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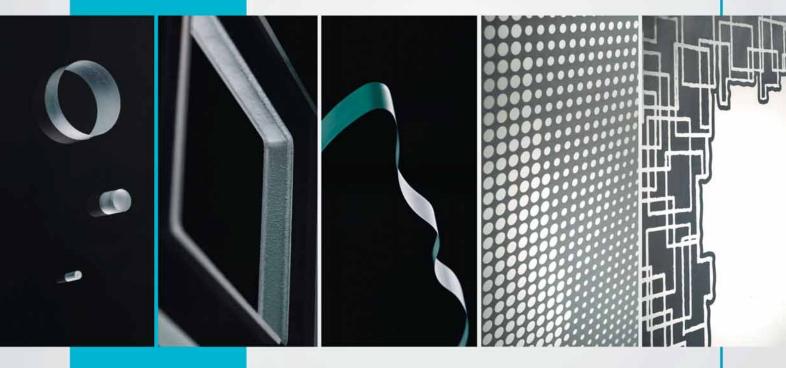


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#### **New managing director**

Based in Beverungen, Germany, **HEGLA Group** has expanded and restructured its leadership team to take the company's long-term sustainable growth strategy to the next level.

Responsible as of 1 December 2021 for overseeing the Production, Technology, Supply Chain & Human Resources departments, Ingolf Ripberger now joins Executive Board members Jochen H. Hesselbach, Bernhard Hötger and Dr Heinrich Ostendarp - all within the scope of the company's sustainable growth strategy.

"We're delighted to have acquired Mr Ripberger, who's recognised industrywide as a a professional familiar with glass as a material, including its processing," said Bernhard Hötger. "He also has personal experience with the applications and solu-tions of the HEGLA Group." Mr Ripberger previously covered a technical and commercial management role for the Saint-Gobain Group in Germany and has worked internationally for over 25 years. Having already earned a degree in electrical engineering, he later completed one in business administration at RWTH Aachen.

Neo CEO of the HEGLA Group, also since 1 December 2021, Bernhard Hötger has held various positions within the company since 1984. He will continue to be re-sponsible for Sales and Marketing while supervising all operations that concern in-ternational subsidiaries and sales agencies.

Dr Heinrich Ostendarp will focus upon product development, both strategic and op-erational, as well as integration and further development of the subsidiaries and product areas for safety glass furnace tempering (HEGLA-TaiFin), laser applications (HEGLA boraident) and software and automation (HEGLA-HANIC).

Jochen H. Hesselbach will remain a HEGLA Executive Board member, albeit with a more intense focus as CEO of 100% parent company LEWAG Holding AG - forg-ing ahead in this role with strategic alignment and assessment of new shareholdings or subsidiaries as well as potential partnerships.

With a view to adapting HEGLA's below-board-level structures to meet company growth, a further two senior staff members have been appointed as authorized signa-tories, namely Josef Kusserow (Head of Production) and Georg Dressler (Head of Strategic Purchasing), both of whom are authorised now to represent the HEGLA site in Beverungen.

In a joint meeting convened to render the authorization official, Managing Director Bernhard emphasized how much this step demonstrates the significant trust invested in the abilities and know-how of the two signatories. "By conferring these far-reaching competencies we're strengthening HEGLA still more by plotting the future course of our continued success," said Hötger.

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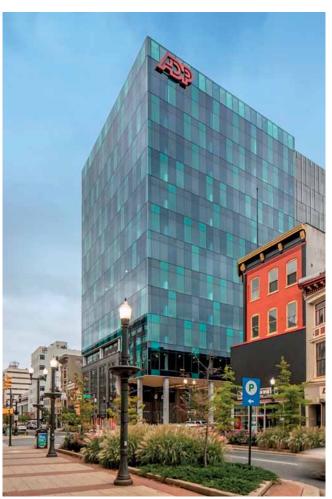
ith its artistic blend of blue- and grey-tinted Solarban® 60 glass from Vitro Architectural Glass, Allentown's Five City Center in Pennsylvania, USA, features a striking façade and daylit interiors.

While Allentown-based developer City Center Investment Corp. was after a beautiful glass building for its 13-storey, mixed-use tower, North Star Construction Management was instead interested as contractor in a buildable construction that could stay in the installation and cost boundaries of a unitized system.

"We worked within those parameters to create something that could be iconic for downtown Allentown while still being clean and simple," relates Kaman Skinner, LEED® AP associate and project manager at JDavis Architects, Philadelphia.

Located in a tax-incentive district, Five City Center contributes handsomely to the city's efforts to re-invigorate a designated Neighbour-hood Improvement Zone. The building offers active street views from the first three storeys as well as panoramic, 360-degree views from floors four through to 13. To successfully fulfil its design objectives, the architectural team devised the tinted mosaic design for the façade facing the city's commercial corridor.

To achieve the mosaic look, the architects reviewed multiple shading and tinting options with representatives of Vitro Glass to determine



the percentage and patterning for each colour. The 300,000-square-foot building façade incorporates rich blue Solarban® 60 Pacifica® glass, aquablue Solarban® 60 Azuria® glass, light sky-blue Solarban® 60 Solarblue® glass, warm-grey Solarban® 60 Opitgray® glass and coated Solarban® 60 glass upon a clear glass substrate.

On the southern façade, the firm designed mullion caps to blend Five City Center more effectively into the texture and scale of the surrounding residential area. For enhanced interior comfort and glare control, JDavis deliberately specified darker shades of glass for the southern and western façades. Initially brought in to design the residential portion of the mid-rise and the 800+-car parking structure behind the building, the developer eventually tasked JDavis with developing the entire block.

"This was a win-win for us in that we were able to work on both the Five City Center commercial tower and the residential community of Center Square Lofts to design a single urban block where interior and exterior worked hand-in-hand to create a vibrant, walkable and energetic community," said Skinner. With its advanced double-silver coating, Solarban® 60 glass offers a clear, colour-neutral appearance. When used with Pacifica®, Azuria®, Solarblue® and Optigray® performance-tinted glasses, Solarban® 60 glass delivers solar heat gain coefficients (SHGCs) ranging from 0.23 to 0.30, and visible light transmittance (VLT) of 34 to 50 per cent, offering architects and specifiers an expansive colour palette together with performance options.

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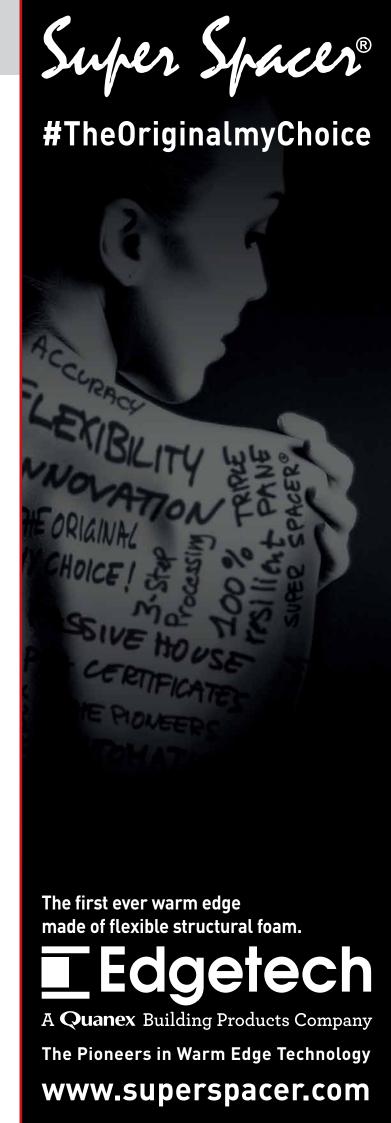
The façade of the Grand Théâtre de Québec, Canada, was in need of a complete ren-ovation.

The envelope around the theatre, built back in 1971 from prefabricated panels and exposed concrete elements, had been damaged by moisture. The large façade sections were installed by **Heavydrive's** VSGW 900 KS suction system, equipped with a winter package.

The suction system has a load-carrying capacity of 900 kilograms and boasts an ex-tremely flat design. Its depth of just 16 centimetres makes it the ideal solution for in-stalling and transporting sections between the façade and scaffolding. Thanks to its variable and detachable arms, the system is capable of suction sections measuring up to 4.3 by 3.2 metres. The assignment was received during the winter months and

The assignment was received during the winter months and the VSGW 900 KS had to withstand icy temperatures. Which is why Heavydrive developed special winter plates that reliably provide suction for glass panes at temperatures down to -20 C°. The large glass elements around the theatre's façade were placed in position on schedule and without any problems. The customer was so satisfied that they ordered another Heavydrive system.

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#### GLASTON & PARAGON TEMPERED GLASS

#### Jointly meeting growing demands

f all the equipment we have purchased over the years, this machine came with the best packaging, instructions and top-of-the-line support," said **Paragon Tempered Glass** CEO Dan Wright. "When we saw the CHAMP 25 a few years ago, we knew this was the future we should pursue for our next round of capital expenditures."

Together with his Director of Manufacturing and fellow colleague Wes Brigner, Dan already knew Bystronic glass and **Glaston** well - all thanks their vast experience in the gl ass industry. Paragon's two plants both have 30-year-old Bystronic glass pre-processing equipment and Glaston tempering lines.

"We know that Glaston is very reliable, and the equipment does an awesome job," said Wes. "We've always thought highly of the two equipment manufacturers that are now one Glaston."

Both men saw the CHAMP 25 about two years ago, then reached out to Glaston to learn more before deciding it was the right path for their business.



"Not only would the line give us the speed and capacity we needed," continued Dan. "We also knew our relationship with Glaston would be excellent and the quality would be of the highest calibre." And it all proved to be so – even down to the way the product was packaged and shipped.

Wes emphasized that "when it came to support, the Glaston team had a response for us within minutes as well as a game plan to take care of any issue within an hour. This means the world to us!"

Paragon purchased their first CHAMP 25 in October 2019. Although COVID-19 decelerated the process, the line was installed in September 2021, incorporating incorporates four different processes, namely robotic loading, cutting, grinding and drilling with two sets of drills. While this would have taken four separate pieces of equipment pre-

viously, the line now combines all processes into one and is configured with the company's digital printer.

CHAMP automates the processes, significantly improving both yield and quality. At the same time, it helps Paragon focus upon what they're best at, which is fabricating an elevated volume of high value-added parts.

Such is the direction in which their business is moving – providing parts with more holes and odder shapes while serving new and different cab styles that have a sharper look. "Indeed, our operators are really excited about the CHAMP line, which they see as the future. Especially at the Ohio plant, our people have adapted over the years to many changes - expecting the best," said Dan, before enjoining: "They also know we share the business profits with our workforce, so they understand that the better we do, the better they do."

Wes adds that the additional automation helps them grow the business in such a way as to ably excel without making personnel work more hours. "Having been short on team members, we view automation as a way for us to work to live rather than to live to work," he concluded.

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#### Teaming up to customize washers

**pip-Tech**, the digital ceramic glass printing business unit of *Ferro*, and **TRIULZI**, leader in the glass washer industry, are both pleased to announce their new partnership, which will see TRIULZI providing Dip-Tech with tailor-made washers developed to achieve the highest quality and perfect fit for Dip-Tech's digital printers.

"We're proud and excited to have TRIULZI as our partner," said Dip-Tech Managing Director Yuval Tzoref.

"As a pioneer in the ceramic digital printing industry, it was very important for us to find an excellent leader that will guarantee quality while fully understanding our customer needs. Dip-Tech and TRIULZI share a passion for providing their customers with high-quality solutions that will fit both their needs and their budget, which is why we're confident this partnership will mark a true turning point for the market."

"It is indeed an honour for us to be part of this important project in synergy with Dip-Tech," said Triulzi CEO and Sales Manager Roberta Triulzi. "Mindful as we are that the market demands high-performance integrated solutions, we're also confident the partnership with Dip-Tech will be the game-changer that has customers always choosing the best."

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s the UK's leading manufacturer of warm edge spacer systems and distributor of over 2,500 insulated glass (IG) components, **Thersoseal Group** also won the award back in 2020 and in 2017 as well.

Completely run and decided by industry participation, The National Fenestration Awards are the fastest growing and most independent of their kind in the industry. Each year begins with a nominations phase where anyone can put forward the names of people and companies in over two dozen categories whom they believe warrant recognition. Based upon the nominations sub-

mitted the industry then votes on a shortlist in each category.

Thermoseal Group won the award with the highest percentage of the open-platform votes and were announced the winners at the NFA Awards event on 6 November 2021. Thermoseal Group Head of Marketing and Communications Samantha Hill, said:

"We're delighted and extremely grateful to win an award for which voting came directly from electors related to Thermoseal Group's business – our customers, suppliers and industry contacts. It's great to see that our UK-manufactured Thermobar and Thermoflex Warm Edge Spacers and service promises all meet expectations far enough to motivate people to vote."

"I'd like to express thanks to all who took the time to vote for Thermoseal Group. Your ballots are all much appreciated. Our teams will continue to strive to offer top quality, UK-manufactured products - ever aiming to achieve service excellence. By the same token, I extend thanks to the whole Thermoseal Group team. You've all have worked extremely hard throughout the Covid-19 pandemic - even as you've faced all the issues caused by BREXIT.

"Finally, a big thanks to Jason, and to Lee, for running the awards - now in their 9th year. The past couple of years have

indeed been unparalleled for us all, given that good news has been slow in coming, so this sort of recognition certainly carries extra mileage with our teams."



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#### TVITEC

#### Glass for AstraZeneca's Discovery Centre

Tvitec's large-scale solutions light up AstraZeneca's magnificent Discovery Centre designed by Herzog & de Meuron. Little has been spared in the construction of AstraZeneca's new Discovery Centre in Cambridge (UK). It will be one of the three largest research centres of the Anglo-Swedish pharmaceutical company. Its grand opening was presided over by Prince Charles, accompanied by AstraZeneca's executive director, Pascal Soriot, and its president, Leif Johansson. The Swiss architects Herzog & De Meuron have come up with a breath-taking design.

#### Tvitec oversized glass

Of course, this is in line with the GBP 1.1 billion total investment. The building is covered with a gigantic glass structure, with eye-catching saw teeth of almost 7 metres each covering the 16 laboratories in which more than 2.200 scientists will work.



But where have these spectacular pieces of glazing been manufactured so that the aesthetic results also benefit from the insulation, energy-saving and safety sought by its backers? The answer, of course, is one of the world's leading specialists in large-scale jumbo glass manufacturing: Tvitec. Tvitec manufactured each and every one of the nearly 300 triple glazing laminate units surrounding the Discovery Centre, the UK's largest scientific laboratory.

#### Tvitec triple glazing for a great ecoefficiency

The triple glazing, which includes smart solar control layers of AGC Ipasol Shine and Iplus Top, along with Guardian extraclear, allows natural light to bathe the entire building organically. It's part of the eco-efficiency and sustainability concept of a project in which heat is collected from the ground and toilets are flushed with rainwater.

Tvitec's technology for processing insulating glass was combined with the expertise of its professionals to achieve maximum precision in the triangular shapes of many of the zig-zag pieces designed by Herzog & de Meuron. The main body of the AstraZeneca campus sits on six rectangular glass boxes grouped into three pairs. The result is an open courtyard formation, which references the historic universities of Cambridge and provides a central campus meeting point.

Yet Tvitec production goes far beyond jumbo glass units. In the Cubillos factory, more than 20.000 meters of high-performance glass was manufactured for façade specialists Scheldebouw. That's almost 5.000 pieces of glass from the 'Made in Spain' Tvitec brand.

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# 5th tempering furnace at JinJing Group in Malaysia

andGlass follows its innovation-oriented strategy and offers state-of-the-art glass tempering machines and solutions to help glass processing companies achieve better quality and higher energy efficiency.

With acceptance and commissioning of the fifth LandGlass' glass tempering furnace at Jin Jing Group's production base in Penang, Malaysia, August 2021 saw the group become the largest photovoltaic glass producer in South-east Asia. This marks not only the strategic industrial transformation of Jin Jing from building to photovoltaic - it's also an important measure of the group's response to the green energy development trend, with applications to seize current opportunities.

