enhance the natural beauty of the wood. To maintain this, the finish applied needs to add durability to the wood surface, protecting it from every day wear-and-tear, stains and dirt. In this situation, a clear matt finish would be the answer. The finish will not detract from the overall look of the natural wood, but will make it more robust, adding to the longevity. Oil/wax finishes penetrate deeply into the wood to create a micro-porous finish. This allows the wood to breathe, moisture to evaporate and ensures a flawless finish both upon application and for many years to come.

After treatment, the wood is strengthened from within and retains its elasticity. It becomes water repellent, stain resistant and more hard-wearing, because it meets the wood's natural demands and does not crack, flake, peel or blister.

#### **RECOMMENDED FINISH - POLYX®-OIL ORIGINAL**

Offering all the professional features of a traditional oil-based finish, Polyx®-Oil combines the smooth surface of conventional lacquers, and the ease of application of a water-based finish. If time is of the essence, opt for Polyx®-Oil Rapid. As the name suggests, Polyx®-Oil Rapid provides a superior finish in extra quick time. In fact, the short drying time allows two coats to be applied in just one day – and there is no need to use a primer.

#### COLOUR

Another feature of wooden finishes is the ability to apply colour to your flooring. Tired or dull floors can quickly be converted to gain a vibrant and exciting appearance. Whether it is a simple tint to change the shade of the wood, or a complete overhaul to a refreshing and bold colour tone – this can be a quick-fix way of improving the appearance of the room. The products which are available on the market have been designed to combine creative design and perfect protection. Not only does it offer visual enhancement, but also a finish that maintains the natural characteristics of the wood.

#### **RECOMMENDED FINISH - POLYX®-OIL TINTS**

Osmo Polyx®-Oil Tints bring a touch of elegance to any room,



offering protection and colour whilst leaving the wood grain visible. The range of protective wood finishes includes colours such as white, honey, amber, terra, graphite and black.

#### **SAFETY**

Depending on the location of the floor, safety needs to be considered when specifying the finish. Like any hard-flooring material, wood can become slippery when wet, resulting in a slip hazard. To rectify this issue, many anti-slip finishes have been introduced to the UK market. These products apply a clear anti-slip finish to the floor, which doesn't compromise the overall appearance.

#### **RECOMMENDED FINISH - POLYX®-OIL ANTI-SLIP**

Polyx®-Oil Anti-Slip increases the slip resistance of frequently maintained flooring areas. The surface retains its natural appearance while the fine structure particles in the finish prevent it from becoming slippery.

Prior to the application of finishes, it is essential to ensure the flooring is adequately prepared in order to achieve the best results. Whether it be a newly laid floor or a renovation project, sanding is essential. Without proper preparation and the removal of pre-existing treatments and varnishes, new finishes may appear uneven and will not saturate the surface sufficiency enough to perform the required job.

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# NET ZERO PIONEER FUTUREBUILD RETURNS FOR 2022

Futurebuild, the event that's championed a sustainable built environment for the past 16 years will take place from March 1 to 3, 2022, at the ExCeL London. This event will connect specifiers, decision makers and disruptors with major brands and start-ups from across the built environment.

Following the announcement of the UK Government 'Net Zero Strategy; Build Back Greener', and COP26 conference in 2021, Futurebuild, previously Ecobuild, will be perfectly timed to focus on these key issues and the actions needed. The focus is no longer about ambition — it is about delivery. As the only event to attract 20,000+ senior professionals from right across the built environment, Futurebuild is the perfect opportunity for the industry to meet and collaborate together, to achieve the transformational change needed if the built environment is going to reach net zero.

As the home of innovation, Futurebuild 2022 will be organised

into six sections — Buildings, Offsite, Interiors, Resourceful Materials, Energy and Critical Infrastructure. The curated event will showcase over 250 leading brands, the companies who are developing the most innovative technologies, products and solutions. Visitors can participate in the innovation trail, which highlights the event's innovation partners. The winners of the Big Innovation Pitch, a competition that celebrates new approaches to the biggest challenges facing the industry, will also be announced during the event.

"Now it is more important than ever to meet in person and do business face to face because our exhibitors and attendees are all working towards a common goal — achieving net zero" explains Martin Hurn, event director at Futurebuild. "To ensure we can deliver a sustainable future we've curated an event that cultivates cross-sector collaboration, addresses key industry issues and inspires transformational change."

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The event will also feature six spotlights, Digital Impact in partnership with Glider, Whole House Retrofit in partnership with the Retrofit Academy, Circular Materials in partnership with 540 World, District Energy in partnership with UKDEA, Future Installer in partnership with MCS and Intelligent Buildings in partnership with KNX. These spotlights will include a mixture of presentations, discussions and practical demonstrations that will cover the fundamental issues facing the built environment.

The Whole House Retrofit spotlight, for example, will showcase products and services that can underpin whole house retrofit at scale. The providers will offer suggestions about best practice during retrofitting, including alternative heat solutions, sustainable timber suggestions and rainwater harvesting. The Intelligent Building spotlight will inform the industry on the smart products and technologies that will make buildings more intelligent, help minimise environmental impact and reduce costs for the end user. Attendees will be able to learn about new smart products, such as innovative heat pump technology, lightweight windowsills and ventilation solutions.

Visitors can also attend Futurebuild's renowned knowledge programme, which includes a conference programme sponsored by Construction Innovation Hub that will explore ambition towards net zero on a macro-level, as well as two keynote stages. Each keynote stage session will be delivered by industry-leading partners and associations such as the RIBA, Passivhaus Trust, MCS, BEIS, MPBA, ASBP, Good Homes Alliance, The Concrete Centre and many more.

The first conference day will focus on the built environment's actions beyond COP26. The current physical impacts of climate change highlight the need for developing long-term resilience at the same time as reducing emissions, restoring natural resources and biodiversity, ensuring a sustainable food supply and recognising



### JACKON IS 'FUTURE HOMES READY' AT FUTUREBUILD

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JACKON's THERMOMUR® ICF and JACKODUR® ATLAS ranges already meet or exceed the new targets for thermal insulation. The THERMOMUR® 350 Super range - currently the company's best-selling range in the UK - already achieves 0.15 for walls with no added materials, and the JACKODUR® ATLAS system can be designed to achieve 0.11.

Visitors to the company's stand at the Show will be able to find out more about the benefits that JACKON's 60 years' expertise in XPS and EPS manufacturing can bring to your construction project. JACKON building systems make a positive contribution to the construction of highly energy-efficient buildings due to very low energy inputs required for heating or cooling.

More information on JACKON's products is available on the company's new website at www.jackon.co.uk

the impacts of climate change on human health and wellbeing. The session will focus on the actions that the UK construction industry should take — starting now.

If you're interested in visiting Futurebuild 2022 and exploring the most innovative products and solutions in the built environment, register for your place at https://registration.gesevent.com/survey/2gw3r66uer34i?actioncode=OTH1&utm\_source=Stone%20Junction&utm\_medium=HN&utm\_id=FBD004.





# THE FUTURE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Join us at Futurebuild 2022

Futurebuild is the home of innovation and the essential platform connecting specifiers, decision makers and disruptors in architectural technology with major brands and start-ups from across the built environment.

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As the heating can be provided without using any primary energy source it offers an unparallel environmentally friendly and cost-effective solution for both domestic and commercial heating applications. Furthermore, as PCM-TES has no moving parts it also offers a maintenance free heating system.

#### THINICE CONCEPT

By simple adding 27°C (81°F)  $^{\sim}$  34°C (93°F) phase change material (PCM) encapsulated in sealed HDPE modules one can increase the heat storage capacity of the floor screed by 50-fold.

As this material captures energy by melting and releases it when it freezes using solar free energy it offers a cost effective and environmentally friendly heating option.

If required a small scale heat pump can be incorporated not only to top up this heating but also provide the hot water requirements and even the possibility of running this small heat pump from solar PV cells and may be during off-peak hours one can provide a reliable and very low running cost system with very attractive return on investment.

Thanks to there being no moving parts, PCM TES is effectively maintenance free and once installed it simply becomes part of the building.

Each module features a number of grooves which are optimally spaced out for runs of underfloor heat pipes, this close contact with the PCM ensures the best heat transfer possible. They allow for pipe lengths to be easily held in place during the installation process requiring no specialist skills.

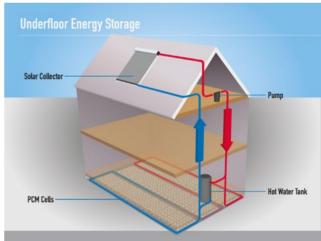
#### **INSTALLATION**

At normal conditions the PCM will be in solid form, making the modules very robust. Rows of modules can be laid directly on top of the insulation layer replacing conventional castellated panels. This creates a grid which allows the heating pipe to be laid easily, holding the heat pipe in place throughout the screeding process to ensure that the finished underfloor heating system will distribute heat evenly.

#### PASSIVE COOLING

It is also possible to use ThinICE modules for free cooling simple placing them within the ceiling area whereby over-night cooler space conditions freeze the PCM and in return during day heat





gains can be absorbed by the PCM like a heat sponge. As long as the sponge i.e. PCM panels big enough to soak up the daily heat gains the occupied spaces will remain cooler in comparison without any thermal storage facility. This passive cooling concept could be either static passive or can be complimented with cooling pipes as in then case of chilled ceiling concept.

Like heating as no moving parts, PCM-TES passive cooling concept offers very attractive low running cost and as the concept utilising free energy it offers a very attractive environmentally friendly cooling options for many domestic and commercial applications.