Carbon neutrality goals, green energy, energy conservation and emissions reduction have all become core keywords in the development strategy of Jin Jing. Glass production and processing are both energy-intensive industries. Consequently each is facing unprecedented emission reduction requirements and energy-saving challenges.

As an industrial leader in the R&D and manufacturing of glass tempering machine LandGlass has introduced two leading technologies in recent years that can help glass processing companies to improve efficiency while reducing energy consumption:

- The Turing 2.0 intelligent glass tempering control system can automatically adjust and optimize tempering process parameters to generate the best manufacturing data required. The system reduces both time and costs spent on product switching, commissioning and trial runs. It ensures the quality of tempered glass while lowering energy consumption during production.
- LandGlass' TIGER™ smart factory achieves energy consumption reduction by improving loading and operating efficiency. Furthermore, compared with traditional factories the smart factory greatly reduces the need for staffing, floor areas and peripherals. It improves both production efficiency and energy efficiency at all stages. Taking a small-to-medium sized traditional glass processing enterprise with an annual output of 800.000 square metres as our example, when it's upgraded to a smart factory model -and based upon a 12-hour shift system- the annual savings from reduced energy consumption and other costs can approximate CNY 3 million.

Achieving the goals of energy saving and carbon neutrality remains an arduous, drawn-out task. Beyond the energy-saving measures of the flat glass industry, it relies significantly upon R&D breakthroughs of the machine manufacturing industry. Before the current trends towards "Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction" and "Dual Control System of Total Energy Consumption and Energy Intensity," LandGlass follows its innovation-oriented strategy and offers state-of-the-art glass tempering machines and solutions to help glass processing companies to achieve better quality and higher energy efficiency.

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## Deal closed for two TPS® insulating glass lines



Glaston Group has received an order for two Glaston Thermo Plastic Spacer (TPS®) insulating glass lines from French window manufacturer TRYBA. The order is booked in Glaston's Q4/2021 order book and the lines will be delivered in Q3/2022.

The French glass manufacturer TRYBA, specializing in windows, doors, verandas and pergolas, has a long customer relationship with Glaston, and the company al-ready operates Glaston tempering, flat laminating and insulating glass lines equipped with the latest glass processing technology. As the company is expanding its opera-tions, TRYBA had been after an automated and flexible solution for the manufactur-ing of insulating glass units.

The insulating glass line Glaston TPS® offers a versatile and individual production system. The fully automated line enables excellent productivity, quality and high flexibility as well as long service life due to premium quality components. The indi-vidually configurable production lines are equipped with the Thermo Plastic Spacer TPS®, a "warm edge" technology introduced to the market more than 25 years ago. "A high capacity and high reproducible quality, as well as high flexibility in mixed production, were the key criteria for TRYBA in selecting Glaston TPS® technolo-gy," said Marco Stehr, SVP Sales & Service for Glaston's EMEA region. "In addi-tion, it was Glaston's commitment to fulfilling TRYBA's special service and support needs that convinced them to choose Glaston."

"We want our customers to succeed in their business," said Sasu Koivumäki, CSO, Glaston Corporation. "The Glaston TPS® is an excellent choice for this customer, as they are paying attention to detail and quality while at the same time looking for a combination between state-of-the-art technology and reliability."

"Progress and innovation are the driving force leading us to constantly renew our products and make them even more efficient," said Jerome Oberle, Project Manager of TRYBA S.A. Portugal. "Our team is constantly paying attention to detail – con-stantly ever seeking perfection while reaching a balance between technology and de-sign. With Glaston's technology and service capabilities, we're confident we'll suc-cessfully expand our glass business."

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#### CUGHER

## SYMPHONIA, the new solution for glassworks

ugher's SYMPHONIA was created to facilitate the loading and/or unloading of glass sheets onto vertical production lines. Besides offering efficient and consolidated turnkey plants, silk-screen printing machines and dryers for industrial companies, Cugher's dedicated division for the Building & Interior Design sector, the Architectural LAB, is also investing resources in the design of glass handling machinery for small and medium glassworks.

Cugher's SYMPHONIA, the newest automated harps rack sys

tem, marks an interesting solution, being created to facilitate the loading and/or the unloading of glass sheets onto vertical production lines, such as those for insulating glass for glass dimensions reaching up to 3000 mm  $\times$  1500 mm (118,11  $\times$  59,05 inches).

Indeed after being cut the glass is no longer placed upon a rack to be then manually loaded in the vertical line but it is instead directly placed on the harp following the production order. Each harp can contain up to 40 glass sheets. The loaded harp is inserted by the operator onto a modular ground structure that automatically raises it and activates the movement. The harp moves forward through the system, unloading the glass sheets automatically, one by one in sequence, thereby eliminating the need for manual



loading. Once the harp is empty, the operator moves it back to the cutting station for reloading. In the meantime, the harps inserted progressively within the system continue the process. This process could be implemented inversely also for the unloading of the line. Being modular, SYMPHONIA can indeed include as many positions as the production needs of every customer require. Moreover, the engineering is customized to accommodate the available space in the warehouse as well as the processed glass dimensions.

The SYMPHONIA project was developed in response to the direct request of customers,

confirming that listening to customer's needs, and responding with highly customized solutions are an essential driving force for machine manufacturers – and Cugher is no exception.

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#### RCN SOLUTIONS

#### **RD Clean Concept**

year ago when RCN Solutions launched RD Clean Concept, an innovative product in lamination, we would hardly have imagined that attempts at imitation would immediately have arisen along with success.

This can be some reason for pride, besides being a confirmation that the product itself is deemed revolutionary among insiders and experts alike - and that it has appeal on the market.

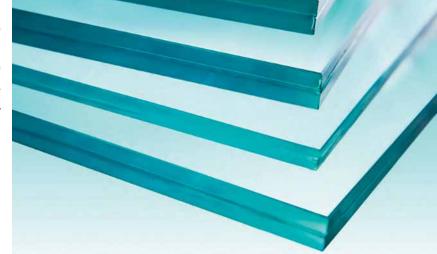
Here, RCN seeks to reassure the market that RD Clean Concept is unique and born from an idea based upon serious studies and development rather than any last-minute improvisation.

Both product and concept remain under patent, pending any other product potentially declaring itself equal and sporting the same qualities for which RD Clean Concept is appreciated, namely effectiveness and easy, safe usage - all combined with the reliability associated with a product tested over the long-term.

Construction components are of particular use from RCN, given that they're manufactured on specific demand and are inaccessible to others. Research and combination of the different components required several examinations – an equilibrium that took time

to achieve, which explains why any attempt at imitation offers little value and could never yield the same product. Finally, it's essential to trust a serious supplier that offers both technical testing and professional assistance. Likewise, it's no less important to acknowledge that the RD Clean Concept remains singular as a product and to be aware that imitations should be identified and are risky to be installed.

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#### CANADIAN PREMIUM SAND

#### Selkirk selected for solar glass manufacturing facility location

anadian Premium Sand Inc. recently announced that is has chosen the City of Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada, as the preferred location for its solar glass manufacturing facility. Canadian Premium Sand's (CPS) decision follows an extensive evaluation of possible options in both Canada and the United States. Selkirk provides logistical, operational efficiency as well as environmental advantages over alternatives while meeting the following key selection criteria:

- Proximity to CPS' high grade silica sand quarry operation. The quarry is located near Hollow Water First Nation and the community of Seymourville, approximately 160 kilometres north of Selkirk;
- Access to abundant and cost-efficient supplies of natural gas, renewable hydroelectricity and industrial grade water;
- Access to end markets through rail and highway infrastructure, with direct connection to the major logistics hub in Winnipeg, Manitoba;
- Access to a sizeable labour pool encompassing management, engineering, technical, trades and semi-skilled personnel;
- Availability of industrial zoned land parcels of sufficient size to accommodate the initial manufacturing facility with room to accommodate CPS's growth ambitions for future facilities; and
- Alignment with the community's vision of sustainable and responsible commercial development over the next 30-plus years. The company's manufacturing facility will produce high specification patterned solar glass which utilizes a rolled manufacturing process and will provide approximately 300 direct employment opportunities once in operation. CPS' products will predominately be used in the manufacture of solar panels in North America a rapidly expanding industry driven by an objective to decarbonize the electrical grid with a proportional solar power contribution increasing from 5 percent today to as much as 40 percent by 2035. "Based on the criteria we set, it's difficult to imagine a better loca-

tion than the City of Selkirk and the Province of Manitoba for our solar glass manufacturing facility. Collaborating with the City of Selkirk has been extremely positive and highly professional and I commend their drive to realize their community's vision for sustainable economic development," said Glenn Leroux, President and CEO of CPS.

Currently, there are no facilities in North America that produce this type of glass. All solar panels manufactured in North America using patterned solar glass are made with glass imported from China and other Asia Pacific countries. Locating a solar glass manufacturing facility in Selkirk will add significantly to the sustainability and supply chain security of CPS' solar panel manufacturing clients. Additionally, CPS believes its glass manufacturing facility will be the anchor industry for an expanding centre of excellence, enabling other complementary businesses to locate in Manitoba. "We are very pleased CPS has selected Selkirk to build and operate its solar glass facility," explained Tim Feduniw, the Director of Sustainable Economic Development at the City of Selkirk. "This initiative aligns with our commitment to sustainable development and will create significant economic benefits for our community. The City of Selkirk is committed to working with CPS to secure a suitable site within urban limits that supports and enables the successful launch of this initiative."

The Company's solar glass project would not be possible without the support of its Participation Agreement partners, the Hollow Water First Nation and the incorporated community of Seymourville. These communities have a historic relationship with Selkirk and the supply of silica sand to industry from nearby Black Island, which dates back to the 1920s through to the 1980s.

"We received encouragement, understanding and patience from leadership groups in both communities as we transitioned our business plan from a focus on fracture proppant to our future Selkirk-based solar glass manufacturing facility," noted Mr. Leroux. "We will continue to work closely with the communities as we bring this project from planning to operation."

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# TUROMAS machines continue to lead in historic partnership



TUROMAS machinery has managed the glass culting process for ACRISTALAMIENTOS VINUESA SA right from the latter's origins. A licensed manufacturer of the SGG CLIMALIT glass brand for Insulating Double Glazing, it has been active since 1990 in the transformation of flat glass, printed glass, decorative glass, safety glass and manufactured glass — all for both professional and private customers alike.

#### ROM FAMILY TO INDUSTRY

Acristalamientos Vinuesa SA was founded in 1967 by five brothers following many years of experience in the glass industry. A subsequent need for expansion arose in 1977, whereupon facilities were extended to their current dimensions of 6,072 square metres of industrial factory, 720 square metres of offices and 30 employees.

TUROMAS recently talked to Felipe Parra, director of Acristalamientos Vinuesa, about his business, his objectives and the development of the Spanish market.

## WHAT IS ACRISTALAMIENTOS VINUESA S.A.?

Acristalamientos Vinuesa came to the market at a time when glass had neither the presence nor the technical characteristics it enjoys today. It was my brother who, having worked at a small glassworks, was the first to propose that we start the project as a family.

I joined the company five years later and I really liked the business - right from the outset. That enthusiasm for the product, coupled with



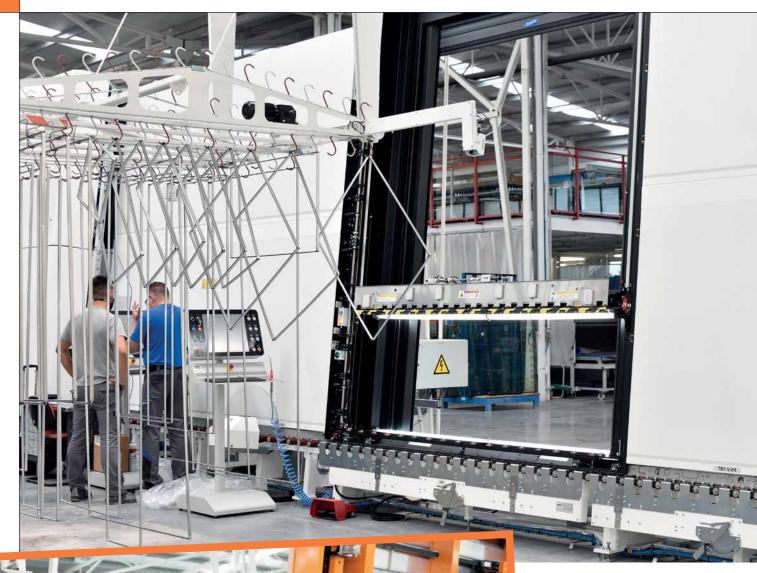
certain arising concerns, led me to seek new, more ambitious horizons. I started to visit international fairs, first in Paris, then in Germany, and I soon saw that there was machinery out there I didn't know about. At the time I decided to qualify the technology and media company. Then, after getting to know TUROMAS during a mutual foray with colleagues, we soon had contact with the company and, before long, had our first TUROMAS table.

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR COMPANY'S PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES?

Originally at Acristalamientos Vinuesa we were glass installers: three-millimetre float glass, two-millimetre float glass, glass with glass panes. We've always sought to differentiate ourselves by offering our customers products that display an elevated technical performance. That's why we immediately started manufac-

turing IG glass. Then upon attaining sufficient capacity we signed the contract with Saint Gobain, which saw us going from more elementary machines to more modern ones equipped with improved features. With that we started producing at a higher quantity and with better quality.

Today, 50 years on, we've made our mark once again by incorporating new technology in both cutting and manufacturing insulating glass: with TUROMAS,





respecting cutting, and with another reference company in the case of double glazing.

## HOW DID THE NEED FOR NEW CUTTING MACHINES ARISE?

As said before, we've always wanted to be at the forefront of our customers' demands, which necessarily means remaining no less attentive to market demands. Nowadays, products require higher performance, larger dimensions and greater



thicknesses. That trio. taken collectively, had us realizing the machinery we had was obsolete.

Now the new machines producing faster, are with higher quality and at greater precision - which is transferred then to the rest, namely the edging, seaming and washing processes. Let's not forget here that everything starts from point zero, which is the reception, cutting and handling of glass. Such was our motivation for renewing both cutting lines.

#### **WHY TUROMAS?**

As with any business, one needs chemistry between supplier and customer and with TUROMAS that was there from day one. Although we had alternative options from manufacturers of machines that we already had in other processes, we've had the TUROMAS cutting tables from the start.

The company has always been very responsive to our needs, providing us with full support and exceptional after-sales service, which is very important to us.

Since the first machine, confidence in their products has remained absolute. It shows us that their equipment is a reference within the market - not only nationally, but internationally as well.

That's why we had no doubt that TUROMAS' offer stood out as the most attractive.

#### WHICH TUROMAS MACHINE MODELS ARE MOST WINNING FOR YOU, AND WHY?

Two automatic, six-metre glass cutting lines have been installed: one for float glass cutting - RUBI 516C and the other for laminated glass cutting - LAM 506SX.

#### **RUBI 516C**

The float glass cutting table is equipped with linear motors that guarantee unprecedented performance and quality for any cut.

It incorporates a cutting system with four individual cutting tools with automatic selection. Each has its own roller, lubrication system and pressure cylinder that's specifically dimensioned for its cutting range.

In addition, an extra software - Cutting TV - has been installed to assist in the process of opening cuts. It displays optimizations automatically so that, at a glance, the operator has all the information needed for the cutting process. Once the cutting table has evacu-

ated the workpiece, the display changes automatically without the need to operate any buttons or foot pedals.

#### **LAM 506SX**

As for the LAM 506SX laminating line, it's a table that allows us to fully automatically position, rotate, strip and cut, and finally separate glass of up to 12 + 12 mm. The most important feature within this line -and what made us decide upon it- was the quality of the cut, which yields a perfect result - even with greater thicknesses.

been installed upon this second line - both to distribute the cuts and to keep the two tables simultane-

ously productive.

To hasten the process, it has been integrated with a second cutting bridge, namely LAM 304, which increases both cutting rate and productivity. For this purpose, a defragmenter for crosscutting optimization has





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# Energy saving in New York with EDGETECH



For insulating glass windows, Edgetech's spacer systems act as energy-efficient warm edge spacers. While significantly reducing energy loss to the outside, they also prevent condensation appreciably and will prolong a window's lifetime. All these winning features contributed to the recent success of three landmark insulating glazing projects in New York.

# UARANTEE OF EDGE SEAL WITH SILICONE SEALANT AND SUPER SPACER®

Whether it's launching new products or refurbishing those already within its portfolio, AGC INTERPANE's stream of New York projects remains ever constant. Here, for the high quality insulating glass manufacturer, part of the action always includes The Super Spacer® T-Spacer™ SG warm edge spacer system, which was specially developed for glass edge sealing with silicone sealants. Trophy assets at outstanding locations invariably generate high rental income and will attract the most affluent tenants. Luxurious floors with every comfort for fine dining as well as open-air terraces and rooms for flexible events and conferences such as those of the new One Vanderbilt are all emblematic of the modern generation of office towers in Manhattan. In New York, the best location also means the best skyline vista, with the result that ageing office buildings are being brought up-todate to include fully-glazed façades at sums reaching the three-digit millions. For decades now, AGC

INTERPANE has been among Europe's top locations for large-area insulating glazing that's both superb in quality and multifunctional. Here, beyond its value in coating expertise and outstanding insulation, the high quality of its insulating glass is a decisive benefit as well.

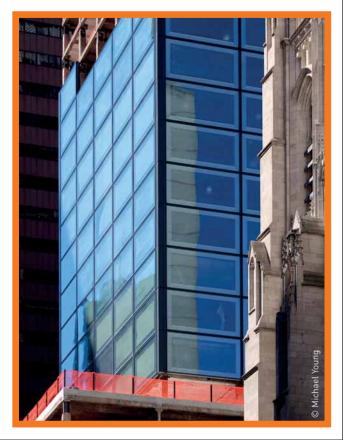
"There are no complaints with us. Anything other than delivering 100 per cent quality without exception is inconceivable in our business," says Daniel Bruckelt, head of insulating glass production at AGC INTERPANE. A company based in Plattling, it enjoys pride of place within an illustrious circle of those first in line for glazing requests in megaprojects the world over. Yet besides new construction, glass for energy-related façade renovation and modernization also contributes a large sales share. Here's why two exclusive office locations in Manhattan that are owned by Brookfield Properties have just been reglazed with AGC INTER-PANE insulating glass.

#### 660 5TH AVENUE: TRANSVERSE INSTEAD OF LONGITUDINAL GLAZING

First there's the 39-storey former Tishman Building on 5th Avenue, built in

1957 on the site where William K. Vanderbilt's Petit Chateau once stood. The tower, redesigned and gutted according to the designs of Kohn Pedersen Fox, will bear once again the number 660 instead of 666 following its renovation. A glass floor-to-ceiling façade together with horizontallyarranged insulating glass panes currently replaces the previous, non-insulating façade of embossed alumini-

um. Around 2000 panes of 6 x 3.2-metre glass were supplied to North America by AGC INTERPANE, each equipped with 20 mm Super Spacer® T-Spacer™ SG as spacers — totalling circa 25,000 square metres of insulating glass. As Daniel Bruckelt explains: "In the past, floors were built lower. Today, façades of high-rise buildings worldwide have a span of 1.5 to 3.0 metres in width and 3.5





to 4.5 metres in height. The existing building at 660 5th Avenue had a grid dimension of 5.8 metres in width and 3.2 metres in height. Therefore, in this particular case, the panes could be installed horizontally. The façade view makes the building unique among the other glass façades in New York." Here, the amount of glass in the façade will nearly triple. Indeed, according to Brookfield, these are the largest, elemental windows in North America.

# TWO BRYANT PARK'S CRYSTAL CLEAR, ELEGANT STRUCTURAL GLAZING FACADE

Completed recently, the second modernization project is that of Two Bryant Park. Former HBO headquarters at the corner of 1100 Avenue of the Americas (formerly 6th Avenue) and 42nd Street, it was remodeled to a design by New York firm MdeAS. The iconic Grace Building with its curved lower edge rises directly adjacent and is connected to Two Bryant Park on the north side by Grace Plaza, also redesigned, complete with seating, trees, retail and dining areas. World-class jazz trumpeter Till Brönner reportedly named an original composition after the intersection of '42nd & 6th' with the affirmation 'there's absolutely nothing going on.' In fact, the location opposite Bryant Park and the New York Public Library is among the quieter corners in Manhattan, though 'dining al fresco' in the greenery will hardly come as the worst idea on a hot summer day.

Built in 1906 in the Beaux-Arts style, the original building had been raised from six to 15 storeys in several stages. Already in 1984, Kohn Pedersen Fox had completely restructured the building, cladding it with a curtain wall of dark green glass and aluminium. At that time, colour-neutral solar control glass was still unavailable. Only in 1995 would AGC INTERPANE introduce

ipasol Natura as a world premiere. With ipasol Platin 46/31, a highly selective 'descendant' with an elevated daylight transmission was used in the building's new all-glass façades.

AGC INTERPANE produced 9,000 square metres of insulating glass for the project in two different variants. The main type had the structure 10 mm Clearlite<sup>™</sup> (TVG) outside and 6 mm Clearlite  $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$  (TVG) inside. For the podium, around 1,000 square metres of glass with the structure 1010.4 white glass (TVG) and ipasol coating Platinum 46/31 was installed on the outside and 1010.4 white glass (ESG+HST) on the inside. The latter had dimensions of up to 3.20 x 4.60 metres with a weight of around 1,500 kilos. All in all, AGC INTERPANE delivered 450 tons of glass in overseas containers to the façade builder W&W Glass. The glass is installed with a light grey Super Spacer<sup>®</sup> T-Spacer<sup>™</sup> SG spacer and is sealed with gray silicone.

## SPECIAL SPACER WITH SILICONE SEALANT PROCESSING

The Super Spacer® T-Spacer™ SG is the latest product from Edgetech and was





specifically developed in close coordination with INTERPANE for structural glazing and XXL glazing. "Quality manufacturers like AGC INTER-PANE provide long warranties on insulating glass units. This means no visible ageing, no thermal breakage, no water vapour diffusion, no relevant gas loss, no migration of the butyl seal," explains Christoph Rubel, European Technical Manager at Edgetech Europe. "The refurbishing projects in New York used a UV-resistant and a gaspermeable silicone secondary sealant. So, the primary sealant bears the brunt of keeping the edge seal gastight," he continues.

For this reason, the lateral areas of the Super Spacer<sup>®</sup> T-Spacer<sup>™</sup> SG are enlarged for application of the polyisobutylene as compared with the Super Spacer<sup>®</sup> T-Spacer<sup>™</sup> Premium Plus. The spacer design also supports millimetre-precise application of the spacer in the automatic ISO line. "The parallelism of the spacer to the glass edge and minimal tolerances are not only optical criteria for large panes with narrow joints to which architects and façade construction customers explicitly pay attention, since these properties contribute to the stability of the entire element," says Daniel Bruckelt. "The decision to use Super Spacer as spacer is also a strategic one. We

know from experience that we can use it without hesitation to give assurances for edge seal service life, even in silicone applications," continues Bruckelt.

#### ONE **VANDERBILT: FOURTH** TALLEST TOWER IN THE CITY

Completed in summer 2021, another AGC INTERPANE project in Midtown Manhattan offers a perfect view of

Two Bryant Park. Just a few buildings away, right next to Grand Central Station, One Vanderbilt rises 77 storeys and 427 metres high, ranking it the fourth tallest tower in the city. Here, at a height of 335 metres, AGC INTERPANE supplied the glazing for the four floors of 'The Summit' observation deck. Cantilevered glass boxes, a digital art installation by Kenzo, a restaurant flanked by a bar and, above all, glazed elevators that rise up from Grand Central on the outside of the building to the platform all characterize New York's latest spectacular attraction. The tower was designed by KPF, Snøhetta designed the interior of The Summit and Permasteelisa Group was responsible for the complete façade construction. To ensure that the view of Madison and Vanderbilt Avenue is not only safe but also completely clear, LSG panes of 4 x 10 millimetre Clearvision white glass with SGP interlayers and Clear-Sight<sup>™</sup> layers were installed at positions 1 and 8 for the terrace area and cantilevered glass boxes. For the interior areas of the four floors the double-insulating glass units consist of laminated safety glass 1010.4 with Sentry interlayer and have dimensions of up to 2 x 5.3 metres.

As proudly affirmed by Joachim Stoss, Managing Director of Edgetech Europe GmbH and Vice President International Sales at Quanex: "Our Silicone Glazing Spacer is a prime example of how successful customer-supplier relationships are based on much more than product reliability and quality. Developing custom-fit solutions together with the customer is the supreme discipline in any business. We are naturally honoured by the trust placed in our work."

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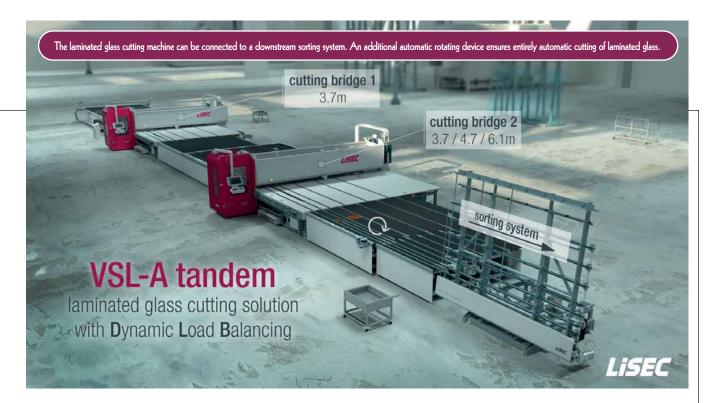
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# LiSEC's Dynamic Load Balancing solutions

LiSEC's successful VSL-A horizontal culting system for laminated glass processing was introduced to the market at the end of 2018. Since then, many customers have lauded its output qualities, its patented SIR film heater, the significant extent to which it reduces glass waste and the reduced operator intervention accompanying its enhanced automation.





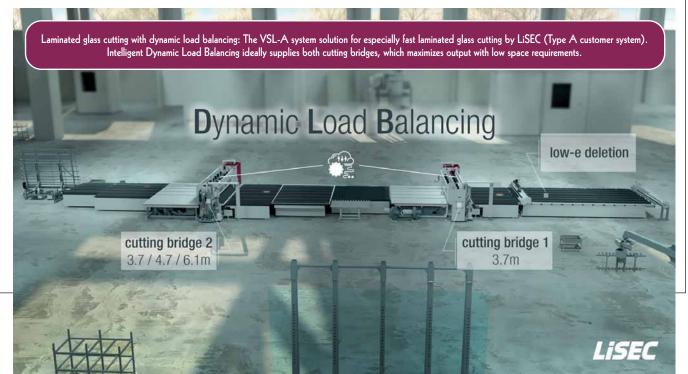
o better meet individual customer needs, LiSEC's solutions have included development of a modular laminated glass cutting system solution that can be adapted and expanded step-bystep, as required. At the final stage of expansion, two VSL-A stations can be consecutively combined to cut glass down to size on the second VSL-A Tandem. Also, an hourly output approximating up to 140 units of fully-cut sheets can be

achieved jointly with intelligent Dynamic Load Balancing. Here, the past two years has seen extensive development of VSL-A's production control logic and engineering - all in keeping with the coveted dictum of P. Rosenthal: "If you stop getting better, you stop being good."

# FULLY AUTOMATED GLASS-CUTTING

In the company's glass cutting department, product manager Daniel Schörghuber introduces future laminated glass-cutting solutions that are almost fully-automatic and which exhibit both high output and optimum cut quality. Commenting upon the focus of current developments in LiSEC's VSL-A cutting technology, he says: "We've taken into account the growing portion of laminated glass, especially at companies that process insulating glass. This allows for higher output in less time with reduced

waste. Not only. Over the past two years and following much project planning, we've jointly assessed with our customers their production data while analysing existing situations in the production facilities - all of which has led us to conclude that a glass storehouse will usually supply two to three cutting lines at most. Generally, there's no space for any widthwise expansion that makes no allowance for structural adaptations to the produc-





tion hall. That's why with the necessary increase in automation coupled with a high quality that remains sustained regardless of the raw glass quality, LiSEC's new system solution meets market demand at a time when labour is especially tight. Here, with the laminated glass cutting capacity increased by a modular concept based on VSL-A technology, the VSL-A system solutions mark an important step toward fully automatic systems."

Concerning the structure

of the modular design, Schörghuber explains that it all starts with automatic glass storage, operating simultaneously with a system for edge deletion or removal of the LSG film overhang where the first VSL-A is cut with conveyor belts. "Then," says Schörghuber, "depending upon production quantity and variety, users can choose between two different variants. Customer Type A, who has much product mix variation in (X-Y-Z cuts) can already reach an hourly output of approximately 75 sheets with an additional VSL-A station without Tandem, downstream from the first VSL-A station in line - and all that is completely automatic. Here optimal dynamic use of the two VSL-A system solutions plays a major role. Moreover, new operating modes have been developed, such that sport mode can be switched to comfort mode at any time. With comfort mode, the system will continuously produce fully-cut glass sheets on the conveyor belt with almost no human intervention, while sport mode will provide additional production capacity. Here the operator assists the station, especially in separating scraps, which again makes for higher output - a special advantage during production peaks. Customer Type B, who often produces identical products (X-Y cuts), can expect an hourly count of approximately 140 sheets with a VSL-A station in Tandem design. In Tandem mode, two sheets can be simultaneously cut on the second VSL-A - automatically."

# DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCING (DLB)

As to how the dynamic load planning works, Schörghuber describes two consecutive VSL-A laminated glass cutting bridges during development, for which he underscores the importance of loading them intelligently and as well as possible in order to both maximize output and reduce waste. Schörghuber says: "We achieved this through mutual dynamic production control, which - depending upon the specific optimization - dynamically distributes the processes on three individual laminated glass cutting bridges. This Dynamic Load Balancing (DLB) loads the

# STANDARD FUNCTIONS

- Approximately 45 units of trimmed sheets per hour with one VSL-A cutting bridge (X-Y-Z cuts) - fully automatic;
- Approximately 75 units of trimmed sheets per hour with two consecutive VSL-A cutting bridges (X-Y-Z cuts) - fully automatic;
- Approximately 140 units of trimmed sheets per hour with two consecutive VSL-A cutting bridges (X-Y cuts), plus tandem function on second station - fully automatic;
- Version with Dynamic Load Balancing (DLB) of two cutting bridges for maximum output and minimum waste;
- Version with one, or a maximum of two, laminated glass cutting bridges with 3.7 metres, 4.7 metres or 6.1 metres – special space-saving design;
- Cutting of laminated glass from 22.1 (4.38 millimetres) to 1212.12 (28.56 millimetres) glass thickness, at cutting speed precision of circa 0.4 millimetres and up to 140 metres/minute;
- Approximately 10 per cent higher edge-strength through reduced heat transfer into the glass - thanks to a patented SIR heater, cutting wheel design and pressure regulation;
- Up to at least 20 millimetres fully-automatic cutting, breaking and separating of laminated glass;
- Automatic sub-plate rotation to the maximum dimensions and maximum glass thickness;
- Electronic cutting pressure control and cutting wheel consumption analysis;
- Very low maintenance and high system availability;
- Simple operation thanks to a graphic touchscreen interface.



bridges very well, reducing throughput time for each optimization while increasing the hourly output of completed units."