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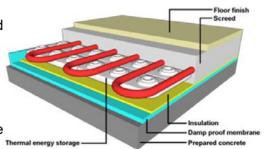
Thermal Energy Storage

#### **UNDER FLOOR HEATING THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE**

Encapsulated ThinICE containers filled with 27~32C (81~90F) Phase Change

Material is ideal to store any excess energy and over comes any overheating.

This Thermal Energy Storage capability provides a useful tool to store any free energy such as solar as well as



shifting the loads from peak to off-peak periods for any domestic or commercial heating applications.

A typical installation is illustrated below and ThinICE is designed to house any standard underfloor heating pipes within the built in grooves. Once the pipes are laid down over the ThinICE containers any standard floor levelling compound can be poured over the pipes to level the floor. Any screed and floor finishing materials can be applied like any standard underfloor installation. As the PCM material temperature is fixed this thermal energy storage within the floor mass will keep the floor temperatures steady irrespective of the incoming heating water supply temperatures.



**ThinICE** 







#### **HEADER**



Floor Finish





# RINNAI HAS RELEASED ITS GLOBAL "INNOVATION MANIFESTO," WHICH PLOTS A PATH TOWARDS NETZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050, WITHOUT NEGATING QUALITY IN PRODUCT DESIGN, INNOVATION AND CUSTOMER VALUE FOR MONEY

Rinnai's "Innovation Manifesto" is formatted into four segments: Background to Carbon Neutrality; Initiatives and Directives to Realize Low-Carbon and Decarbonized Society; Reducing CO2 Emissions from Business Activities; and finally: Investing in Carbon Neutrality.

Says Rinnai UK Managing Director Tony Gittings, "It is a statement of firm commitment by Rinnai concerning environmental issues and the need to accept collective responsibility. We must do this - there is no Planet B. Rinnai is taking action to ensure that it is carbon neutral as soon as is realistically possible across its global estate. We are a business based on engineering excellence and are employing technological creativity to achieve the targets. It will mean, in the UK that we begin to offer a wider range of products to enable our customers to achieve their own carbon reductions and eventual neutrality."

Within the manifesto Rinnai present a truthful appraisal of carbon emissions from production, products in use and procurement phases. Rinnai has identified these three areas as requiring targeted action to achieve reductions in emissions.

Accumulated data reveals 95% of these emissions are produced during the working life cycle of a Rinnai product; the remaining 5% occur throughout procuring materials, manufacturing, transport and disposal.

The Rinnai Manifesto details plans to halve emission created by Rinnai products and manufacturing processes by 2030. Technological innovations that allow hydrogen gas mixes to be applied to Rinnai products will assist in our mid-term ecological ambitions.

By 2050 further developments in this field and full-scale international hydrogen energy transition will enable Rinnai products to be manufactured and accept 100% clean energy. Rinnai products will be entirely clean from the obtaining of materials through to disposal of merchandise.

Rinnai is actively assisting international hydrogen development. Combustion tests on 20% - 30% hydrogen gas blends are being carried out on existing products in the UK, US and Italy.

Rinnai will adapt its range of products to include original hybrid water heating systems throughout the 2020s and electrified heat pumps.

A line of hydrogen ready products already exists in the UK, (N1300i, N1300e, N1600i, and N1600e), whilst Rinnai Japan are spearheading technological innovations that facilitate 100% hydrogen usage in collaboration with other countries.

Rinnai will adapt its range of products to include original hybrid water heating systems throughout the 2020s and electrified heat pumps. Once hydrogen combustion is globally operational Rinnai products will be well placed to accept 100% green energy.

Rinnai is keen to expand its personal sense of environmental responsibility to office and factory working practises. A corporate plan has been structured to ensure that Rinnai offices and factories across the world will be carbon neutral by 2050.

All Rinnai factories and offices will deploy green electricity and carefully directed energy creation to halve Rinnai industry emissions by 2030. The introduction of fossil-fuel free technology and widespread promotion of energy conservation will assist Rinnai achieving total decarbonisation by 2050.

Rinnai's NetZero declaration will require huge amounts of financial funding. To enable clean working practises and

consistent product functionality Rinnai has structured over £332 million of capital investments to be made over five years.

Approaching £200m will be invested into product development in Rinnai's centre of design innovation; specific areas of investment include hydrogen combustion equipment, heat pumps and other next generation technologies.

£100 million will be invested into manufacturing. This flow of capital will enable a switch to sources of greener energy and fossil-fuel free facilities creating greener working standards.

£32 million will be provided into promoting sales of low carbon alternatives such as the ECO ONE hybrid water heating system and the global promotion of energy efficient water heaters. Rinnai are aware that levels of investments may rise and are prepared to provide more finances in making Rinnai fully decarbonized.

Rinnai understands its obligation to actively assist in global decarbonisation and therefore a proactive company plan of design modification on all new product ranges, a change in office and manufacturing practises, a switch to greener energy – requiring billions of yen of investment for this ambition to be realized.

Rinnai hopes by publishing its carbon neutral declaration end users can identify the urgency of action taken and sense of social responsibility the company places upon itself. Rinnai is determined to consistently provide appliances that encourage an environmentally cleaner society.

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## BALKRISHNA DOSHI TO RECEIVE 2022 ROYAL GOLD MEDAL FOR ARCHITECTURE

### ACCLAIMED INDIAN ARCHITECT SELECTED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ARCHITECTURE

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is pleased to announce that Balkrishna Doshi will receive the Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture.

Given in recognition of a lifetime's work, the Royal Gold Medal is approved personally by Her Majesty The Queen and is given to a person or group of people who have had a significant influence on the advancement of architecture. It has been awarded since 1848 and will be presented to Balkrishna Doshi at a special ceremony in 2022.

With a 70 year career and over 100 built projects, Balkrishna Doshi has influenced the direction of architecture in India and its adjacent regions through both his practice and his teaching. His buildings combine pioneering modernism with vernacular, informed by a deep appreciation of the traditions of India's architecture, climate, local culture and craft. His projects include administrative and cultural facilities, housing developments and residential buildings. He has become internationally known for his visionary urban planning and social housing projects, as well as his work in education, both in India and as a visiting professor at universities around the world.

Born in 1927 in Pune, India, to an extended family of furniture makers, Balkrishna Doshi

studied at the J J School of Architecture, Bombay, before working for four years with Le Corbusier as Senior Designer (1951-54) in Paris and four more years in India to supervise projects in Ahmedabad. He worked with Louis Kahn as an associate to build the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and they continued to collaborate for over a decade. He founded his own practice, Vastushilpa in 1956 with two architects. Today Vastushilpa is a multi-disciplinary practice with five partners spanning three generations and has sixty employees. The practice invites dialogue and its philosophy of pro-active participation even applies to their office space – which has an open door, inviting passers-by to drop in

Doshi's key projects include: Shreyas Comprehensive School Campus (1958-63), Ahmedabad, India; Atira Guest House (1958), Ahmedabad, low cost housing; the Institute of Indology (1962), Ahmedabad, a building to house rare documents; Ahmedabad School of Architecture (1966, with additions until 2012) - renamed CEPT University in 2002 - which focused on creating spaces that promoted collaborative learning; Tagore Hall & Memorial Theatre (1967), a 700 seat Brutalist auditorium in Ahmedabad; Premabhai



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Hall (1976), Ahmedabad, India, former theatre and auditorium; Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore (1977 – 1992), a business school; Sangath (1981), the studio for his architecture practice, Vastu Shilpa; Kanoria Centre for Arts (1984), an arts and creative hub; Aranya Low Cost Housing (1989), Indore, India, which won the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 1995 and Amdavad ni Gufa (1994), a cave-like art gallery that exhibits the work of artist Magbool Fida Husain.

On hearing the news that he will receive the Royal Gold Medal in 2022, Balkrishna Doshi said:

"I am pleasantly surprised and deeply humbled to receive the Royal Gold Medal from the Queen of England. What a great honour! The news of this award brought back memories of my time working with Le Corbusier in 1953 when he had just received the news of getting the Royal Gold Medal. I vividly recollect his excitement to receive this honour from Her Majesty. He said to me metaphorically, 'I wonder how big and heavy this medal will be.' Today, six decades later I feel truly overwhelmed to be bestowed with the same award as my guru, Le Corbusier - honouring my six decades of practice. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my wife, my daughters and most importantly my team and collaborators at Sangath my studio."

RIBA President Simon Allford said:

"It was an honour and a pleasure to chair the committee in selecting Balkrishna Doshi as the 2022 Royal Gold Medallist.

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At ninety-four years old he has influenced generations of architects through his delightfully purposeful architecture. Influenced by his time spent in the office of Le Corbusier his work nevertheless is that of an original and independent thinker – able to undo, redo and evolve. In the twentieth century, when technology facilitated many architects to build independently of local climate and tradition, Balkrishna remained closely connected with his hinterland: it's climate, technologies new and old and crafts.

Balkrishna Doshi's outstanding contribution to the art of architecture, the craft of construction and the practice of urban design establish him as a most deserving recipient of this award and I greatly look forward to him being presented with the medal next year."

In recognition of his distinguished contribution as a professional and as an academician, Balkrishna Doshi was made a Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2021. He is the recipient of the Padma Bhushan, Government of India (2020); The Pritzker Architecture Prize (2018); the French Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (2011); Global Award for Lifetime Achievement for Sustainable Architecture, Institut Francais d'Architecture, Paris (2007); Prime Minister's National Award for Excellence in Urban Planning and Design, India (2000); Aga Khan Award for Architecture (1993-1995) and the Gold Medal, Academy of Architecture of France (1988).

The 2022 Royal Gold Medal selection committee, chaired by architect and RIBA President Simon Allford, comprised: Sir David Adjaye OBE, architect and recipient of the 2021 Royal Gold Medal for Architecture; Alison Brooks, Principle and Creative Director of Alison Brooks Architects; Kate Cheyne, architect and Head of Leicester School of Art, Design and Architecture at De Montfort

University and Dr Gus Casely-Hayford OBE, Professor of Practice at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies in London and founding Director of V&A East).

Citation on Balkrishna Doshi by the 2022 RIBA Honours Committee:

Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi has been practising architecture and designing and delivering outstanding buildings and places for over seventy years. Trained in Mumbai he began practice in Europe working closely with Le Corbusier. He returned to India in his late twenties to help supervise Corbusier's projects in Ahmedabad before setting up his own studio to work collaboratively with Louis Kahn on the Indian Institute of Management campus, also in Ahmedabad.

His personal influence as a practitioner and educator has grown from there. Through his teaching and his practice he has helped define the direction of architecture in India and much of the adjacent regions. But even more importantly his development of and advocacy for an architectural language of material economy and elegance and delight - is ever more relevant to all architects working in today's challenging times. Doshi is a visionary constructor of ideas who works with form and light. He is also a constructor of an appropriate vernacular for and of the places in which he works. His many wonderful buildings celebrate the local technologies and crafts as well as the natural habitat to create environments that are legible, hard-working backdrops joyfully accommodating the theatre of everyday life. Once visited and studied it is soon apparent that they are also wonderful essays in the careful interplay of formal themes and technologies. Importantly building and nature are always intertwined to create a brave, confident and on occasion challenging architecture of purpose and delight. Architecture as background and foreground.

Doshi, now in his nineties, works every day and remains as prolific as he is inspirational. A living testament to the potential of an architectural history of ideas, passed through practice and education from one generation to the next. An architecture that is always evolving to help define a better future.

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# SHAPES AND GAMES IN HUNGARY

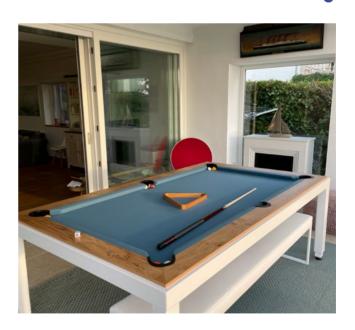
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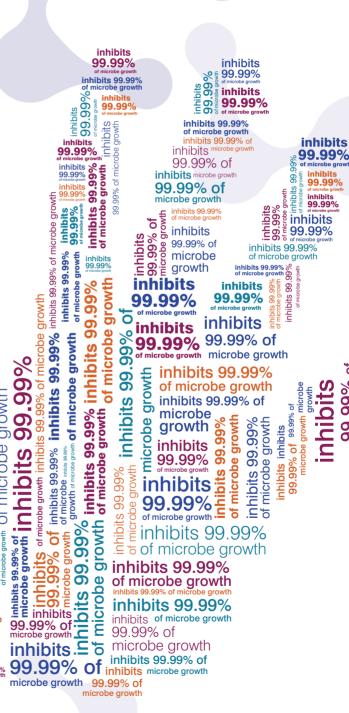
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BSPOKE 365 kicked off with five days of captivating talks and unmissable content from the likes of Yinka Ilori, Eley Kishimoto, Lee Broom, Henry Holland, Adam Nathaniel Furman, Marianne Shillingford and more.



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Vibrant, contemporary and highly sophisticated, Chelsea is one of London's hot-spots with Kings Road being regarded as the suburbs beating heart brimming with restaurants, bars, designer shops and art galleries. On the corner of Old Church Street, a former vintage cinema has been transformed into a four-storey property called Essoldo House. Designed by Nick Shipp Architects, this property defines the overall streetscape with its striking contemporary design and distinct tower-like bay window.

The eleven residential units comprise of three maisonettes and eight apartments, ranging from around 70-145 square metres in size. They all combine 21st century design and comfort with the character of traditional Chelsea, offering at least one balcony or roof terrace with views over the Borough. The building has underground parking and, of course, offers a concierge service for residents.

The absolute commitment to luxury in Essoldo House is visible in every detail with solid, high-quality oak floors, Carrara marble in all the bathrooms, and Porcelanosa kitchens, fitted exclusively with the latest generation of Miele appliances, including wine fridges and boiling water taps. The building services are also state-of-the-art: all functions, from the air conditioning and lighting to the Sonos wireless sound system installed throughout and the security system, are interconnected and can be controlled using an iPad, ensuring a smart home in its purest form.

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## THE BEAUTY OF BESPOKE

#### INTRODUCING NEWFOUNDLAND WITH DAVID PHILLIPS

Newfoundland is a landmark addition to the London skyline and benefits from uninterrupted views over the capital. Designed by renowned architects Horden Cherry Lee, this impressive piece of architecture with its arresting diagrid glass façade stands proud in the affluent Canary Wharf district.

Newfoundland is the 'jewel in the crown' within Canary Wharf Group's Vertus Residential leasing portfolio. This 58-storey residential development required a detailed and highly considered design approach; with David Phillips providing a bespoke furniture solution throughout.

"What I found most interesting about Newfoundland is that architecturally it was the most fascinating but also the most challenging - it's a striking building and from an interior perspective, a project we couldn't wait to get involved with." - Nicholas Gill, CEO, David Phillips.

With a brief to create a prime development that could generate a 25% increase over existing rents in the area, David Phillips worked closely with Vertus and the Canary Wharf Group to design a bespoke furniture solution exclusively for Newfoundland over a four-year period. Taking an initial design concept through to installation via an extensive design development stage.

"With such a striking exterior and shape, the architecture played a huge part in influencing the interiors' unconventional typographies. Our design was based on Vertus' aspiration for the interiors to be light, sophisticated and most-importantly contemporary — with a colour palette of bold blues and rust tones that transitioned into a softer palette of powder blues, greens and neutrals as you went through the building. Dark wood finishes, marbles and metal-work helped ensure a refined, cohesive look was achieved that had depth and character." - Mark McDonnell, Head of Design, David Phillips

When developing the furnishing schemes, each piece needed to work within all the apartments to ensure a comfortable layout was







achieved. By taking the time to develop bespoke furniture items, such as the use of an angled corner sofa, this helped achieve a nuanced response to this intricate building.

Equally the layout of the studio apartments required the development of a unique freestanding TV joinery unit with rotating screen component. David Phillips long-standing relations with their suppliers ensured they could design, manufacture and deliver a product that would have been a considerable cost saving to the client, compared to conventional fitted joinery.

In addition to providing the furniture for the apartments, David Phillips created furniture concepts for amenity and lobby spaces. The furniture for these areas was designed with a developed understanding of how these spaces are used by residents, with durable contract-grade fabric being used throughout.

The scheme required the development of bespoke furniture and joinery pieces, designed and then manufactured here in the UK. The scheme also incorporated high-end furniture pieces from brands such as Cassina, Lema and Cattelan Italia that were selected, procured and installed by David Phillips. Design details included custom silk rugs, hand-made pendant lighting, luxury games tables, fitted joinery in the gymnasium and luxury outdoor furniture.

The design team at David Phillips added the final finishes to the scheme by providing full dressing and staging of the amenity spaces as well an array of show apartments. Executing the initial design intent through the use of carefully selected accessories that speak to the Vertus' residents profile and aspirational urban lifestyle.

Newfoundland is a testament to David Phillips' ability to deliver on a client brief, from concept all the way to creation, across all elements of a premium BTR development.

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## SETTING THE SCENE

## 74 DESIGNS NEW RESIDENTIAL AMENITY SPACES FOR GRAINGER AT THE HEADLINE, LEEDS

74 is delighted to announce the completion of its amenity space designs at The Headline for client Grainger plc. The new BTR (build-to-rent) residential development is located in Leeds on the former site of the Yorkshire Post offices and printing works and forms part of the city's new Wellington Place urban quarter.

The new-build, 18-storey building, with extensive frontage looking directly out over the River Aire, features a stepped design from the 13th to the 17th floor, with parking at belowground level. The 242-home scheme has been designed by architects The Harris Partnership, with 74's remit covering the interior design of the 595 sq m ground floor residents' amenity space - where social areas are combined with a reception area, residents lounge, co-working space, a fitness-on-demand wellness studio and a gym - as well as a 155 sq m 'Sky Lounge' on the building's 11th floor, with private dining room and additional external terrace space.



74 have done an excellent job in answering to our brief, bringing creativity and great attention to detail and in doing so, creating spaces that we feel confident our residents will love.

#### **BRIEF AND APPROACH**

"We were looking to create a stand-out design for the amenity spaces" Bianca Yousef, Associate at 74 commented, "that would be notably different from the harder-edged, more corporate feel of the interiors of many of the surrounding buildings. The idea for The Headline was for a soft, elegant and sophisticated series of spaces where residents could work, rest and play, with ideas and inspiration for the design concept taken from the site's former life as the headquarters of the Yorkshire Post newspaper."

Katherine Stephens, Grainger's Development Manager for The Headline said "We are really pleased with the finished amenity spaces at The Headline. 74 have done an excellent job in answering to our brief, bringing creativity and great attention to detail and in doing so, creating spaces that we feel confident our residents will love."

#### SOCIAL SPACES DESIGN TREATMENT

The design treatment for the two amenity spaces was aimed at enabling residents to relax immediately on entering the building and to feel at home. Light, soft tones – a mix of neutrals with feature soft blues and greens for the ground floor and the addition of a strong orange/rust colour in the Sky Lounge – combine to create a striking and fresh palette, with refined and minimal contemporary detailing throughout, as well as strong statement furniture and dramatic feature lighting.