Schörghuber speaks of the advantages offered by two consecutively arranged VSL-A laminated glass cutting bridges, describing 'the high mechanical stability of the VSL-A cutting bridges, which form the basis for consistent, precise cutting results.' He continues: "The first VSL-A station optionally has the front edge cutting to at least 20 millimetres before automatically disposing of it within a container. The X sub-plate cut follows, which is precisely rotated to 90 degrees without operator intervention by the VSL-A's integrated rotation function. Then, at the trailing edge of the sub-plate, the Y scrap is automatically removed

# OPTIONAL FUNCTIONS

- Cutting of custom shapes and W sub-plates;
- Automatic processing of float glass and two-sided film coated float glass possible - cutting, film separation and breaking;
- Rotating device for finished cut glass sheets for automatic connection to a sorting system;
- Version with automatic laminated glass scrap disposal (GSA-A)
   laminated glass scraps are crushed quietly, and dust-free,
   before being disposed of in handy containers;
- Expansion option from one cutting bridge (VSL-A) to a system solution with two VSL-As and a tandem option.

and disposed of. The subplates prepared on the first VSL-A station are now further processed at the VSL-A bridge. Depending on the dynamic load plan, the first station can also make Y cuts. The next step sees both the Y and Z cuts done, with the scraps removed without operator intervention. Automatic outfeed then follows, together with removal of the finished products either by an operator or by auto-

matic transfer to a downstream sorting system."

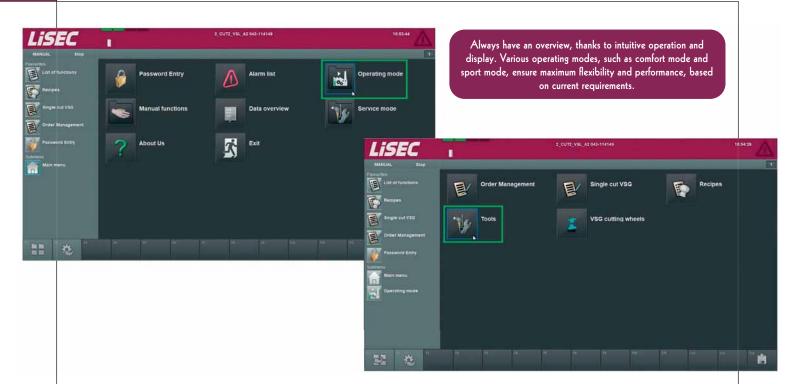
# PERFORMANCE FEATURES

Laminated glass cutting with dynamic load balancing: The VSL-A system solution for especially fast laminated glass cutting by LiSEC (Type A customer system). Intelligent Dynamic Load Balancing ideally supplies both cutting bridges, which maximizes output with low space requirements.

The laminated glass cutting machine can be connected to a downstream sorting system. An additional automatic rotating device ensures entirely automatic cutting of laminated glass.







Consistently high edge quality and strength with VSL-A technology from LiSEC. Elimination of grind additions and significant reduction of spontaneous breakage, thanks to especially high edge quality of cut laminated glass on the VSL-A from LiSEC.

The patented SIR (selective infrared) heating modules are 900 millimetres long and reduce heating time to about 4 seconds at 44.2 (8.76 millimetres) of laminated glass, thus reducing heat load to the glass as well, which also improves edge strength by at least approximately 10%.

The VSL-A system solution provides consistent cut edge quality with fluctuating quality of laminated glass, mostly without operator intervention, so

ensuring ± 0.4 millimetre tolerance, while verifiably reducing false breaks.

An overview is rendered always possible thanks to intuitive operation and display. Various operating modes, such as comfort mode and sport mode, ensure maximum flexibility and performance, based upon current requirements.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Fast, flexible LSG cutting

Use of a VSL-A system solution with two cutting bridges extended with dynamic load balancing (DLB) affords the VSL-A Tandem the ability to provide continuous high output and process safety under any conditions. Depending upon the version (with or without the Tandem option) and optimization (cutting plan), this

allows up to approximately 140 completed sheets per hour.

#### **Fully automatic production**

Laminated glass is cut, broken and separated entirely automatically. Rotation and further feed requires no operator intervention. Laminated glass, fully cut, is consistently delivered 'just in time' as a result of independent, operator-free cutting of reduced environmental impact.

# Consistently high-quality cutting results

A specially-developed SIR film heater for current and future laminated glass cutting requirements, which reduces heat stress to the cut edges while ensuring an edge strength that is (at least) approximately 10% greater.

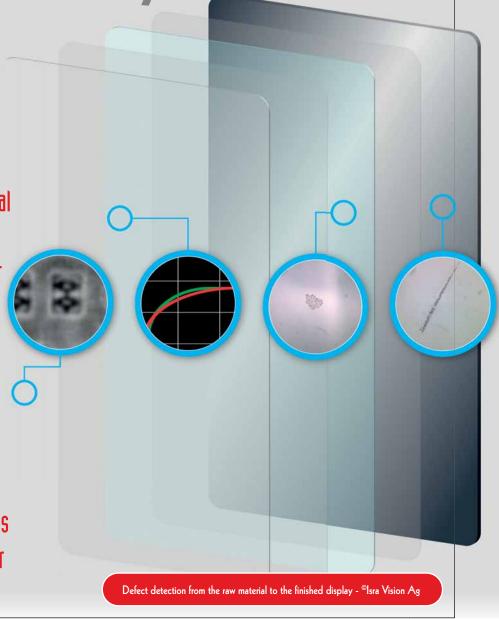
Double precision-guided cutting heads with direct drive and dynamic cutting pressure control which includes cutting wheel consumption monitoring and will reduce oblique breaks and sliver formation - all of which forms the basis for successful, scratch-free LSG cutting while significantly reducing added grind.



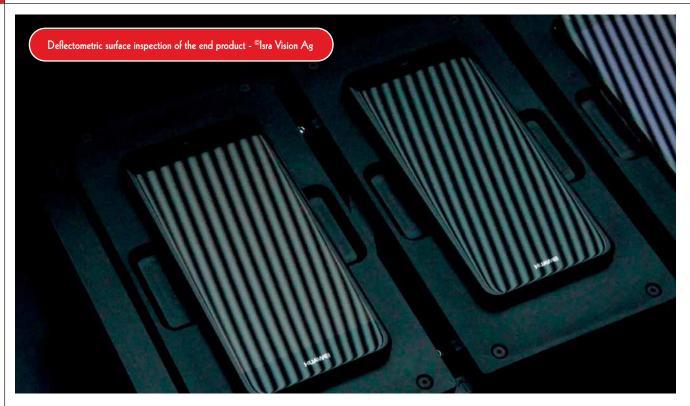


# ISRA VISION: Inspection solutions ensuring quality and profitability

Ever thinner touchscreen displays in films, foils or finished products are accompanying both rising functionality and added optical quality requirements. These go hand-in-hand with greater vibrancy of quality as well as outlandish shapes and new applications. All this is testified by our daily interactions with such displays in operations with smartphones, coffee machines and ATMs - not to mention our cars and workplaces.







## **360° DEFECT DETECTION**

Touch displays enable operations that are convenient and intuitive in both devices and machines. They are also robust and easy to clean. As such, they are becoming increasingly widespread in production plants, medical technology and other industrial application areas. Today the automotive industry is a trendsetter in this area with its introduction of pillar-to-pillar displays that span entire vehicle width in new vehicle generations. These furnish important cockpit functions, facilitating the operation of all car communication and infotainment systems. In addition, they are perfectly fitted and often feature curved shapes and integrated sensors. Going forward, this trend is expected to con-

tinue in other applications, which will require new procedures for glass processing and finishing as well as corresponding inspection processes during manufacturing. Such quality inspection is essential to meeting stringent requirements respecting robustness before mechanical loads as well as trouble-free functioning and operability, fit and optical quality.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE ALREADY AT RAW MATERIAL STAGE

Whether they employ TFT OLED technology, modern displays consist of many layers comprising different materials that are usually extremely thin. Optical films, thin-film and thin-glass in the actual TFT or OLED display and cover glass are all joined together during the production process, thereby achieving perfect union of form and function. However, even the smallest defects in one of the layers can compromise the properties and function of the display. For each single layer ISRA VISION is an industry leader both in optical inspection and defect detection. Its solutions identify and reject defective materials prior to installation, minimizing the number of imperfect end-products produced and increasing production profitability. As a system, ISRA VISION'S SMASH inspects optical film surfaces, where it detects defects - including minute scratches, marks and production residue upon film materials as well as coatings on web materials. Line cameras guarantee a high inspection

speed of up to 1000 metres per second while enabling the highest image resolution. At the same time, customized lighting supports the reliable detection and intelligent classification of defects that would be otherwise invisible to the naked eye. In turn, this allows conclusions to be drawn regarding causes or defective process parameters that can be continuously monitored and optimized.

## RELIABILITY AND **PRECISION: 100 PER CENT QUALITY CONTROL OF END PRODUCTS**

The raw glass and foils are impeccable, with no flaws occurring at the adhering together of the parts, and the finished display is then fitted within the end product. At this point a fi-





nal check is performed to ensure the finished product remains fault-free and is of perfect appearance. Often this is performed still as a cosmetic inspection that's conducted manually with all its associated disadvantages, such as subjective judgment and dependency of the inspection result upon the person carrying out the test coupled with the general limitation of our human ability to recognize quality deviations only minimally. This final inspection has great influence upon production profitability: Minimal defects that are screened too strictly reduce profit whereas excessively relaxed quality inspection will lead to complaints and result in dissatisfied customers. Here a fast, fully automatic and 100 per cent optical inspection solution will solve the problem. This is easy to integrate while detecting such typical cosmetic defects as scratches, bubbles, indentations and polishing marks, and it delivers objective and reliable results. The SpecGAGE3D inspection system from ISRA VISION is used during the final control stage as well and it's ideally suited for the measurement and inspection of all transparent and reflective surfaces. Inspecting flat or curved displays, as well as 2D/3D cover glass, glass back panels of smartphones and other glossy housing parts is also possible with the inspection system. This sys-



tem immediately decides how to sort goods, based upon pre-set tolerance ranges as well as automated defect classification.

# CRYSTAL-CLEAR QUALITY THANKS TO END-TO-END PROCESS MONITORING

Increasingly larger thinner glasses, flexible materials, and complex shapes begin to impose ever stricter requirements upon displays manufacturing. In order to meet these stringent standards and ensure the best possible quality while also achieving high productivity and process reliability, companies need end-to-end processes and quality control. These begin with the inspection of raw materials, accompanying the entire production process right through to the end product. When defects are detected during this process, their associated inspection solutions ideally facilitate a precise link to their cause

during upstream production steps. This also enables the effects of parameter changes on all further processes to be tracked and monitored. ISRA VISION offers a broad portfolio of optical inspection solutions at every step of display manufacturing. Thanks to the inspection data gathered, plant operators can continuously optimize their processes - so achieving optimum product quality, production stability and, ultimately, profitability. As a result, they deliver flawless products and materials while delivering high customer satisfaction. Moreover, the deployment of fully automatic inspection systems in production plants ensures compliance with current and future quality standards - as required, for example, in the automotive industry.

Such 100 per cent optical inspection offers the further guarantee of also meeting future requirements dur-

ing production as regards shape, appearance and display function. To this end, ISRA VISION collaborates closely with leading manufacturers and customer development departments within all key industries and can count upon a tightknit network of experts and engineers, both in Asia and worldwide. Flanking their development, new materials, technologies, and applications necessitate further advancement in such inspection solutions, which typically finds ISRA VISION already at work on their implementation within existing and new quality assurance systems.





# A re-entry for Renaud Schmitt

aving worked for A+W for 14 years from 2005 to 2019, Renaud Schmitt is an A+W veteran who returns now to the North American team as a Cantor Customer Support Specialist. Renaud brings unrivalled knowledge of A+W's software solutions with a goal to help all our customers grow.

In his new position at **A+W Software**, Renaud is tasked with supporting the grow-ing North American customer list. He will help customers troubleshoot any arising issues, including remote and onsite visits to customers to implement upgrades or new software solutions. With Renaud's years of knowledge, he is capable of immediately jumping in and helping A+W's customers prepare, thrive, and grow.

According to John Staiano, COO of A+W Software North America, "As the North American division continues to grow and take market share, we're proud to bring Renaud aboard, also since he can make such an immediate impact. With extensive knowledge

of A+W's software solutions, Renaud has already started taking on cases and providing solutions for customers. With the ability to speak three languages, he can help in the expanding French Canadian market as well. We are very excited to welcome him back to the team! We look forward to



watching our customers grow with his guidance, knowledge, and problem-solving abilities."

As Renaud said, "I'm excited to rejoin A+W Software. I'm passionate about my work and helping our customers grow! A+W has been a great place to work for years, so it feels like coming home. I hope my presence can continue to aid the North American team as we grow, bring on new customers, and help current cus-tomers grow to meet the new challenges of the future."

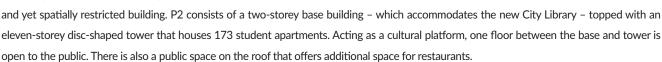
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## GUARDIAN GLASS

# Pema 2 project

esigned by LAAC, the 50-metre-high structure covers almost 19,000 square metres and is a true masterpiece of architectural flair and originality. EMA's P2 building is a multifunctional commercial and residential building located in Innsbruck, Austria. Glass plays a very important role in the design and function of the building. The glass chosen for this stunning façade is **Guardian** SunGuard® Solar Light Blue 52, which reduces glare from the sun and helps to reduce demands upon the building's air conditioning while aiding improvements to temperature control within the structure. On the inner pane the glass is coated with Guardian ClimaGuard® 1.0, which provides enhanced thermal insulation during the colder months.

The design of P2 combines a range of functions within a consciously architectural





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## DECEUNINCK & AGC GLASS EUROPE

# A strategic partnership

eceuninck, specialised in the development and production of PVC and aluminium window and door profiles, and AGC Glass Europe, a European leader in flat glass, have entered into a strategic partnership.

The combination of their know-how and expertise in their respective fields has re-sulted in new innovative solutions that enable the integration of Fineo vacuum glass into the PVC and aluminium profiles of the Elegant and Decalu series respectively. This way architects, building contractors and owners have access to solutions that meet the ever stricter requirements in the field of thermal and acoustic performance and light transmission. The first systems solutions will be presented during the Poly-close fair at the stands of both brands.

# Deceuninck integrates ultra-slim glazing into PVC and aluminium profiles

Although the two elements have been inextricably connected for centuries, window frames and glazing were two very distinct things until recently. Lately, manufactur-ers and suppliers of both components have started working together in order to offer high-quality comprehensive solutions.

"In late 2014 we already reached an agreement with AGC Glass Europe to launch innovative solutions together. Over the years, we renewed our successful cooperation a few times, and made it stronger," said Bernard Vanderper, sales manager Western Europe at Deceuninck.

"On 12 October of this year, we took this cooperation a step further and signed a strategic partnership, enabling us to now offer the Elegant PVC and Decalu alumini-um window profiles with Fineo vacuum glass. Our R&D division revised and adjusted the sealing concept for these different series, so that we can now integrate this ul-tra-slim glazing into our profiles without losing the unrivalled level of thermal and acoustic insulation and light transmission."

#### The development of vacuum glazing is the solution for the future

Stefan Lips, sales director Fineo with AGC Glass Europe, added, "Contemporary ar-chitecture is characterised by large windows. In order to comply with the stricter demands where insulation is

concerned, we need to constantly adjust and develop our glazing solutions. One of the things we did is replace double glazing with triple glaz-ing. Obviously, this has an impact not only on the cost, but also and especially on the weight of the window systems.

"We are approaching the limits that can be supported by the hardware. In addition, the concept of circular economy not only includes window profiles, but glazing as well. The Fineo vacuum glazing, with a thickness as from 6 mm, offers a solution with characteristics comparable to, and even better than, those of triple glazing but which has only two panes of glass. This type of glazing requires less raw materials, is much lighter and is 100 percent recyclable."

#### Innovative solutions presented for the first time at Polyclose

Over the past few years, both of these strong brands have made major investments in the optimisation of their solutions so as to be able to respond to market demand. With the Elegant series, Deceuninck has developed an innovative product platform for window and door solutions, incorporating iCOR as a revolutionary building block and modular heart of the profiles. Apart from the seals on the inside and out-side of the profile, this solution also has a central seal, which acts as an additional barrier for heat and cold.