Bringing the outside in via greenery and natural materials to prioritise resident wellbeing was also an imperative, as were the quality cues provided by the scheme's materials, which include solid surface finishes, such as beautiful porcelain floor tiles and natural light oak. Brass is used throughout in the scheme's furniture, lighting and design detailing, with the gold finishes to the scheme's metalwork creating a welcoming sense of warmth. Fit-out contractor Gariff Construction Ltd, who have previously worked with Grainger, created the scheme's standout bespoke joinery.

The site's newspaper heritage influence can be seen in the choices of set dressing – from typewriters and a series of eight wall clocks showing the time in major cities throughout the world – through to the influence of printing production rails, whose echo can be seen in the dramatic, curved framework rails 74 designed around the booth and sofa seating in the centre of the ground floor space. Lighter touches reflecting printed text, the formation of lettering and newsroom styling also find their way subtly into the design via the scheme's wayfinding, which was created by f.r.a. This was complemented by the work of Widd Signs, who fabricated and installed all the enhanced wayfinding, including the main building sign.





The spaces also feature eight stunning artworks (seven on the ground floor and one in the Sky Lounge), commissioned from artist Michael Murray. The artist liaised with both Grainger and 74 on the artwork brief, so that the final works feature objects relating to the site's Yorkshire Post heritage, whilst also reflecting the scheme's colour palette and incorporating subtle typographic and shaping references to The Headline's identity, Grainger's history and the Yorkshire Post newspaper

#### **DESIGN WALK-THROUGH:**

The main entrance to The Headline brings residents directly into the ground floor amenity space, where they are welcomed by a receptionist from a curved, bespoke reception desk directly ahead. Residents who want to check in with their post or deliveries can access either letterboxes - in a satin grey finish with engraved gold lettering from the Safety Letterbox Company - or parcel lockers, supplied by Bellsure - both located to the rear of the reception and directly in front of the lift lobby, with 24-hour ease-of-access for residents who want to go directly to their apartments.

Immediately to the left of the amenity space entrance is a glazed, bookable meeting room for the use of either residents or staff, whilst a generously-proportioned back of house and staff welfare area also serves as a work hub for Grainger's Resident Services team. The meeting room features a pale timber circular table, overhead hanging planting and six Co Chair chairs by Menu in alternating shades of Duckegg and Bluebell in a cord finish and featuring natural oak armrests. The room's textured blue 'Hopscotch' wallpaper is by Tektura Wallcoverings and was chosen for its subtle link to the lines of The Headline's identity design, whilst the Shaw Contract carpet in Mirror Grey from the Simply by Nature collection features a similarly ridged-texture finish. Wall lights are In the Sun from DCW Editions.

For those who wish to use the wider amenity space, a central corridor guides residents through the zoned spaces, which include two generously-apportioned social and co-working areas. The first of these, just inside the front of the building on the right, features a six-person co-working table, whilst further seating – brass-framed Agora high stools by Missana with velvet upholstery and a bespoke back cushion – is arranged by the right-side high window together with a marble-effect work surface. A credenza in this section – the Air Sideboard by Design House Stockholm – introduces a rattan weave treatment, used further for furniture and wall panels and two ceiling rafts to the right-side rear of the space.

The central feature booth and banquette seating area on the

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Furniture throughout, where not bespoke, was sourced by Workform, with the scheme's planting created by Urban Planters.

ground floor features bespoke joinery and plays with height by having lower seating to one side. This seating design is a great example of the scheme's strong play on geometry, with newspaper production rail-inspired curves to the joinery framework and added texture created by side panelling with a rattan weave finish. The booths are made up of powder-coated metal rails with a warm, gold-brass finish, whilst the bespoke tables incorporate hidden wireless chargers. The seating – with contrasting end material upholstery – is in luxurious soft blue velvet with a piped edge detail. Soft green curtains soften the look of the space and ensure a residential feel.

Furniture throughout, where not bespoke, was sourced by Workform, with the scheme's planting created by Urban Planters. Flooring is a continuous porcelain tiling – in either a straight or diagonal pattern, depending on the area - with Amtico basketweave flooring used to denote co-working areas, with brass strip edging. Rugs by Ege in Dust Green from the Soft Dreams Lux range feature in the rear lounge area to create a softer note.





Feature lighting throughout is by Enigma Lighting, with M&E specialists Cundall, who designed all of the M&E, working with 74 on architectural track lighting and suspended linear lights. The lighting provides continual high-level visual interest throughout both spaces, with ground floor highlights including brass and globe Florence Pendants by Mullan Lighting and the Lily triple lights on brass arms by Nordlux. The rear lounge space, designed for more purely relaxation purposes, features bespoke low sofas and chairs with a more outdoor feel, including the Colony Lounge Chair by Miniforms and the Cala Armchairs by Kettal. The indoor/outdoor feeling of this space is accentuated by an olive tree feature inset into the centre of the rear table and crowned with a suspended circular light from Enigma Lighting. Bespoke metal weave lights to the left of the space from Enigma Lighting and Take Luck Home Vivid Bird pendants continue the outdoor feel and references.

To the left-side rear of the ground floor space are the Wellness Studio and Gym. The Wellness Studio features wall batons and basket-weave Amtico flooring. Both the Studio and the Gym have full-height mirrors on two sides, as well as oversized glazed doors (glazing by Planet Partitioning) in beige to match the curtain walls with PVD satin brass ironmongery by d line. Fitness-on-demand classes are available in the Studio via a television. Flooring in the gym is a light grey rubber with a speckle finish, whilst all equipment is by TechnoGym and was specified for the scheme by Educated Body. Two large, back-lit circular mirrors also feature within the gym area, whilst voiles along one of the mirrored walls add a soft and elegant note to the space and compliment the brass and beige tones of the adjacent door

On the 11th floor, the Sky Lounge is a vibrant and fun space, featuring bolder colours and brighter fabrics, although clearly linking to the ground floor amenity space via the same finishes family, including brass lighting and framework seats. Amtico basket-weave flooring is also used here, this time with different feature colour sections to demarcate the pool table and fireplace sofa area, which features two facing New York Suite sofas by Saba in Spice orange-rust velvet upholstery. Bright orange fabrics and bolder blues and greens tie the overall look together, including rich blue curtains and a feature bespoke orange baize pool table.

As residents enter, they see the lounge seating area with the



sofas directly ahead, backed by a feature fireplace inset into a feature wall of with mint-coloured tiles at the lower level and a large screen at the upper level, surrounded by grey wall tiles with metallic lines at angles, creating an eye-catching geometric pattern.

At the top left of the space is a gaming area with tables for board games, whilst a printed chessboard table is located in front of the fireplace. A feature high-level table for eight is located to the right. To the rear of the space on the right is a refreshment counter with a bronze, mirrored splashback, whilst to the rear on the left is a stunning private dining room and kitchen. The striking wallpaper here in mottled blues is from the Abalone range by Tektura Wallcoverings, whilst the bespoke, ellipseshaped dining table seats eight and features a veined stone top. Three metal ring globe pendant lights over the dining table are by Homary, whilst other stand-out Sky Lounge lighting includes dramatic Metal Bow Floor Lamps by Beut; the Opal Pendant by Enigma Lighting over the pool table and two sets of Polished Brass Tube pendant lights by E2 Lighting, hung at different lengths set inside two curved-edge joinery ceiling rafts over the high table and games table areas.

Lounge seating, tables and rugs, all suitable for outdoor use, decorate the slim external terrace, encouraging residents to step out and take in the views of the River Aire.

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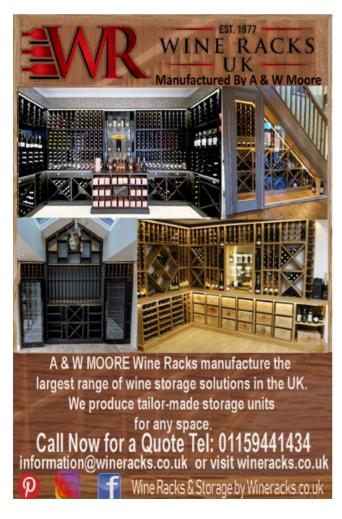




Final touches to this unique and on-trend space are based around a raw and textured material palette including polished brass, polished marble and cotton twill – all which will help to bring the space to life without detracting from the characterful natural beauty of the wood.

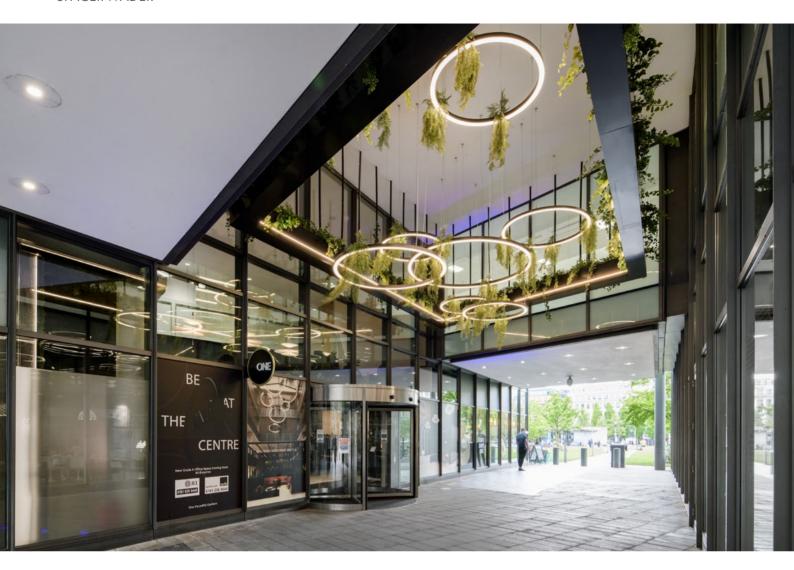
With the help of Havwoods, this one-of-a-kind retail space has been transformed to create an inviting yet stylish interior with a hint of Parisian charm.