"This way we achieve better results where thermal and acoustic insulation, wind re-sistance and water-tightness are all concerned. We have gone even further by com-bining these profiles with the Fineo vacuum glazing," concluded Bernard Vanderper. "We want to inform architects, building contractors and owners of the advantages of these systems. Today our focus is on the Benelux, but we also plan to introduce the systems in other European countries. The first results of our partnership will be pre-sented at our stands (1400 and 1018) at Polyclose, as well as at the stand of AGC Glass Europe (1210)."

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Bernard Vanderper, Sales Manager Western Europe Deceuninck, and Serge Martin, CEO Fineo, seal the strategic partnership between both parties - © AGC Glass Europe



# Acquisition of Orda float glass manufacturing facility

**China Glass Holdings Limited** and Stewart Engineers announced the completion of an acquisition through China Glass' associated company of the equity interest previously owned by Stewart in the Orda Glass



Complex, resulting in 100 percent ownership by the Chinese company. Over the past few months, relevant parties collectively worked together to execute a mutually agreed settlement that satisfied all parties.

CTIEC, a renowned company headquartered in China with expertise in the construction of glass and concrete manufacturing facilities, will lead completion of the construction of the Orda Glass Complex. CTIEC expects to complete the construction and start the factory soon, so it will be fully operational later this year.

The Orda Glass Complex is located in Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan, and aims to be the most modern industrial float glass facility in the world using the latest float glass technology designed and supplied by Stewart. This facility will produce 600 metric tonnes per day of high quality architectural and automotive glass.

Andrew Stewart, President of Stewart Engineers, said, "With all parties mutually satisfied, Stewart is confident that Orda will be realized as the jewel of Kazakhstan. Looking to the future, Stewart will continue to support and assist the Orda project as needed and look forward to the possibility of working with China Glass and CTIEC on other projects."

Guo Lyu, CEO of China Glass, commented, "Through this deal we expect to tap into the great potential of Kazakhstan's glass industry. We thank Stewart for paving the way and moving to where we are today, and we welcome future opportunities of cooperation."

Yerzhan Sagimbayev, Chairman of Management Board, Orda Glass, added, "Orda Glass is the first float glass facility in Kazakhstan, and as such has made trail-blazing efforts in this new territory, with help and support from all relevant parties. We are now well-positioned to move to a bright future."

## SCHOTT

# Divestment of Flat Glass operations in North America

**SCHOTT AG**, a leading international technology group in the areas of specialty glass and glass-ceramics, announced the closing of the divestment of its Flat Glass operations in North America.

SCHOTT Corp., together with its JV Partner AGC Flat Glass North America Inc., a subsidiary of AGC Inc., entered into definitive agreements to divest its shares in SCHOTT Gemtron Group to SSW Advanced Technologies LLC, a port-

folio company of Trive Capital LLC. The parties agreed not to disclose any transaction details.

SCHOTT Gemtron is specialized in the production and sale of flat glass products mainly for the home appliance industry in North America.

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ISOCLIMA GROUP

# Gefran chosen to manage production facilities

soclima – a world leader in the design and production of high-performance customised glass solutions – entrusts Gefran with the control and thermoregulation of its flat glass processing plants. A collaboration arising from the supply of components and consolidated over time thanks to Gefran Soluzioni's experience and know-how in the design and construction of automation systems, electrical panels and custom-ised software, both for new systems and retrofits.

Founded in 1977, Isoclima represents excellence in the development of technologi-cally advanced transparent windows, combining style and design with high ballistic resistance thanks to the winning combination of glass and polycarbonate or other acrylic products. It has different fields of application: from the automotive sector, with products intended for supercars and military vehicles, to railway, the naval and aerospace sectors, and construction.

The quest for perfection and meticulous attention to detail are the basis of a design philosophy that translates into the Company's ability to create customised solutions certified by third parties in terms of mechanical and ballistic performance, sun pro-tection and energy control.

"Our bullet-proof glass industry requires compliance with the highest quality and safety standards. A requirement that is also reflected in our choice of suppliers," said Luigi Rosina, Isoclima's Purchasing Manager. "Here, Gefran has proven to be the ideal partner: in addition to the excellent products available for power control, its Soluzioni division was able to translate our needs, with high precision and profes-sionalism, into software."

Among the main challenges Gefran Soluzioni has overcome are the creation of elec-trical diagrams and the automation language for the retrofit of 4 autoclaves and the revamping of a 21-module oven. In addition to the achieved goal of user-friendly systems, using the same components and interface for ovens and autoclaves provides a double advantage.

On the one hand, the interchangeability of operators includes simplification in terms of staff training. On the other, there is greater flexibility in production planning since identical results can be obtained from ovens of different sizes without changing the "recipe". Optimising existing

spare parts is another important aspect, providing positive results at the maintenance level too.

Isoclima has also chosen Gefran equipment for its largest bending oven for sheets reaching up to 10 metres. The management of the heat treatment process is entrusted to the GPC range, the new generation of power controllers, with an increasing num-ber of performing functions from the perspective of Industry 4.0 and predictive maintenance. The series, available with a current range from 40A to 600A, can in-teract with the most recent communication protocols and is distinguished by its size - being the most compact on the market.

Furthermore, these power controllers will be used in the world's largest chemical hardening plant, for 10 m sheets, currently under construction. Finally, for various ovens the GRS-H single-phase solid-state relays for controlling electrical resistances are also particularly appreciated. The range integrates diagnostic features and over-heating or interrupted load alarm output: available for all models, from 15A to 120A, to guarantee maximum production efficiency.

"Isoclima and Gefran share an approach based upon the value of the Made in Italy trademark, as well as on the efficiency in responding to customer requests," contin-ued Luigi Rosina. "We greatly appreciated Gefran Soluzioni's ability to create sys-tems based on our specifications, respecting the agreed deadlines. In addition, being able to count on a manufacturer and technical commercial figures with whom we immediately struck a rapport is of infinite added value for us."

"We are very satisfied with the perfect harmony established between our industries," commented Renzo Privitera, Sales Director for Italy for Gefran's Sensors and Com-ponents. "Isoclima's in-depth knowledge of the processes and construction of the ov-ens themselves was essential to correctly interpreting its needs in developing the most suitable solutions for increased plant performance.

""This is a real plus, thanks to which the customer/supplier relationship has evolved into a real long-term partnership."

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## PILKINGTON

# Pilkington: the future is Gold

acing the Bay and Mount Vesuvius, Hotel Britannique Naples has become a example of creativity and functionality – thanks to its widespread use of **Pilkington** Eclipse™ Gold.

When planning the interiors, glass featured prominently in the design, not only as a finishing material, but also as a structural and technological element. But for the key role – that of making the interior environment unique and welcoming with a touch of refinement – only Pilkington Eclipse™ Gold, with its rich reflective properties, fitted the bill. Its properties fulfilled the overarching vision of Gnosis design studio – that of providing the hotel with a seamless flow of natural light from the rooftop gourmet restaurant to the bar counters at ground floor.

The glazed surface version of Pilkington Eclipse™ Gold 8 mm provides a distinctive golden reflection that works wonderfully with decorative motifs to produce astonishing light effects and shapes at different hours of the day.

Even more surprising effects are created throughout by the use of 'Linen' – a partial glaze finish complete with a geometrical decoration created by *OmniDecor*. Its fingerprint



and scratch-proof with an irregular surface mesh blends perfectly with the surrounding environment - providing rich golden reflections at every angle.



Elettra Bresciani, Marketing Manager at OmniDecor said, "The reason for choosing Pilkington Eclipse™ Gold is clear. Glass is a solid barrier, very thin and permeable to light: these properties allow you to separate and distinguish spaces in a delicate, non-invasive way. However, since partitioning in many cases must also be a visual and enriching experience, transparent glass is unsuitable."

Pilkington Eclipse™ Gold made it possible to create perfect partitions, which combine creativity and functionality, while maintaining the brightness of the interior spaces while simultaneously providing an attractive aesthetic result. "The reflective side of the pane provides a depth that is created between the polished and the glazed finishes and enhances the glass with golden reflections," concluded Bresciani.

Pilkington Eclipse™ Gold is available in 6 and 8 mm thickness through the usual supply channels. Thanks to its highly durable pyrolytic coating, the product can be toughened to provide a safe interior glass in accordance with current national legislation.

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## EDGETECH & FOREL

# Super Spacer® TriSeal™ line

By investing substantially in state-of-the-art manufacturing technology and as leading IGU manufacturer based in the UK, Ravensby Glass has responded to growing demand for high-performing commercial IGUs by installing its new automated Forel line to apply Edgetech's Super® TriSeal™.

Ravensby Glass has been providing quality IGUs to businesses throughout the commercial, residential, public and medical sectors for over 30 years now. Today the company processes and toughens its own glass at two high-tech facilities in Dundee.

Now, thanks to installation of the new TriSeal line, Ravensby Glass has significantly increased its ability to provide highperforming IGUs for its demanding commercial clients.

"We use TriSeal because we know it guarantees the kind of long-lasting, top quality IGUs that commercial projects require," said Managing Director Gordon Dickson. "Having seen demand from the commercial sector grow in recent years, investment in an automated TriSeal application line was naturally the next step. It's fully up and running now,



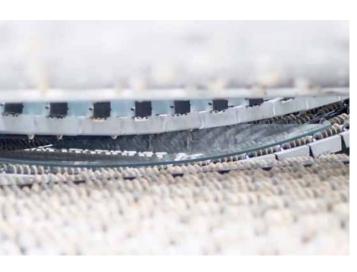
and we're already delighted with the speed, efficiency and consistent quality it can offer."

The same confidence was expressed by Edgetech Managing Director Chris Alderson. "It's hugely gratifying to see long-standing customers like Ravensby Glass succeeding and investing in the future," said Alderson. "With their new TriSeal line, they're excellently positioned to reach new heights over the months and years ahead."

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#### SEDAK

# Curved glass up to 18 metres



Sedak is expanding production capacity in the field of glass bending. The company's existing tempering furnace has been upgraded with a bending unit. In the future it will also be possible to thermally-bend glass at the Gersthofen location with a C-bender (heat-strengthened glass and fully-tempered glass).

Thanks to the expansion of the bending competence, it will be possible to bend formats as large as 3.6 metres by 18 metres. Depending on glass width, a minimum radius of 1.000 millimetres can be achieved. With the help of this new technology, previous bending defects such as straight ends can also be remedied.

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# NEPTUN: a wide range of vertical washers

In just few years, NEPTUN has positioned itself among the major players in the glass washing industry, offering the market a wide range of available vertical washers.

losely following the continuous development of glass products while remaining attentive to market needs, the company's latest four series of washing machines meet all production and investment requirement types.

#### LV TOP

Starting from the entry level LV Top, built with a solid supporting structure in stainless steel for long-lasting reliability LV Top is an easy-touse machine that needs only minimal maintenance, having been conceived for those who need efficient washing and drying and do not require automation.

Being among the best and more reliable 'entry level' washers of the market, it's

industrially built with a keen eye to both functional and aesthetic details at budget price. Suitable for small-tomedium size companies or even as a back-up washer for large industries, LV Top is available in 1.6, 2.0 and 2.6 m sizes.

#### LV EVO

Next in line is the LV Evo, which maintains the simplicity of LV Top while adding a

an elevated level of automation and superior performances with an 80 percent higher working speed The main characteristics of LV Evo include its complete structure in stainless steel with the base frame in hotdip galvanized steel, 140 mm diameter brushes with 350 RPM speed (500 RPM with brush inverter option), automatic water quality control and management, and energy and sound reduction function -thanks to ECOSAVE- with precise graphic indication and energy consumption recording. LV Evo also offers a touch screen PLC to manage all functions and optionals. A further possibility of inline integration with other tun or other brands). Remote assistance and pro-

upstream or downstream machines is afforded (Nepduction data export via

ethernet qualifies this model as Industry 4.0-ready. LV Evo is ideal for CN lines. with  $3 \div 30$  mm workable glass thicknesses, automatically adjustable from the CN control or by means of a thickness sensor. Speed regulation is at 1 ÷ 8 m per minute by inverter. It's ideal for end users of all types that seek automation and reliability with a good production load and is available in 1.6 m Open Top, 2.3 and 2.8 m sizes.

## THE WAVE SERIES

companies needing more intensive processing, Neptun offers the Wave series, which is characterized by a truly robust structure and allows maximal flexibility of configuration while being "Industry 4.0" suitable. Wave can be enriched

LV EVo





WAVE

with several solutions, up to total automation, as well as superior performances within all fields: output, washing quality, integration in business processes. Wave's main characteristics are the motorization of brushes on top of the machine and the wide range of workable glass thicknesses - up to 80 mm. Wave has an innovative opening frame system for optimal water containment during the washing cycle, according to processed thickness. It's also equipped with a powerful touch screen control unit that has several innovative functions: A-Qual water quality control, an energy saving patented Ecosave system, Smart-Speed for automatic speed management and optimal drying of the glass edge at any given speed, and Nightcare for water preheating as well as water tank automatic cleaning and re-filling cycle at night-time.

Glass moves inside the drying section through a touchless belt for perfect drying of the entire surface.

This is a good washer for a 'heavy' working cycle, 24/7 and glass dimension. With HD configuration, too, it can handle jumbo sheets of up to 350 Kg/m with 80 mm thickness and it's available in

sizes of 2.3, 2.8 and 3.3 m in height.

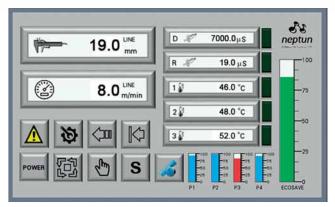
# THE SUPERINOX VERSION

Finally, Neptun offers the fully-optional, top performance Superinox version, which is designed to drive intensive use for customers after an uncompromised cleaning system. With all the above-mentioned features included, Superinox has transport motorization and brushes on top of the machine with a diameter of 180 mm and the possibility to adjust the rotation (RPM) of any single brush with a dedicated motor as well as an inverter to ensure maximum washing efficiency.

A sensor detects low-e glass side and the opening of the first pair of brushes, when supplied with hard bristle — thereby adjusting brush rotation speed accordingly.

Superinox also has a powerful touch screen control unit

for machine management, including error diagnostics, scheduled maintenance, water quality and temperature control, as well production data and energy saving management.



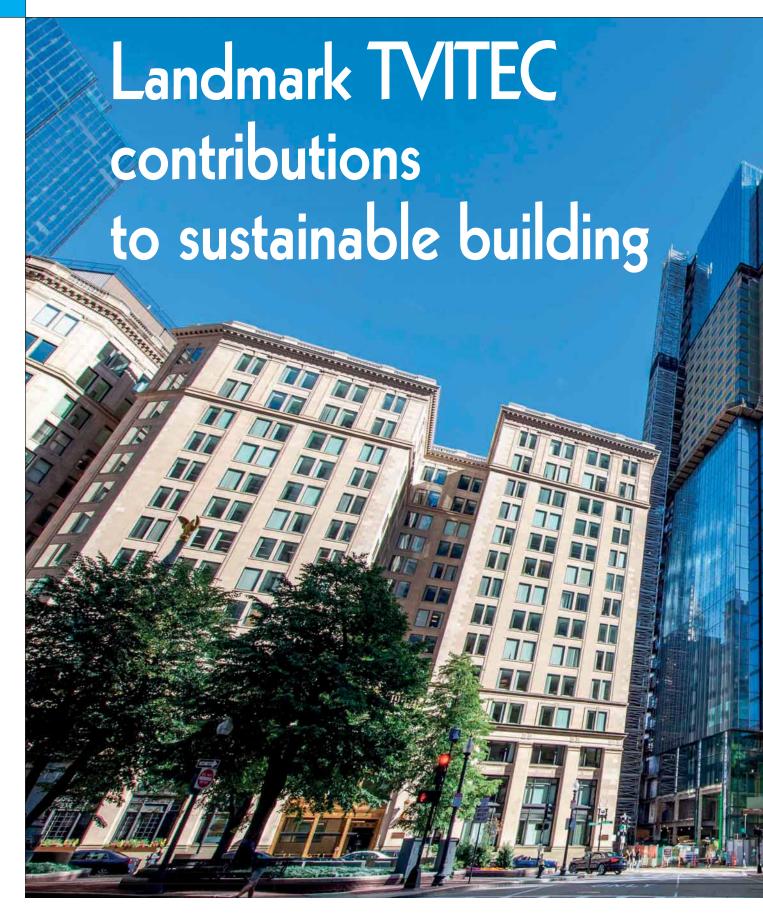
Even though this is a very heavy duty machine, its technical features allow for more specific cleaning performance, such as IG panels, low-e soft coating glasses and ultra-thin glasses up to a minimum thickness of 1.8 mm. It's available in 2.0, 2.6 and 3.3 m sizes.

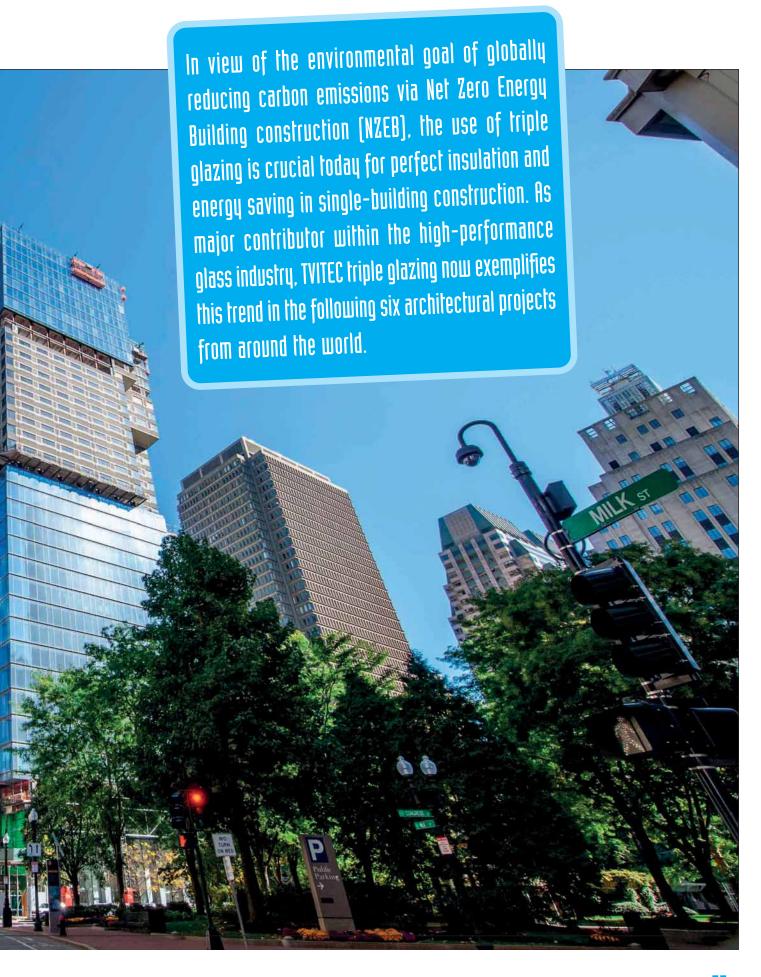
With more than 90 technical configurations, not to mention its added options, Neptun can indeed offer a suitable solution for any processing type, company size and investment budget.















## 1. MACKIMMIE TOWER. CANADA'S LARGEST NET ZERO CARBON BUILDING

Located at the centre of the University of Calgary's library complex, the design of this tower by Dialogue Architects studio renders the building 85 per cent more energy efficient than its original - making it the first in Canada to receive Zero Carbon Building certification. Here Tvitec supplied over 5,000 metres of triple glazing for its client Corporation, Ferguson with each unit tempered

and heat-strengthened for maximum safety and security and incorporating Guardian Climaguard high-performance coatings. The building also stands out for the unique shapes of its façades, with Tvitec continuing to manufacture triple glazing insulation for the ongoing expansion of this superproject.

# 2. ECAVENIR. SWITZERLAND LEADS THE WAY IN TRIPLE GLAZING USE

Given both the climatic conditions and the coun-

try's general environmental awareness, many projects in Switzerland rely heavily upon triple glazing to complete such buildings as that of ECA's headquarters in Lausanne. The offices of the Vaud canton fire insurance consortium include geothermal heating, breathable façades and roof solar panels. The space is clad with over 3,500 metres of Tvitec triple glazing, which was designed by Architram Architecture et Urbanisme. Overseeing installation of the façade was Sottas with the glass, tempered and laminated, combining

Low Iron and a IPlus Top 1.1 solar control layer from AGC, all ensuring natural light, solar absorption and high insulation.

# 3. ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE. BOSTON'S GAME-CHANGING OFFICE TOWER

Now with its refurbishment nigh completed, One Post Office is already attracting attention in Boston thanks to its elegant aesthetics and eco-efficient, sustainable design. Here Tvitec manufactured nearly 30,000 metres of architectural glass for façade specialist

Benson, most of which was triple glazed, tempered and heat-strengthened as well as coated with Guardian HP Neutral and HP Silver 43/31. Not only. Tvitec also incorporated screen printing into much of the project. Following the design of architecture studio Gensler, the floor-toceiling glass captivates major firms today, boasting the highest LEED environmental certification available as each seeks to establish its workplace within this centrally-located skyscraper also given its comfort and energy efficiency.

# 4. INFINITY. INTEGRAL INSULATION WITHIN THE GRAND DUCHY

Located in the centre of Luxembourg, the Infinity complex office centre was supplied by Tvitec with a large volume of triple glazed units, each one of tempered and laminated glass and featuring acoustic Pvb besides. Apart from the thermal insulation of triple glazing, the building project is set with maximum security and almost complete noise mitigation. Here Tvitec supplied its top-grade insulating glass for Italian façade specialist AZA, with the building project partly completed by the firm Kyotec. The design of Infinity's was a joint work of Arquitectonica and M3 Architects studio. The use of quality materials, systems and highly sustainable networks have all earned this residential, commercial and office complex a BREEAM Excellent rating.

## 5. GRAND MORILLON. KENGO KUMA'S COMPLETE STUDENT RESIDENCE

In Geneva, Kengo Kuma

# BETTER WITH TRIPLE GLAZING

Not surprisingly, thermal performance is the most significant. In some regions it may be worthwhile to install triple glazing in order to reduce heat loss and increase temperature of the inside panes. In general, triple-glazed windows improve comfort, reduce condensation and minimize noise. Indeed, its temperature coefficient of resistance (R-value) is much higher than that of double glazing. This partly explains why triple-glazed products can be up to 50 per cent more efficient than their double-glazed counterparts. Triple glazing is also very heavy, which requires strong, specially-designed window profiles to support its weight — failing which, window lifespan could be reduced.





has designed a student residence that's state-of-the-art in every sense of the term. The prestigious Graduate Institute opted for a concept that is simple in design yet complex in its execution. The residence's metal façade of large shutters surrounds both its 700 rooms and multitude of communal spaces. Tvitec's triple glazing for façade specialist Sottas allows maximum natural





light to enter the building as well as full indoor climate control, especially in winter. Tvitec supplied around a thousand metres of glass for the project, half of which was tripleglazed, tempered and laminated with a unique solar control coating from Glastroesch, namely Combi Neutral 61/32 with Low Iron. Laminates were also produced for large balustrade areas.

6. HAREN PRISON. BULLET-PROOF

## GLASS REPLACING BARS AND MAXIMUM ECO-EFFICIENCY

Haren prison in Belgium will soon be welcoming its first inmates who, with glass replacing bars on the outside of its cells, will get to experience an alternative prison concept. However, being BR6-certified as well as tempered and laminated, this isn't simply any glass. It's resistant to repeated, close-range impact from assault rifles. Here Tvitec's bullet-proof glass is incorporated into the triple glaz-

ing supplied for Spanish façade specialists Proinller and Ferga, who have been working for construction company FCC. Almost 4,000 metres of these insulating glass units were manufactured by Tvitec, each one boasting a truly impressive thickness. Sustainable too, the glass will cool or heat the entire prison complex, since it's coupled with such systems as geothermal storage.

# TRIPLE GLAZING ADVANTAGES

- 1. Can reduce heat loss in homes, leading to potentially lower energy bills;
- 2. More efficient at heat retention than double glazing, thereby yielding warmer spaces;
- 3. Less prone to condensation build-up between the panes than double glazing;
- 4. Harder to break, resulting in safer buildings;
- 5. The extra glass pane blocks out more outside noise than double glazing.



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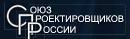




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# High-performing portfolio from FENZI at Vitrum 2021



N IMPORTANT EVENT FOR GLASS

"The entire industry showcased its vitality, attracting both Italian and international buyers while demonstrating its willingness to actively participate in global growth with its immense spirit of innovation and responsibiliThe first 'post-pandemic' edition of Vitrum 2021 was hosted by Fiera Milano Rho. A top-ranking event for glass industry insiders, it saw key players come together from 5-8 October to dynamically demonstrate their joint response to challenges posed by the coronavirus. With numerous companies flocking to its stand, Fenzi brought its most recent innovations - spanning all its business units as leading Group in chemicals for secondary glass processing.

ty." Such was the praise this year's Vitrum earned from Matteo Padovan, Managing Director of Fenzi SpA.
Fenzi's contribution to the event included innovative products as well as high-tech solutions designed to boost thermal performance of windows while ensuring the utmost in living comfort as the company expands the

possibilities of glass decoration. From primary and secondary sealants with the most advanced ecocompatibility features to the broadest range of warm edge profiles, from decorative paints for all fields of application to mirror-backing paints - and including chemical-silvering solutions that leverage the most cutting-edge technology for

digital printing on glass.

"As always," continued Padovan, "the very core of our business is invested in quality, specialization within the glass industry and optimization of product performance, with particular attention to eco-compatibility - all resulting in across-the-board appreciation of our







innovations on display. Given our focus on the current glass industry needs, we're able to offer highly technological products that coincide perfectly with market demand for quality - a commitment acknowledged by visitors to the Group's stand, much to our satisfaction. Here's why Vitrum was such a major event for us, drawing visitors Europewide whose specializations led to innumerable business discussions with highly-qualified industry insiders." Concluding on a positive note, Padovan affirmed that "although many overseas professionals were unable to attend owing to pandemicrelated restrictions, the 22nd edition of Vitrum had a very productive outcome for all the Group's companies."

## IG UNIT SEALANTS SHOWCASED AT VITRUM 2021

Fenzi's broad, diversified array of sealants facilitates production of IG units that will hold an impeccable seal indefinitely. Despite the fact that each product is already an industry leader, Fenzi research never stops, striving continually to improve performance while ensur-

ing maximal practicality and ease-of-use.

#### Thiover

A top-selling, reliable polysulphide sealant around the globe:

- Excellent thermal insulation performance in climates of every kind, delivering significantly improved living comfort. Perfect for highperformance, energy-saving windows;
- Suitable at all latitudes, this product will adapt best to any and all extrusion systems and processing conditions;
- All Thiover sealants conform to the most cutting-edge criteria for

- eco-compatibility, being entirely solvent-free and containing neither heavy metals nor other harmful ingredients;
- Superior mechanical properties, excellent levels of gas retention and a low permeability to water vapour.

## **Butylver TPS**

The latest-generation thermoplastic spacer perfectly synergistic with commercially available automatic applicators:

 For IGUs with superiorquality, warm edge performance, produced with the highest levels of industrial automation;

- Outstanding workability and excellent thermal performance, flexible design and absolute uniformity of colour;
- One-part, polyisobutylene base with integrated desiccants, ensures flawless adhesion with minimal permeability as well as excellent rigidity and stability;
- Makes it possible to achieve ultra-high performance IGUs of various types and sizes, with an elevated added value in terms of quality, aesthetics and, above all, durability over time.

## **Butylver**

The butyl-based, primary sealant combining maxi-

mum quality and minimum permeability:

- High-quality polyisobutylene, one-component, solvent-free seal, achieves the lowest MVTR and GPR values;
- High resistance to ageing, excellent adhesion to glass, aluminium, steel and stainless steel, perfect processability;
- Broad spectrum of compatibility with insulating glass components and building materials;
- Maximum durability and seal, even under the most severe climatic conditions.

#### Hotver

The one-part, hot-melt sealant ideal for manufacturing windows with the utmost efficiency of energy:

- The newest, most cutting-edge hot-melt sealant in the Fenzi range;
- Exceptional physicalchemical properties, excellent resistance to low and high temperatures and easy to process;
- Flawless adhesion to glass and to all traditional and warm edge spacer profiles;
- Extremely high gas leak rate performance.

#### Poliver

The secondary barrier polyurethane sealant, a consistent market leader, available in various versions, based upon the needs of each operator and manufacturing system:

- Specifically formulated polyurethanes for manufacturing IGUs, exceptional ease of application;
- Entirely solvent-free:
- Can be used to manufacture double or triple IG units:
- High degree of adhesion to all glass types, extremely low permeability to water vapour and gas, excellent UV resistance.

#### Molver

High-quality molecular sieve specifically designed for manufacturing IG units:

• Formulated to guaran-







tee maximum absorption capacity; its chemical structure ensures longerlasting performance within the glass;

Particularly efficient absorption, given that moisture stays inside the granule without rising to the surface;

 Can be used in any insulating glass system that calls for perimeter sealing with polysulphide, silicone, polyurethane or hot-melt sealants.

# LATEST-GENERATION WARM EDGE SYSTEM

In addition to sealants,

Fenzi Group also supplies IG unit manufacturers with aluminium, hybrid and warm edge spacer profiles produced at the Alu Pro and Rolltech plants and sold around the world by the Glass Alliance network. Alu Pro and Rolltech produce aluminium, steel

and stainless-steel spacers as well as steel combined with special plastic materials and various latest-generation warm edge spacers. All are cutting-edge products for every application – thanks, in part, to combined efforts of the companies' individual research



and development centres. The range includes some of the most state-of-the-art solutions for warm edge systems.

#### **Chromatech Ultra**

An innovative warm edge spacer that meets the most demanding requirements





for energy efficiency:

• Stainless steel and special blends of plastic comprise this exclusive, patented structure to guarantee long life, durability and state-of-the-art insulating performance; Ensures an extremely low level of thermal transmittance and exceptional ease of use, essential features for processors; furthermore, it bends easily without

any need for expensive machinery.

#### Multitech G

The latest-generation rigid spacer for achieving the best possible thermal performance today:

- Crafted without any use of metal and enhanced with an extremely thin, extraordinarily insulating special multi-layer barrier;
- The distinctive transparency of this multi-layer

barrier allows the original colour of the spacer profile to be maintained on all sides, making it superbly-suited to any architectural design.

## **Thermix Tx Pro**

A modern profile made with a special technopolymer and stiffened with two highly resistant stainless-steel wires bearing exceptional thermal properties and with excellent Uw-values:

# ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED GLASS TECHNOLOGIES

As key chemical player within the glass processing industry headquartered in Italy, Fenzi Holdings SPV SpA ("Fenzi Group") announced on 24 November 2021 the acquisition of Johnson Matthey's ("JM") Advanced Glass Technologies ("AGT"), a leading global provider of specialist glass enamels and precious metal pastes mainly supplied to the automotive sector.

"We are delighted to welcome the AGT organization to the Fenzi Group," said Fenzi Group's Chief Executive Officer Alessandro. "Fenzi AGT leadership in glass enamels for the automotive and industrial sectors fits perfectly with our strategy to be the largest and most complete partner for the glass industry worldwide. This partnership brings new innovative technologies to our global customer base. We believe that AGT's growth will be enhanced under the Fenzi Group."

The acquisition is expected to close in the spring of 2022.