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# SPACEINVADER TRANSFORMS MANCHESTER'S ONE PICCADILLY GARDENS FOR LEGAL & GENERAL

Leading Manchester interiors agency SpaceInvader has transformed the look of one of the city's landmark developments at One Piccadilly Gardens for client LGIM Real Assets (Legal & General). The well-known building, originally designed by architects Allies and Morrison and developed in 2003 by Argent, faces onto the Gardens with high-impact red-brick frontage. The building is comprised of retail on the ground floor and office space above and was sold to Europa Capital in 2011 before being purchased by Legal & General in 2014. The brief to SpaceInvader for the new interiors of the six-storey, Grade A office building was to transform its look and feel into a more inviting, dynamic space that promoted a sense of welcome, wellbeing, flexibility and collaboration, via a scheme that would match the building fabric in terms of character and presence.

'The transformation forms part of a bid to bring more life and love to this part of the city', SpaceInvader Founder John Williams commented, 'helping to ignite a more vibrant surrounding area with a café culture feel. Legal & General took the decision to invest in the building in order to make a mark and help elevate the overall Piccadilly area.'

#### **EXISTING INTERIOR**

The entrance to the office building is located on a cut-through that sees a lot of through-traffic but offered no real sense of arrival. Existing views through to the interior were rather dull and grey, resulting in an overall unwelcoming feel. Once inside, an existing, huge-scale reception desk functioned more as a barrier than a welcoming element, discouraging people from

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doing anything but passing straight on through the speedgates, in spite of a few additional arrangements of loose furniture serving as waiting areas. The double height diagonal void through the ground and first floors of the building was also not utilised to its best advantage.

'There was a great opportunity here' John Williams added, 'to turn the personality of the offer around, working with rather than against the building. A new interior that was properly integrated with the building's stature, location and material palette was called for, to make the most of the great corner location and views out. This was evidently a well-established building with real potential for change.'

SpaceInvader were commissioned by Legal & General for the concept stage of the project and then novated across to commercial interior design, build and delivery specialist ADT Workplace for the construction delivery stage. The scheme's project managers were Paragon. The full scope of interior design works covered the entrance, reception and atrium areas, a new upper basement bike store with adjacent changing rooms and shower space, the building's lift core and circulation areas and a refreshed design for the non-tenanted office spaces on the third and fourth floors. SpaceInvader also designed the scheme's wayfinding.

#### **DESIGN CONCEPT**

At the heart of SpaceInvader's concept was the idea of creating a new community culture for One Piccadilly Gardens, featuring a series of attractive spaces for people to sit, relax, meet and collaborate. The mix of people coming in and using these areas is diverse, including tenants, their clients, prospective tenants and other visitors. The new design sought to create moments for pause and reflection as well as places for catching up and ad hoc encounters. Alluding to the site's rich history, the design also needed to be timeless, with a non-exclusive appeal catering to a wide user and age-range demographic.

The design language looked right back to the site's interesting history in the 18th century, when the gardens were little more than a wasteland on the edge of the city. Known as the 'daub holes', the area was home to a wet pit and ponds, from which clay for the construction of wattle and daub walls was extracted.

'We were inspired both by the terracotta colour of clay and the outer red building façade when it came to creating the design palette', Regina Cheng, Senior Interior Designer at SpaceInvader, commented, 'although, as it's such a strong colour, the terracotta was to be used for highlights only. We also looked at the origins of the word Piccadilly, which comes from a seventeenth-century frilled curved collar known as a piccadill.



Roger Baker, a tailor who became rich making piccadills, lived in the area. The origin of the word is thought to be the Spanish 'picadillo', meaning pierced or punctured. Subtle references to this in the form of curves and punctures, especially using light, also formed part of our design language.'

## DESIGN WALKTHROUGH ENTRANCE

The main challenge for the redesign of the entrance area was that it was quite hidden. How could a stronger sense of arrival be created, befitting a landmark space, without changing the external façade in any way?

'We re-thought the entrance as a 'puncture' within the passageway, changing its hidden nature and making it stand out by the creation of a new, hanging biophilic and light installation above the entrance, set within a rectilinear LED light, which extends the full breadth of the passageway and is clearly visible from either direction of approach' Regina Cheng explained. 'We then added a new round 'bus stop' signage, using the development's existing ONE logo, where all branding previously had related only to neighbouring retail and hospitality offers. We also increased the presence of the glass-front manifestation. Clear views through now ensure a new era of transparency for the interior, celebrating rather than concealing its existence.'

#### **RECEPTION**

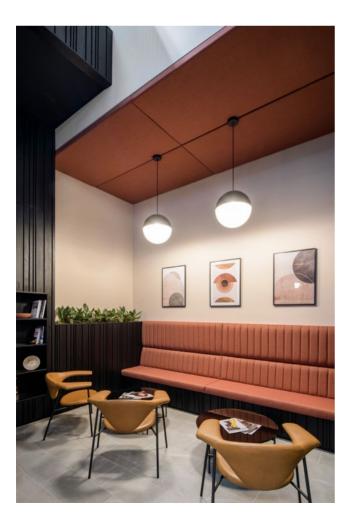
SpaceInvader sought to create cohesion in the new reception design through a statement interior making good use of existing structure. The double-height reception space was completely re-arranged, with a new, smaller, bespoke reception desk with anodised brass details and a grey marble-finish front positioned to the side of the space, where it sits neatly in an existing alcove beneath a perimeter bulkhead, following the angles of the building and freeing up space. The reception top is dressed with a Lee Broom table lamp, linking to other feature pendant lights in the space.

The strong and dramatic finishes in the reception play on ideas of light and dark, as well as the idea of piercing and puncturing, with black-stained timber wall cladding and strong inset pops of terracotta. The terracotta colouring features in both the loose furniture and in the curved and straight banquette seating areas, as well as in the vertical ribbed upholstery in the standout curved nook section.

New rear timber wall panelling behind reception features concealed LED lighting that continues up into the ceiling and, to the left-side, petrified moss panels, which link both to the external planting and the new 'Garden Pavilion' in the atrium space above. Security staff have been allocated their own office space for the first time too, with secure storage and CCTV facilities now located to the rear of reception.

A timber wall with the development's ONE logo sits to the right of reception, with an inset media screen for landlord messaging and building information. The anodised brass framework of the reception desk continues here as an inset line within the cladding before the wall cedes into the first seating area, a striking curved nook with loose chestnut leather Gubi Masculo chairs, terracotta-coloured banquette upholstery and rounded terracotta wall ribs, forming an inviting space where people will want to come and interact. A Lee Broom Lens Flair Pendant Light hangs over the space, with two further identical pendants in the seating area to the right, whilst the main reception area features four large-scale light fittings, the Flamingo Pendant by Vibia.

Existing speedgates were retained, serving the desired direction of movement. The design of the seating booth to their left was created to be in a perfect line with them to ensure their position looks considered and framed. Above the speedgates is further timber panelling and elegant, fluted glass balustrading. The timber panelling is also scored vertically, with a strong vertical emphasis linking this to the glass and the ribs of the curved seating nook.



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## The language within the lift lobby continues on from reception, but with a more restrained, classic feel.

To the right of the timber-clad reception space is a magazine rack and display shelving for waiting guests, integrated into the joinery, plus a further area of terracotta-coloured soft booth seating. Instead of terracotta wall cladding however, this inset space features a terracotta ceiling panel, with the off-white wall space playing host to three artworks, featuring circles in a nod to the scheme's identity and in colour tones that work with the scheme.

The flooring is a grey marble-finish tile which continues into the lift lobby area beyond the speedgates. The neutral colour works alongside the red tones in the scheme, ensuring a classic and timeless feel. The feature panelling also wraps round the wall on the left-hand side along the tunnel route that leads up to the atrium.

#### **LIFT LOBBY**

The language within the lift lobby continues on from reception, but with a more restrained, classic feel. As well as feature dark panelling, an inset brass band pulls the eye through the space and up towards the atrium and the first floor. Natural light floods into this space from the atrium above and reflects off the light flooring, carrying it on further back towards the reception.

The ceiling was painted here to emphasise the existing, central linear lighting that leads visitors through the space, with bespoke wall panels containing further concealed lighting at their base. The new wayfinding scheme includes a single large-letter or number in anodised brass set into a black-stained timber panel for each storey, located directly opposite the lift. Existing doors facing into the lobby were wrapped in new black vinyl, whilst the lift fronts were also sprayed black to tie in.

#### ATRIUM AND GARDEN PAVILION

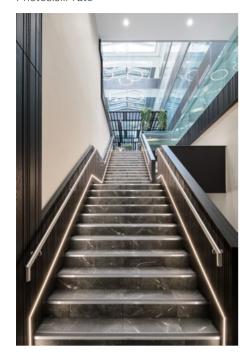
The stair to the first floor has an interim level, leading to toilets (with disabled toilets to the rear of the ground floor corridor beneath). A dark marble tile is used to clad the stairs, with LED lighting inset into the balustrade to lead the eye upwards.

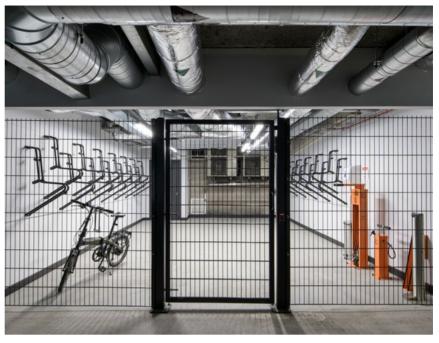
The atrium features a brand new feature area – a centrally-located, square-box garden pavilion – with plenty of breathing space around it to maintain the privacy of first-floor tenants.

'This was a key area for our new scheme', John Williams of SpaceInvader commented. 'We saw the potential here to turn the focus inwards and create a real statement space that would serve all the building's inhabitants, not just the company whose offices were located directly adjacent.'

Placing a pavilion within the atrium space makes a once-barren space habitable and invites tenants and visitors to use a space situated in the lightest part of the building for informal meetings or collaboration. The new pavilion is made of framed structure

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clad in black-stained timber, set within the building's light-well. Planting along the back wall ensures the first floor's tenant (a bank) remains private, whilst generous hanging planting creates the feeling of an outdoor space. As well as introducing more integrated biophilia, the atrium represents an area of retreat, with the planting surround helping with users' physical and mental wellbeing and also providing a natural acoustic element. Under each floor slab of the building above are ventilation grills and panelling, originally in old-fashioned timber and newly sprayed black to make sure the upper floors tie in with the new scheme.

The pavilion's interior was designed with a more flexible type of upholstered seating, allowing tenants to work individually or as groups by splitting/grouping tables, with further loose lounge seating so it can act as a breakout space or quick catch-up setting. Vertical slats incorporate acoustic panels to reduce reverberation. Terracotta is used for the booth upholstery, whilst the greens in the lounge area work with the planting. A coffee point is located to the left. The carpet here also helps with the acoustics and is in a light grey to tie in with the scheme's predominant flooring, with an added grey vinyl apron around the coffee point.

The pavilion features two levels of lighting. First, fan-shaped circular Buzzispace acoustic lights which represent another 'lace collar' reference, whilst above the pavilion, a feature light is made of simple hoops on different levels (by StudioTech), tying in with the entrance area lighting. The stair features a black version of the marble finish as a highlight before the floor returns to the grey marble finish.

Bike Store, Showers and Toilets - Upper Basement

The upper basement space now incorporates a bike store, showers and changing facilities, as well as laundry and drying facilities for those who work within the building.

'This area has quite a high-end feel so it doesn't feel like a basement space' Regina Cheng explained, 'and is more like a

hotel spa facility with a towel service for the showers. The look and feel here needed to be more minimal, so that it was related to the main scheme but with more muted tones. The colour scheme here features sand for warmth alongside grey stone, slatted to continue the design language of verticality.'

Bold and contrasting wayfinding stands out against the light concrete finish. The bike store is key for the space, giving those that cycle to work a safe place for their bike and equipment. The space also includes a new laundry / drying room for cyclists and new staff room with dining table and sofa.

#### THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS

SpaceInvader stripped out the 3rd and half the 4th floor and put in new raised access flooring. The overall directive was to leave scope for Cat B tenants to have a say on floor finishes, whilst creating enough features to boost the Cat A design. Cat A finishes included removing an existing grid ceiling and painting the new largely-exposed ceiling dark grey with new rafts to break up the uniformity, with all ventilation either integrated into the rafts or relocated to the core and perimeter, concealed within a bulkhead detail. This leaves a cleaner soffit with exposed conduits for lighting. The entrance areas by the atrium feature an open triangular ceiling system by SAS. Suspended linear lights were integrated into the ceiling, whilst the central band features recessed spotlights and linear lights.

Rob Codling, Fund Manager, LGIM Real Assets commented 'Through long-term investment, we remain proactive in delivering the optimum environment for our occupiers. LGIM Real Assets has made a significant investment in One Piccadilly Gardens (OPG) – in which SpaceInvader has played a pivotal role. The transformation of the property will not only improve our occupiers' experience, but, more widely, assist in our drive to be landlord of choice. Aligning with Legal & General's ongoing ESG agenda, all works undertaken at OPG have the highest ESG credentials, ensuring the building remains fit for the future.'

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Having to make these small decisions undoubtedly helps build confidence through play.

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As a key play industry manufacturer, we recognise the current huge focus on providing safe play spaces for children all around the UK. Indeed, there are more new play areas being developed than in recent years. This drives innovation within the industry, making producers expand their thinking. This also has a key impact on the types of play equipment being designed, in order to win the next major play project.

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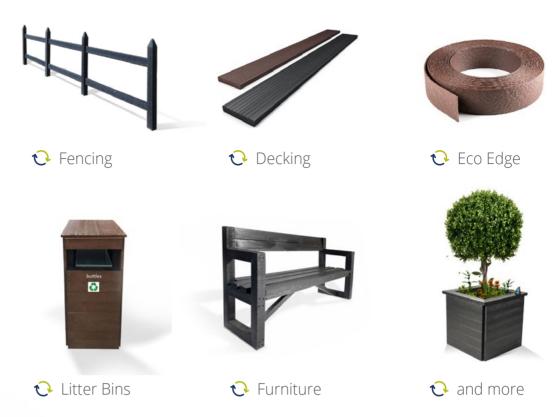






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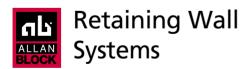
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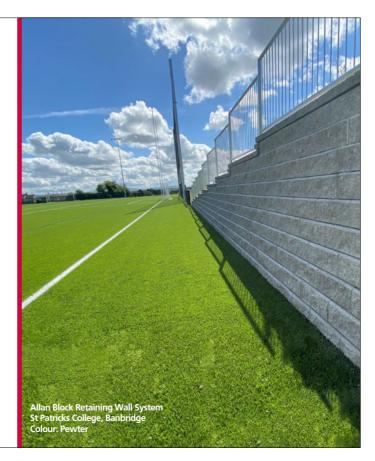


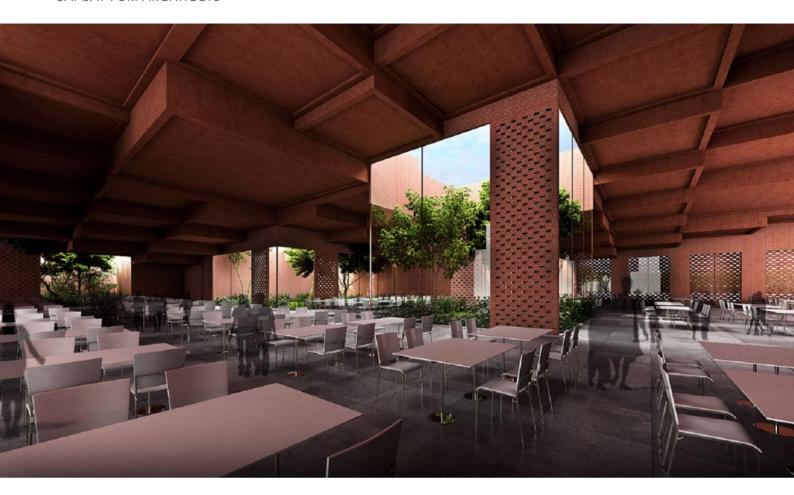
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#### Technical sheet

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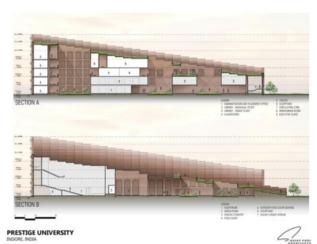
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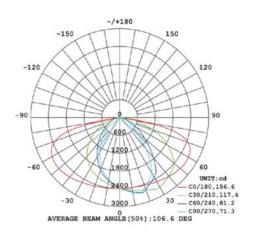


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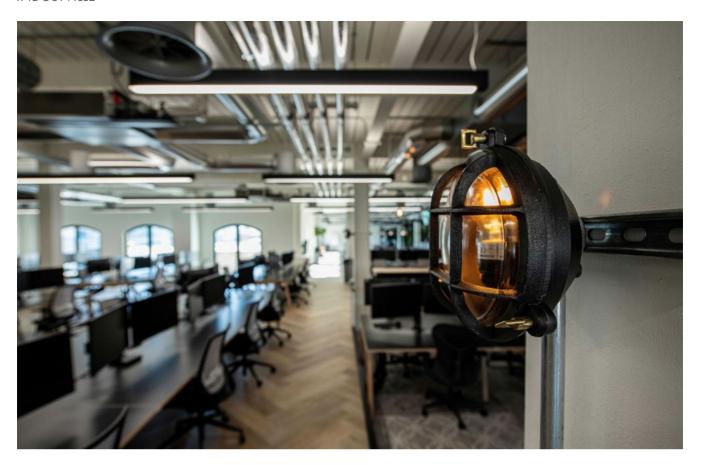
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# PROMOTING PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVING WELLNESS

LOOKING AT LIGHTING DESIGN AS PART OF THE BIGGER PICTURE,
MARKETA RYPACEK, MANAGING DIRECTOR AT INDUSTVILLE LTD,
UNDERSTANDS THAT OFFICE LIGHTING PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN IMPROVING
THE EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

The past few years have truly transformed what we've come to expect from office spaces and their design. As the needs of office workers change, so too must the approach to workplace design. Office interiors still call for functionality at their core, but increasingly, designers are now incorporating more elements of comfort and features that facilitate improved employee wellbeing. With the mood of employees having such a significant impact on the results of a company, it's not surprising that employers are keen to design offices that motivate and stimulate their workforce. In recent years it has become clear that lighting has a big effect on people's wellbeing, alertness and productivity at work. In the past, lighting design has often focused on lighting specific tasks, such as reading or looking at computer screens, which has been at the expense of how light affects the person. To strike the right balance, we need to light not just the task, but also the space and the person, so people can feel comfortable when carrying out their work.