- Partially-coated with superthin, stainless steel foil with the dual purpose of providing bonding support for the sealants and acting as a barrier against gas loss;
- Can be cut to form frames with plastic corner keys or else bent by any of today's commercially available bending machines.

## AQUAGLASSXPACK, THE INNOVATIVE RANGE OF WATER-BASED, ECO-FRIENDLY PAINTS FOR HOLLOW GLASS

The Fenzi range of paints developed for the hollow glass industry is currently expanding with a new line of organic, water-based paints designed for glass packaging. Perfect for producing surfaces with transparent, opaque and metallic colours of extremely high resistance according to industry tests and customer specifications.

Organic, one-part and water-based for decorative use, AquaglassXpack paints comprise a combination of resins and select pigments that not only lend exceptional hardness, durability and elasticity to the paint but also unique colours. While maintaining intact all those features that have made Fenzi paints such a sought-after product in the marketplace, the new AquaglassXpack range guarantees excellent glass adhesion, exceptional



# ABOUT FENZI GROUP

The Fenzi Group is a worldwide leader in chemicals for the glass processing industry. Founded in Milan in 1941, where the Group still has its headquarters, it now has 12 factories within strategic markets across the continents from which it delivers high-quality mirror backing paints, IG sealants and spacers and decorative glass paints.

colour palette, Fenzi delivers innumerable customization options - even with special effects. Fenzi's lab solutions successfully render a series of virtually infinite shades and colours achievable from among the international colour scales all faithfully reproducible. Moreover, custom colour samples requested by customers are ready in all promptness. Also, the RAL, RAL DESIGN, RAL EF-FECT E2, NCS, Pantone, Dulux, Sherwin William, Sikkens, Benjamin Moore, British Standard. Taubmans and Guittet formulas are always available on the company's website for fast, independent production of the desired colour shade.

# DURALUX WATER BASED: FENZI'S NEW MIRROR-BACKING PAINT LINE

The most recent frontier in terms of mirror-backing paints is that of the new, latest-generation Fenzi line of products that can ably contribute to the production of high-quality, eco-friendly mirrors with outstanding reflectivity, safety and chemical resistance properties. Using a water base, the

labs at Fenzi Group have developed Duralux Water Based, a complete range of lead-free, glass-silvering, mirror-backing paints with extremely low VOC emissions - chemical agents that are potentially harmful both to one's health and to the environment.

This marks a major innovation for mirror manufacturers, processors, end users and the environment at large.

Compared with other commercially available mirrorbacking paints, the special Duralux Water Based formulation makes unique performance possible including a VOC level fivetimes lower than that of the market standard, a use of solvents with reduced environmental impact, extraordinary chemical resistance and greater product durability. This is a one-coat, user-friendly painting system that's convenient for either curtain or spray application, completely leadfree, perfect for use on copper-free mirrors. It can also be applied on most existing mirror lines that use traditional solvent-based paints.

The Duralux line ensures a

high-performance product that's tried and true while being also constantly updated. Over 80 years in business, the Group has become a global leader in glass-processing chemicals, offering a complete range of products as it sets the standard for the entire glass industry. Thanks to its considerable prowess with innovation and based upon its know-how, acquired over so many years in the market, as well as its research and development activities consistently focused on customer needs, the Group has created a complete product range that's always cutting-edge, thereby so ranking it among the preferred partners for mirror manufacturers around the world.

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mechanical properties of the painted film, singular coverage, exemplary stability and durability of the colour over time, outstanding UV resistance and optimum colour brilliance.

The AquaglassXpack line includes transparent, coloured, opaque and metallic water-based paints. With an unlimited and flexible





# Innovative power delivery technology from COHDA

How to supply power through glass without intruding on user experience. Cohda meets this challenge with its innovative Power-Tap® method of delivering electricity invisibly for museum exhibits that use high tech lighting, sensors, cameras and digital displays.



HISTORY OF INNOVATION Founded in 2003, Cohda has spent over 17 years dedicated to research, experimentation and product innovation, creating revolutionary products for

global clients. Indeed, it was the company's history of working on some of the world's most innovative Museum projects, such as the revolutionary Jean Nouvel designed Louvre Abu Dhabi, that had it spotting an opportunity to solve a key challenge facing this market.

Like many industries, the Museum Showcase sector is undergoing its own digital transformation. However, unlike other markets exhibits are generally encased in a secure glass structure. Maintaining transparency remains imperative, which creates the issue solved by Cohda of developing a power supply technology that will not compromise user experience. Here devices are traditionally powered by cable or rod systems, which can be both obtrusive and distracting. Adding more systems necessitates more power and data cables, which results in greater visual distraction to the viewer.

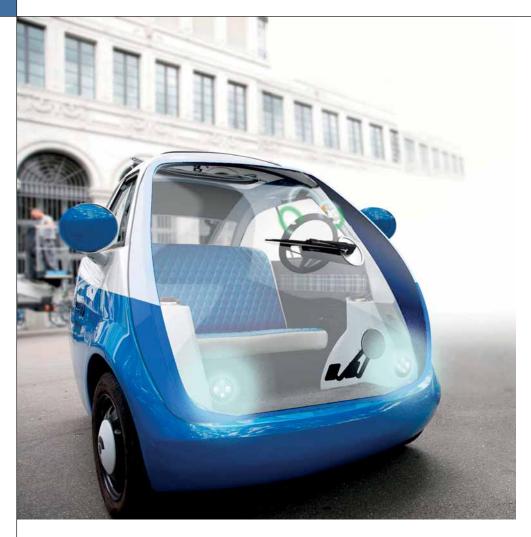
It was felt that if transparent power delivery were achieved and the need for wires removed, then the ability to locate devices in premium locations within a glass structure as opposed to locations dictated to by a wiring loom would offer limitless new design opportunities to the museum market. Preliminary user research suggested that any device powered through the glass would also need to be as minimal and unobtrusive as possible in order to further enhance the invisibility and value of the system.

## **TEAMWORK IN** RESEARCH

With a diverse studio team of Designers, Engineers Material Experts, and







Cohda was able to undertake this challenge as a secretive in-house brief. Over a five-year period the evolving project generated more than 300 prototypes and test rigs before a final solution emerged, codenamed P-Tap®.

Key challenges during the development process were:

- a Creating a stable power delivery system that could deliver different power requirements;
- b Maintaining the integrity and security of the showcase; and
- c Offering a stable microclimate for any delicate display works.

The manufacture of Power-Tap® glass panels, too, was hardly a straightforward process. Requirements for high tolerance and specialist processing techniques being beyond that of a most glass processors warranted partnerships with companies in the glass sector that operate to the very tightest tolerances, namely those within the touch screen market.

# **EMERGING PRODUCTS**

The final outcome to this challenging project is the now patented Power-Tap<sup>®</sup> Glass Tech. Power-Tap<sup>®</sup> is a transparent lamination of

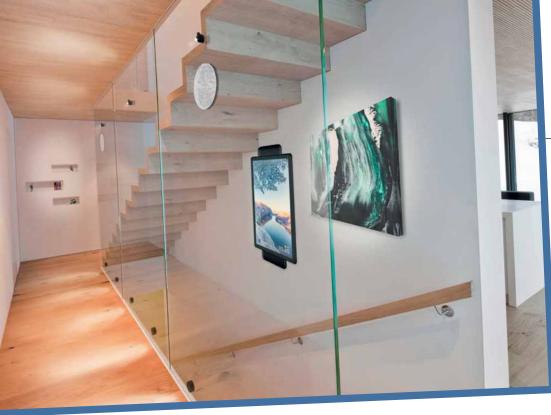
conductive and non-conductive glass. This arrangement allows power or data signals to be transferred across individual layers within the lamination. Premachined apertures create taps in the glass that supply power delivery to embedded devices with showcases and glass displays. These connected devices appear as free floating within an optically clear glass panel with no visible means of power connection.

Coinciding with the launch of Power-Tap®, Cohda developed a range of products to marry seamlessly with the Power-Tap® glass technology. The first from this range is the magnetically connected micro spotlight system for the museum market, named CompassLED. The CompassLED system is made up of two main assemblies:

- 1. a two-sided magnetic plug socket embedded into the Power-Tap® glass panel
- a lighting spot that magnetically connects to either side of the socket and instantly draws off power.

Both the locations of CompassLED lights and the number of CompassLED sockets within a panel are fully customisable, giving designers and users





Commercial agreements to utilise the Power-Tap intellectual property and technology are currently underway. Initial partnerships include leading touchscreen display manufacturer Zytronic and global glass company NSG Group.

the freedom to place lights wherever they wish. The final system offers easy installation, light replacement and adjustment of 360-degree full rotation in all axes, individual or group dimming and the ability to

illuminate through the Power-Tap® glass panel offering previously unseen lighting flexibility

Additional products from this range are set to be released throughout 2022 and will include fixed spotlights, strip lights (for museum and retail shelving), induction charges, USB plugs, touch payment devices, rotating display tables, audio resonators, magnetic locks, digital remote cameras and alarm systems.

NEW MARKET OPENINGS

Since its public release Power-tap has gained interest from other market, including: Retail, taking the form of Point of Sale Tables powering-Induction chargers, USB sockets, charge stands, electro magnets, proximity sensors and alarms. Automotive, where there is a market shift in the autonomous and electric vehicle sector toward increasing the size of automotive glassing and a consequent need to directly embed devices onto the glass. Architecture, where alarms, sensors, cameras and safety equipment can become part of the glazing of a building. Domestic goods, where embedded devices can inter-communicate through glass while maintaining full transparency. Other highlighted markets include Aviation, Defence, Security, Renewables, Farming and Commercial Lighting.





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# CUGHER's timeless classic for home appliance glass

With its Compact silk-screen printing machine series CUGHER has perfected a timeless classic for the Home Appliance sector for the realization of cooktops as well as glass for kitchen ovens and other household appliances – all of which have gone a long way over the years towards satisfying key producers within the sector.

**LEXIBILITY** 

Among the product's successful characteristics is its great flexibility, given that different Compact versions have been designed for use as machines that are both stand-alone and integrated within the entire plant. More specifically, for the former of these versions the machine has an extractable printing table to manually load and unload the glass, which is then immediately centered and

brought to print, whereas the semi-automatic version has the same extractable table for manual loading as well as an automatic belt transportation for unloading the glass directly within the dryer. Lastly, the fully-automatic version is equipped with a belt system perfectly integrated within the other line components which allows for automatic loading and unloading of the glass - all closely following production times.

# FROM 100X300 MM TO 1300X700 MM

From the vantage point of production, and depending upon glass dimension, process or operator speed, the Compact Series printing machine can produce from 500 to 700 pieces per hour for huge batches. And as for meeting different glassmaker needs, Cugher has designed Compact models that can manage minimum glass dimensions ranging from 100 x 30 mm (i.e. 3.93 x 1.18 inches) to models capable of processing glasses of 1300 x 700 mm (i.e. 51,18 x 27,55 inches). The machine allows for the printing of both squared and rectangu-

lar glasses, each of which is typical within the home appliance sector, but it's also able to manage glass of different shapes - whether for a more attractive design or for productions tailored to other sectors such as the automotive or nautical industries. As to its use, the Compact is extremely practical, allowing for easy maintenance as well as simple command access both of which rank among the leading features for small production batches that require a swift changeover.

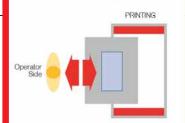
# OPTIMIZED PRINT QUALITY

Studies conducted by Cugher on silk-screen printing



#### Stand-Alone

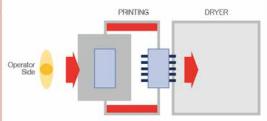
Manual loading and unloading, on the operator side, with extractable printing table.



#### Semi-Automatic

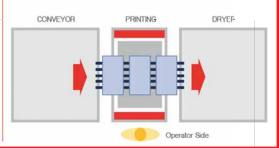
Manual loading and unloading of the glass, on the operator side, with extractable printing table.

Automatic rear discharge with transport belts.



#### Full-Automatic

Automatic glass loading and unloading by a belt transportation system.







over the years have led to the application of advanced technologies which guarantee excellent printing that can boast perfect image definition, a uniformity of ink over the entire surface, high coverage, as well as a product that's both durable and efficient.

The Compact Series has generated great interest from players within the Home Appliance industry - from big market leaders to middlesized glassworks - thereby stimulating the kind of continuous improvement regarding engineering that can ably afford the product a

high level of automatism and performance - both of which are characteristics that enjoy high acknowledgement within the market.

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# The company believes it is the best product of its kind in the industry

nelko Corporation, a Phoenix, Arizona (USA) based manufacturer of speciality cleaners and protective coatings for more than 40 years, is quite proud of the new Invisible Shield® Microburst™ (Two-Sided) Vertical Glass Coating Machine, which is so far unmatched from an operational, performance safety and standpoint. Used with the advanced Invisible Shield PRO 15 Glass Coating it is being called the most effective solution to prevent scratching, pitting, staining and other environmental corrosion and damage to glass for easier cleaning, long-term preservation and improved appearance.

The machine was designed for all sizes of glass fabricators and manufacturers who are looking for high output, space saving and energy efficient automated systems to protect volume glass including shower glass, windows, façades, IG units, doors, partitions, railings, skylights, sand blasted/etched glass, art glass, windshields and much more.

Its many features include:

- A space saving and fully automated coating system
- Built-in safety features, fully vented-contained unit emits zero fumes

- Treats one or both sides simultaneously
- Height capacity can be customized for any height and/or width of glass
- Adjustable feed rate with durable UV & IR curing
- Separate touch screen control with remote access
- Glass is clean, sealed and protected due to quick "rinse/dry" feature
- Made of "corrosion free" aluminium
- Fitted with automatic "self-cleaning" spray feature
- WIFI diagnostics for remote, on-site support & service

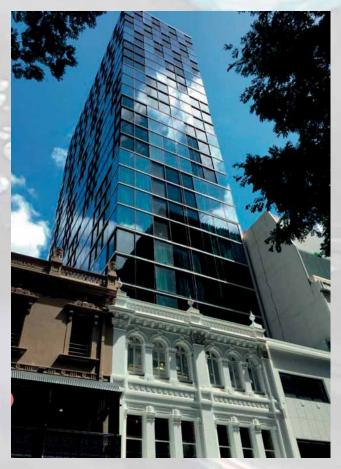
#### STATE OF THE ART PROTECTIVE COATING EQUIPMENT

Designed by Unelko and Perfect Score Technologies, a well-known glass equipment manufacturer in Dallas, Texas (USA), the compact, high output, two-sided vertical coating machine is extremely efficient. It can treat and protect more than 800,000 square metres of glass annually at a rate of 390 square meters per hour.

Glass is guided into the cabin for coating with a V groove and urethane guide roller and mount railing. The design allows for

working on a multitude of glass thicknesses without adjustments or setup by the operator, and the delivery system can feed sheets without scratching the surface. The upper rail system is CNC software controlled to accommodate for a variety of glass heights. Builtin sensors automatically detect and treat only the glass in the cabin, eliminating any waste. Treated glass sheets can be offloaded with an auto-exit feed, further reducing operator interaction.

Dual spray heads mounted within a CNC motion system provide a uniform and precise spray pattern, while ultraviolet (UV) and infrared (IR) curing can rapidly bond Unelko's top rated Invisible Shield PRO 15 coating to both sides of almost any size commercial glass. To lower operation and maintenance costs, the IR and UV lamps are activated based on the actual glass height curing needs. Motion control sensors enable fine tuning for both the speed of the coating's application and overlap pattern, and the operator can override speed settings to test speciality applications. The use of dual spray heads also enhance reliability of





the machine and lowers maintenance when compared to a stationary spray head configuration.

# DURABLE PROTECTION WITH UV AND IR CURING

Once fully cured and bonded, Invisible Shield PRO 15's high performance, hydrophobic and oleophobic coating leaves the glass durably protected, increasing scratch resistance up to 93 percent compared to untreated glass. Treated glass exits the cabin 99 percent clean and ready to install thanks to a unique power rinse and drying feature.