## I often advise customers to vary the lighting in a room to create little pockets and pools of light.

Our natural circadian rhythm is vital in ensuring general wellbeing, affecting everything from our all-important sleep patterns to the molecular clocks that regulate the timing of our cellular activities. Keeping this rhythm in check, means we not only feel better but also perform better too, hence companies and organisations are keen to ensure they provide the right environment for their workers, with the correct lighting playing a big part in this. Biophilic design is becoming more than a trend; it is a scientifically proven philosophy of our innate connection with nature and natural elements. Modern humans spend about 90% of their time indoors, which has resulted in an outcry for a deeper connection with nature. This has affected the lighting aspect of office space design immensely, demanding greater amounts of natural light, as well as softer lighting, instead of windowless cubicles under fluorescent lighting.

Workplaces must install confidence with social distancing measures and safety guidelines whilst creating a sociable environment in which employees and visitors can relax and enjoy each other's company once more. The key here is to maintain the brand concept of your company. Lighting should be used to create a welcoming feel, resulting in a place your employees will thrive, and visitors will want to spend time in and return to. To achieve this, lighting should be approached in a layered manner. Embrace the whole range of lighting sources available from pendant lights, recessed lights and chandeliers, to track lighting, lamps and spot lighting. I often advise customers to vary the lighting in a room to create little pockets and pools of light.







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## REWARDING NORDIC COPPER

TWO IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS, DEFINED BY NORDIC COPPER CLADDING, HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED ACCOLADES FOLLOWING PREVIOUS AWARDS

#### **BEST BUILDING IN SCOTLAND**

The award-winning Aberdeen Art Gallery has just been named winner of the 2021 Andrew Doolan 'Best Building in Scotland' Award. The rejuvenated, listed complex is crowned by a striking contemporary rooftop extension clad in Nordic Brown Light.

The Nordic Brown Light copper rooftop extension contains a suite of environmentally controlled temporary galleries, as well as much-needed learning and event spaces, providing bold new interiors. The extension was designed as a sculptural element, responding to the proportions and colours of the existing granite frontages.

It is defined by vertical, scalloped panels - including some perforated for transparency – of Nordic Brown Light pre-oxidised copper. It is a thoroughly contemporary design but sharing materiality with the buildings' classical copper dome. Repairs to the dome itself were carried out using Nordic Green pre-patinated copper, complementing the existing historic patination.



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On-line 'copper stories' exemplify the best in contemporary architecture and showcase the diversity of surfaces, forms and applications available with Nordic Copper.

#### STIRLING PRIZE SHORTLISTED

Meanwhile, the Windermere Jetty Museum was recently shortlisted for the 2021 RIBA Stirling Prize, having already won an RIBA National Award and the RIBA North West Building of the Year Award. The museum is unified and defined by facades and oversailing roofs clad in Nordic Brown pre-oxidised copper, further developing naturally over time and responding to the unique lakeside context.

It is seen and approached from all sides, from land and water, and from a number of points of elevation. Roofs and walls therefore assume equally important status in the formal composition. Nordic Brown pre-oxidised copper is used as the determining material to give architectural consistency to these elements and to the museum buildings working together as a cohesive whole. The copper is folded and pinned with a regular pattern of brass fixings to give the elevations a unique texture, which is further reinforced by the patina gained by weathering over time.

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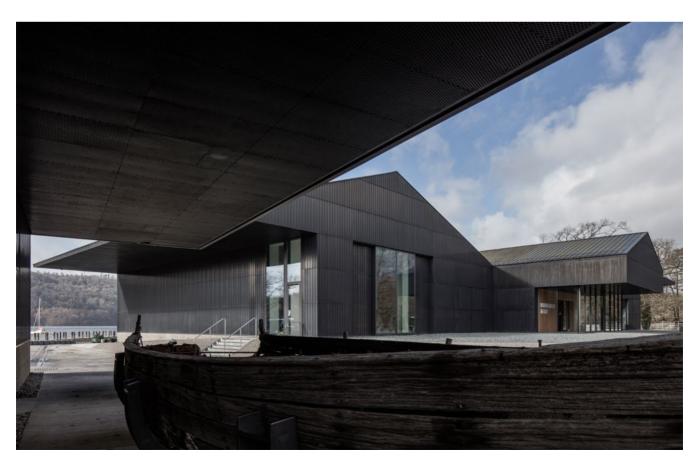
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The Macallan Distillery and Visitor Experience in Craigellachie, Speyside in Scotland is a stunning sight. Five meadow-covered hills hide the undulating roof of the distillery. The contemporary building combines a wooden roof with glass and steel. Fast, light and green Kerto LVL (laminated veneer lumber) was used as part of the prefabricated roof.

The building includes a Visitor Experience centre, three still houses and a mash house with a common roof and fully glazed wall. This reflects the wishes of the Macallan Distillery, a premium brand, whose single malt whisky production dates back to 1824. The goal was a contemporary facility celebrating phasing, authenticity and honesty.

"Kerto LVL is a very good engineered wood material, because you can trust the material dimensions," says Johannes Rebhahn, Sales Director International Timber Projects at Wiehag, who was responsible for the roof construction.

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# SCHOOL USES TIME WISELY TO PROTECT INTERIORS WITH YEOMAN SHIELD

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School based in Kingstanding, just outside Birmingham, took advantage of a quieter time, with the majority of pupils home schooling, to undertake interior wall protection work with Yeoman Shield.

Catering for 700 pupils aged 11-16 the school has corridors and break-out areas throughout the school where walls and corners especially are exposed to marking and impact damage caused by the everyday movement of pupils, staff and equipment.

The damage not only detracts from the smart image the school strives to up hold in all areas, but also becomes a strain on the maintenance budget with constant requirements of repair and redecoration.

With the aim to reduce such damage and expenditure, after research and receiving samples, Head Teacher, Robert Swanwick, contacted Yeoman Shield to supply and carry out the installation of a complete wall protection system.

Following strict Covid guidelines throughout the process, Yeoman Shield's directly employed fixing operatives installed Yeoman Shield FalmouthEx Wall Protection Panels, (after boarding-out some of the brickwork to provide an even finish), at 1250 mm high to corridor and dining areas in a Dusty Grey colour to complement artwork decoration applied to the upper walls.

Staircase walls were also fitted with the wall protection panels with the addition of Yeoman Shield 50 mm Dia. Guardian Handrail in Timber with attractive Stainless Steel accessories.

Vulnerable wall corners were protected with  $75 \times 75$  mm corner protection in a matching colour and Yeoman Shield 110 mm White PVCu cover over a solid timber core skirting was added.





This full Yeoman Shield wall protection system will abolish the future need for repainting walls and skirting with cleaning being the only maintenance required, reducing budgets spends.

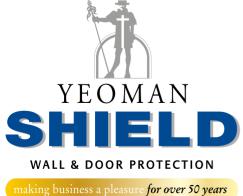
The rigid PVCu material that Yeoman Shield products are manufactured from are easy to clean, do not promote the growth of bacteria or mould and are not affected by the use of commercial cleaners, assisting in the up keep of high hygiene standards.

Mr Swanwick commented "the quality of the product is exceptional. It has been installed for six months in some places and shows no signs of wear or tear yet. I also cannot speak highly enough of the professionalism of the installation teams, who understand the challenges of working in a school environment and get on with things quietly and efficiently. I am a very happy customer."

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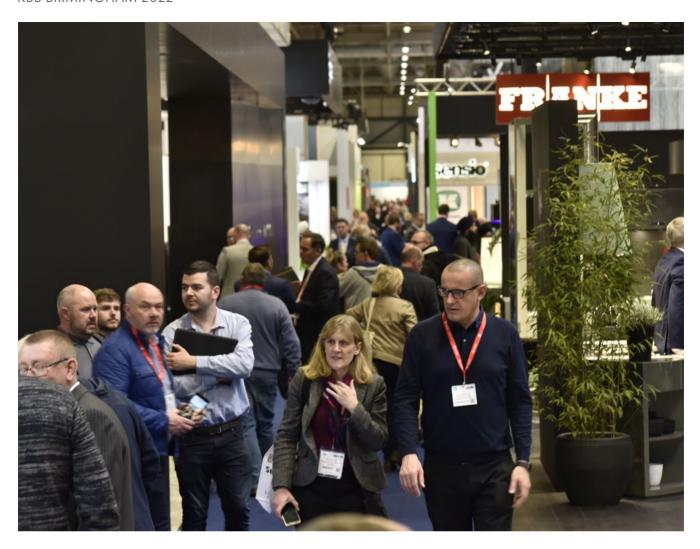
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kbb Birmingham will feature an unrivalled selection of Europe's most established and prestigious brands, well known to the interior design community and all conveniently housed under one roof. Confirmed exhibitors include Quooker, Capel, Electrolux, Davroc and Caesarstone, as well as a number of up-and-coming brands within the sector. Many exhibitors will be offering visitors a first look at their new product launches and sharing the very best in KBB industry trends and award-winning designs. To view the latest list of exhibitors, visit the kbb Birmingham website.



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For many of our exhibitors this will be the first opportunity they've had to showcase their latest products and services, following an unprecedented 2 years.



kbb Birmingham Sales Director Jon Johnston comments;

"We are looking forward to reuniting the industry for 4 days of unrivalled networking and specifying. For many of our exhibitors this will be the first opportunity they've had to showcase their latest products and services, following an unprecedented 2 years. kbb Birmingham offers an unbeatable opportunity for the interior design community to meet in-person with valued partners, colleagues and suppliers - we can't wait to welcome everyone back."

#### **COMMITMENT TO SAFETY**

Informa Markets, the organisers of kbb Birmingham, have introduced Informa AllSecure, a series of best practice guidelines and industry standards for all event teams to adopt post Covid-19. As a result, there are 2 key differences that exhibitors and visitors will notice when attending kbb Birmingham:

- All aisles have been widened to 4m across the show floor to allow for easier density management and physical distancing, should this be recommended by local government at the time of the show.
- Physical visitor and exhibitor badges will be replaced by digital badges that can be accessed on any smart phone. All visitors will be encouraged to register online rather than registering when they arrive at the event.

Kbb Birmingham Sales Director Jon Johnston continues;

"Our <u>Informa AllSecure</u> guidelines ensure enhanced health and safety standards. Whether they are exhibitors, visitors, speakers or sponsors, we want all our customers to come to kbb Birmingham to connect, learn and do business, safely and with confidence."

The AllSecure best practice standards raise the bar on delivering safe, hygienic, productive and high-quality organised event

experiences. This new standard is now being adopted by key stakeholders in the events industry worldwide and will continue to be updated as new ideas emerge. More information on the 10 key principles that make up the AllSecure policy can be found on the kbb website here.

#### PRODUCT INNOVATIONS

During the four-day event, the kbb Innovation Awards 2022, in partnership with Blum, will also be taking place. The awards honour the best and most innovative ideas in the KBB industry, recognising the most creative and ground-breaking solutions. Entries for the Innovation Awards will be accepted until 14th January 2022, when their panel of judges will create a shortlist of forward-thinking designs to put forward. Visitors will be able to see the shortlisted products at the show to get an essential preview of some of the most cutting-edge product design from the KBB sector. Details around submissions and entry requirements can be found on the kbb Birmingham website.

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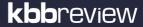
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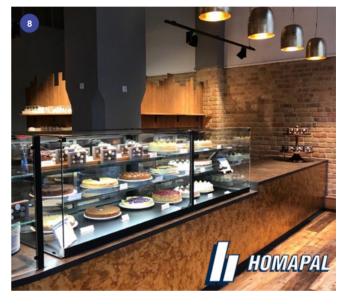
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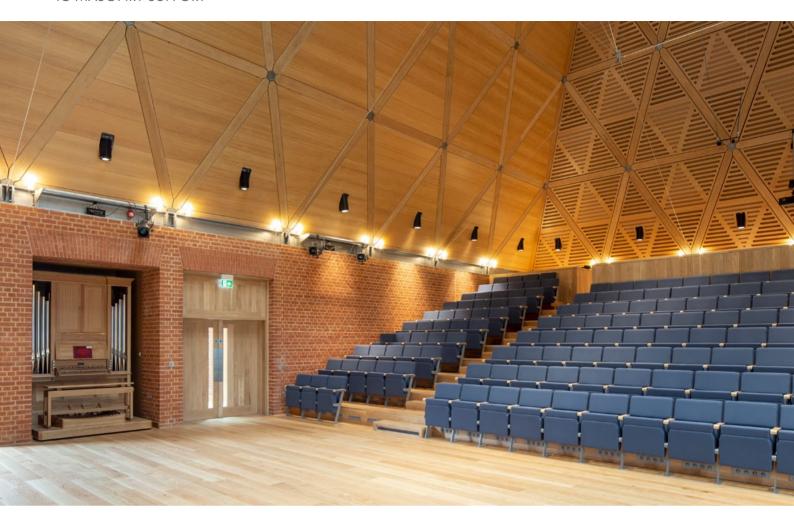
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## KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON

WHEN A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART MUSIC BUILDING CALLED FOR STUNNING BRICK FEATURES TO COMPLEMENT ITS WARM TIMBER AESTHETIC, IG MASONRY SUPPORT WAS ABLE TO CREATE A SOLUTION TO MEET THE CLIENT'S EXACTING BRIEF

King's College School, Wimbledon is an independent day school which is one of the most academically successful educational institutions in the world.

Designed by Hopkins Architects, overseen by contractor Interserve and brickwork by subcontractor Lee Marley Brickwork, the school's new music building comprises sound-proofed practice rooms, large group rehearsal venues, specialist classrooms and a stunning concert hall which accommodates a 70-piece orchestra as well as a capacity for an audience of 200. The external walls are made from hand-made brick in order to heighten the campus's architecture and the school's historic nature. Such is its modern beauty, the building won a series of awards, including the RIBA National Architecture Award 2019, after it opened in 2018.

IG Masonry Support was selected for this project due to its expertise and successful completion of previous work programmes for Interserve in cooperation with Lee Marley, including the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC).

#### THE CHALLENGE

For the King's College School's new music building, the client desired a series of load bearing arches with mechanically fixed bricks. One of these arches had to incorporate the school's coat of arms, which would greet visitors and students to the building, and proudly symbolise the site's heritage.

To meet this demand, IG Masonry Support manufactured and supplied a range of brick slip flat skewed arches all mechanically fixed and built seamlessly into the brickwork. Customisable to

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architect's design wishes, the Brick Slip Masonry Support systems are prefabricated units manufactured offsite and delivered complete with bricks bonded to them.

Brick arches have retained their aesthetic allure for hundreds of years. The utilisation of IG Masonry Support's brick slip system enabled the perfect convergence of tradition and modern methods of construction, offering a historic aesthetic within an easy-to-install solution.

One of the architect's requirements was that the bottom edges of the arches follow a slight curvature in order to match the appearance of the old traditional built arches. Offering the traditional 'look' with all the modern benefits, utilising IG Masonry Support's versatile solution ensured the architect's wishes could be granted.

Due to the nature of this project, all the brick slips had to be mechanically fixed in addition to the use of adhesive. Furthermore, structurally, the combination of a long clear span (up to 4.5m) and high loads, required the use of heavy steel sections. Thanks to IG Masonry Support's skill and expertise, these challenges were overcome.

A separate hurdle lay in the historic coat of arms which had to be fixed to one of the arches. The stone, which is engraved with the arms, dated back around 200 years and had to be modernised in order to make the installation possible. IG Masonry Support collaborated closely with a specialist, who sensitively restored the coat of arms, ensuring its integrity was retained.

#### THE SOLUTION

IG Masonry Support went above and beyond to assist the specialist with the coat of arms. Doing so meant the symbol



looked immaculate on installation, meeting the architect's wish for a modern building with touches of traditionalism.

IG Masonry Support exceeded expectations in more ways than one, however. As IG Masonry Support's brick slip masonry support system is tailorable to a project's requirements, a seamless match with the surrounding brickwork was achieved with all support steelwork able to be concealed.

Not only is the system versatile, it offers ease-of-installation, which subsequently enables time-savings onsite. The bespoke solution offers a 70% weight saving against an equivalent concrete product, negating the need for mechanical handling and onsite labour. These were significant benefits on this project in particular.

A stunning music building within a high-profile school's campus, the presence of IG Masonry Support's systems and the expertise of its teams ensured King's College School's new space is an inspiring arena for the next generation of musical talent.

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## THE SURFACE DESIGN SHOW

THE DESIGN INDUSTRY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE ABLE TO MEET IN PERSON AND BE UPDATED ON THE LATEST SURFACE MATERIALS AND DESIGNS WHEN THE SURFACE DESIGN SHOW RETURNS TO THE BUSINESS DESIGN CENTRE FROM 8-10 FEBRUARY 2022



Over 120 exhibitors will be exhibiting, including 35 new talents at the UK's leading event for architects and designers. Many of the exhibitors will bring to the show a range of new product launches, inspired by the show's theme 'Sense of Place' with the goal of putting humanity and the planets wellbeing at the heart of all decision making.

Surface Matter will be displaying its sweet material pop up shop stand. The stand is inspired by Surface matter's material studio in London Fields which is described by architects and designers as a 'sweet shop for materials'.

Hosting debates, panels, trend forecasts and insights into the latest surface design innovations, the Main Stage is at the heart of the Show. There will be 16 presentations on the Main Stage during the 2½ days of the Show. The Opening Night debate highlights a younger generation of architects and designers and is entitled Climate Change and Future Proofing. New to Surface Design Show is a series of Legends Live interviews where an industry personality meets and chats with their 'legend'.

One of the highly anticipated and unique parts of the show is the New Talent section. Supporting new talent is a key focus for Surface Design Show. This year over 30 participants, will display a range of sophisticated and innovative designs, from textile designs featuring augmented reality to 3d tiles of eco resin and waste materials. Many of the participants this year also show a recurring focus of using natural materials and dyes.

New Talent is curated by Trendease International and held in Partnership with Canon UK.

Each year visitors also look forward to Surface Spotlight Live, a focal point of inspiration for designers to touch and compare the very latest material prototypes. Surface Spotlight Live will highlight the Show's 'Sense of Place' theme and will be curated again by trend and colour expert Sally Angharad and held in Partnership with CD (UK).

2022 will be the 10th anniversary of the Surface Design Awards which is therefore fitting that it received a record number of entries.

All the finalists, including the new Architectural Photography Award, will be featured on a display stand with Surface Design Show.

Registration to attend the show is now open https://sds-2022.reg.buzz/website-button













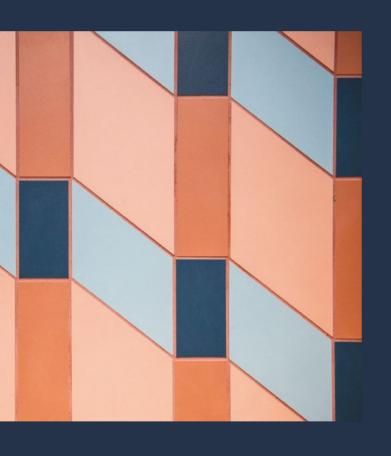


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