Invisible Shield PRO 15 is the most effective, lowcost solution to the problem of glass degradation, able to prevent scratching, pitting, staining and other environmental corrosion and damage while offering improved long-term preservation of residential and commercial glass. The coating also helps reduce cleaning time up to 75 percent annually and improves the overall appearance up to 99 percent.

# UNPARALLELED SAFETY FEATURES

The Microburst coating machine is fully vented, emits zero fumes, and is extremely safe. It is made of 100 percent corrosion free aluminium, has NEMA 4 rated Polymer Coated air and pressure sensitive enclosures and

electrical boxes. Circulation inlet fans provide ambient convection cooling coupled with an exhaust duct fan to remove residual fumes from the chamber. Fumes exit the top of the chamber, and the company offers an optional duct hose to exit through the building ceiling as an option for the operator.

Additionally, the operator console is a stand-alone enclosure separate from the coating machine, a design that isolates the interior electronics from dirt, debris or fume exposure. All electronic components are explosion proof and come with a built-in safety system.

# **CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS**

The system has a default height capacity over 2 metres, but units can be customized for almost any glass height depending on product and production requirements. Flexible wing dimensions are available for added glass staging capacity.

#### WARRANTY

Perfect Score Technologies offers 24/7 full remote, diagnostics service and coverage within a period of either 2,000 hours of usage or twelve months from the date of machine delivery. The warranty covers all non-consumable parts to include – blower unit, circulation fans, drive motors, power supplies, electronic drive controllers/amplifiers, motion bridge,

infrared red and ultraviolet lighting units. Consumable or expendable parts from normal wear and tear is not covered within this warranty period. The Microburst was designed for regular use cycles, 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

With this feature-packed machine and a broad spectrum of protective product offerings, Unelko Corporation seems well positioned to serve the needs of glass makers all over the world, leaving the company's future wide open for even more innovation in the field of glass coating and protection.







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# SATINAL: Bresciani family celebrates 100 years in the glass industry

he activities of the Bresciani family commenced in the 1920s just as the glass industry was encountering its great historical moment of tradition and values. Then in 1921, Luigi Bresciani began working at a Milan artisan workshop where, following the owner's unexpected death, he'd take over the entire business that would subsequently transfer to his son Ferruccio.

#### **BEGINNINGS**

The earliest industrial process, namely crys-

tal glass flattening, dates back to the '30s. Glass was handcrafted at that time and, in consequence, the twin faces it composed were never quite regular. With the image getting deformed, it was hardly an aspect conducive to mirror production - which all prompted Ferruccio to flatten the glass with some abrasive machines so as to ensure the glass sheet would have two regular faces for the production of good quality mirrors.

The outbreak of the

As Satinal continues the innovations so characteristic of its family spirit, here's a walk-through of the company's earliest history reaching up to today's production

Second World War saw the death of Ferruccio, with the result that his sons, Anto-

nio and Luigi Bresciani -both in their early twenties- would assume full responsibility for the





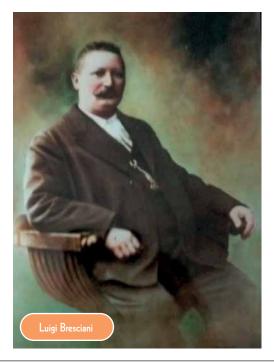
business. The two soon produced mirrors for the furniture industry, begun at Brianza - even if, not-withstanding the rebirth and reconstruction that characterized the period, everything was still made in an artisanal manner.

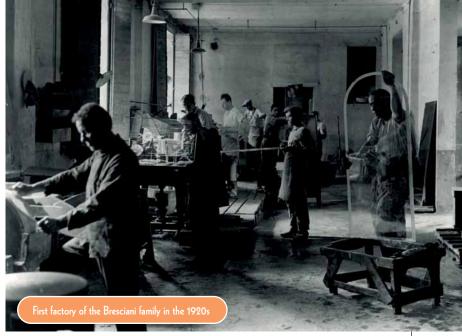
# A TRAJECTORY OF

At this point Antonio departed for the United States where he would purchase an automatic industrial mirror production plant - the only one of its kind in Europe. That

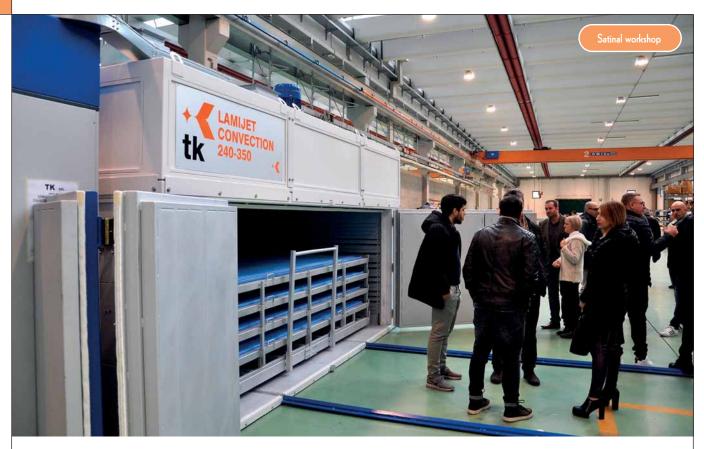
led to some major business development thanks to an increase in production capacity as well as to a price reduction in sales. Not only. It marked a success that lasted until the end of the 60s, when multinational manufacturers initially began offering

processed glass like mirrors (via the first modern, 'float' systems) in addition to transparent glass. It also led to a deep crisis that saw many, if not all, small mirror manufacturers having to rethink their business including Antonio and Luigi. However Antonio fought on. With a view to obtaining fresh textures and decorative glass, one new idea was to work the glass sheets with very aggressive acids. Here the first years were very difficult even if business grew remarkably by the mid 70s. In the 90s Alfredo and Ferruccio Bresciani. Antonio's sons, took over the business - subsequently setting up a new company for the production of decorative, acid-etched glass that was destined to become a world leader. Satinal Spa was born in 2001. Special-









izing in the production of chemical compounds for glass frosting, at that time it belonged to the same group. Then in 2011 Alfredo founded the new Satinal-TK group. This included a new business operating in the field of furnaces and machinery for safety glass manufacturing and before long it would go on to promote its commercial expansion towards international markets.

As of 2017 the new generational change had gained traction as Alfredo's sons, Luca and Marco, founded STRATO®, the first production line for safety glass interlayers in Italy which quickly established it as technology and market leader for safety glass lamination films.

#### **CORE VALUES**

Over these past 100 years, the development of industrial processes and activities offering support to glass processors is still unchanged, with reliability, experience, customer satisfaction and innovation all remaining the same core values upon which the Bresciani family was originally founded.

Here the importance accorded to sharing the entire experience with the customer has always afforded Satinal the opportunity to be a partner with glass factories whilst providing high quality products and excellent technical service.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Satinal is now a reference

name within today's glass industry, boasting an enduring industrial and entrepreneurial track record as an innovation-driven Italian company that operates worldwide to deliver advanced solutions. It seeks to become the most esteemed interlayer and machinery manufacturer for safety glass laminators as well as the most highlyexperienced acid-etching chemicals and machinery supplier globally.

Ill-satisfied with just manufacturing products, Satinal also builds product ecosystems, together with 360° solutions to advance customer satisfaction. It engages in close partnerships that provide full technical assistance and support - all to render businesses more profitable.

Such was the close involvement with both internal and external collaborators as well as Satinal's main customers and suppliers that led it to jointly celebrate this important milestone at the Satinal headquarters in December 2021.





# Putting performance and sustainability first at MAPPI

Is it possible to reconcile environmental protection and a more sustainable future as we experience constant growth in production -both in terms of quality and quantity—whilst bettering in every way the lives of those working in the industry? For MAPPI the answer yes, as long as certain important conditions are met.

n order to achieve these goals, the industry would first need the right commitment, planning, creativity, innovation and, above all, clear objectives. Thanks far-sighted companies which never stop innovating, significant steps are already being made to realize that future. Among these, one which stands out consistently in the sector, as it has done for years now, is the Italian company Mappi - by now a historic leader in the field of glass tempering furnaces.

#### **FURNACE FEATURES**

Thanks to a series of patents and exclusive innovations, Mappi's tempering furnaces have simultaneously managed for many years to be solid allies to





both the environment and to the glassmaker.

Yet whether or not everyone would agree on that score, many would acknowledge it as a reality experienced by anyone who's chosen a new generation Mappi furnace. Here's why:

• It consumes less energy. Thanks to the coordinated use of multiple software solutions (such as Mhs, ESS, GHBS, etc.) the furnace heats to the correct temperature only at the location where glass is to be tempered. Not only. The furnace is perfectly isolated thanks to excellent

state-of-the-art construction - so much so that you can even touch it with your hands while it's in operation. Here energy saving can be as high as 40%.

• It minimizes installed power, given that lower power

insulating materials and a

- er, given that lower power consumption also means lower installed power, which results in significant savings on fixed energy costs.
- It guarantees high production, since set-up times for each workload are almost at zero. Equally important is that the time required to cold start the tempering furnace is minimized to just an hour. That translates to many more production hours saved each year which, when multiplied over the lifespan of the Mappi furnace itself (estimated at 20 years at least) - best expresses its superb production efficiency.

The furnace interfaces with the management systems so that, thanks to full compatibility with the most advanced 4.0 management systems, planning work or procuring statistics reports or quality certifications all become simple and efficient in "Just-intime" mode.

# PUTTING SAFETY FIRST

We wish at this stage to add a further consideration to the many innovations we've summarized here so briefly:

During the hardening process Mappi furnaces use no SO2, indicating again how respect for the environment and productivity are able to go hand-in-hand.

Being dangerous and corrosive, the use of SO2 deteriorates the glass handling rollers and requires that the machine be stopped for maintenance every 15 days. Last but not least, it represents a health hazard to workers given that Sulphur Dioxide is very irritating to the throat and eyes and can result in serious health problems if inhaled.

#### **COST SAVINGS**

Mappi's innovations involve both the 'tempering furnace' product and the 'glass tempering' process, which jointly translate into truly considerable economic advantages and which, above all, accompany the furnace throughout its long life (ere we're talking hundreds of thousands of Euros - data in hand).

All this, and much more besides, affords us the opportunity to make excellent, high quality glass which is also very resistant and exceedingly efficient - thus demonstrating once again that technology and the environment can indeed move in the same direction while leaving the world in better shape. Such has always been a target towards which Mappi has worked.







With flowing lines and rounded corners, a new multi-purpose building now graces the heart of Bulgaria's capital, catching the eye of visitors to the city with its amazing futuristic Corian® Exteriors façade. Designed by Bulgarian architectural studio STARH, the eight-storey B73 building aims to become a landmark for the nation's capital, thanks to its innovative aesthetic approach and construction process.

first ever exterior cladding system to receive the CE mark - thereby guaranteeing a durable exterior that will maintain its optimum performance for many years to come.

Both the outer shape and facade display distinctive flowing lines while drawing characteristic elegance from their automotiveinspired design details. Here the STARH architects needed extraordinary design accuracy, coupled with the exceptional skill of the fabricators and contractors during on-site implementation. Joint expertise by all the professionals involved included a futuristic design approach supported by a visionary investor and enabled by Corian® Exteriors as advanced material.

#### THE FACADE

The B73 building façade is clad with a horizontal

black and white pattern made by Corian® Exteriors whose visual impact is enhanced by streamlined tapers of the window front. At these points, the façade also deepens gently into concave recesses within the building walls. In addition to the rounded corners of the building, this extraordinary design solution is only possible due to the superior thermoformability of Corian®. Masterfully fabricating the complex three-dimensional shapes of the façade was the Bulgarian company Soliform Ltd, an Exterior Cladding Convertor within the Corian® Quality Network. In embracing the challenge, the company successfully met both client and architect requirements respecting functionality and aesthetics. The building was clad with Corian® in the pristine Glacier White (1,000

square metres) white colour, beautifully contrasting the dark Deep Titanium colour (350 square metres).

# COLLABORATION IN DESIGN

"B73 isn't the only project

we've carried out using Corian®," says STARH's Svetoslav Stanislavov. "So already during the project development phase it was the ideal cladding solution for our design concept. In fact, without Corian® we'd have been unable



# STARH

Bulgarian architect Svetoslav Stanislavov is recognized nationwide as one of the most esteemed figures in contemporary architecture. Specializing in residential, hospitality and office architecture on a wide scale of variety he founded STARH, his own practice, in the city of Varna. Recognized for its quality of design, STARH has since the time of its founding created an impressive portfolio of completed projects countrywide. By its work, the studio has successfully exceeded all expectations in affecting the context positively while applying its formula to ever strive for a lasting balance between architectural aesthetics, functionality and quality - stepping out from the design comfort zone to experiment with innovative materials is a key STARH characteristic.



# CORIAN® DESIGN

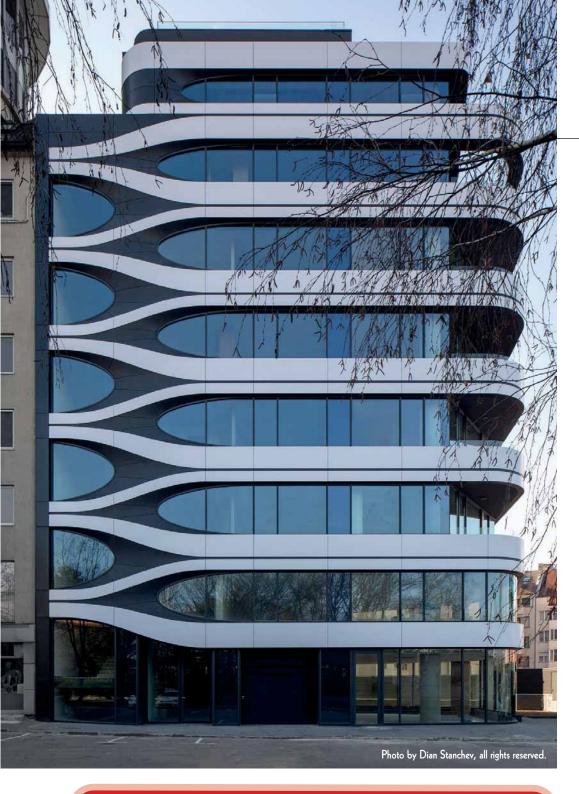
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to achieve these shapes, neither the smooth, sleek look nor the precision of detail." Stanislavov continues: "The biggest challenge in design and execution was the façade's 'swallowtail' pattern. which comes from the transition between staircase landings and floor slabs. In order to achieve the smooth lines and their accuracy, the 'swallowtail' had to be twisted along all axes. This required a complex manufacturing process of thermoforming moulds and then exceptional on-site skills to join these to the other panels of the façade. Thanks to the great engineering skills and professionalism of a trio of companies, namely Soliform, TAL Engineering and Bigla Detail, we were able to achieve extraordinary results, which helped us implement our ideas. Performance-wise, the offer of Thermoformability by Corian® Solid Surface is fundamental. It's also durable, colourfast and can be renovated in the event of scratches and graffiti."

Corian® Solid Surface is the first and only solid surface in the world to be CE-marked for Exterior Cladding. In early 2020, the Corian® Design business completed a European Technical Assessment (ETA) certification process concerning Corian® Solid Surface in collaboration with Deutsches

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Institut für Bautechnik (DIBT). This certification means that customers can count on a durable exterior cladding system that will maintain the original high performance for many years ahead.

#### BEAUTY MEETS VERSATILITY WITH CORIAN® EXTERIORS

Based on Corian® Solid Surface, Corian® Exteriors solutions bring personality to virtu-ally any type of environment while enhancing and facilitating the lives of those who use and enjoy its unique potential. It can be crafted into almost any shape, for any place or purpose, and its availability spans a wide colour range, offering the freedom to design, explore and create. Long-lasting, durable and elegant, such Corian® Exteri-ors solutions as cladding panels have a three-dimensional formability that has been lib-erating inventive and artistic minds for over 40 years.

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