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#### Firestone host annual Commercial Kick-Off



Firestone Building Products hosted its annual Commercial Kick-Off event in Brussels last month. The event saw 20 of Firestone's Commercial Contractors being invited over to Brussels. On the Monday evening there was a meal hosted by the Brussels Managing Director at a local Belgium

restaurant. On the Tuesday the Firestone Contractors, visiting the head offices in Zaventum, started the day with a tour of the recently refurbished offices followed by a presentation by Commercial Manager John McMullan, outlining this year's campaign "Drive It". To emphasise the campaign the contractors (pictured) were treated to an evening of Karting which was won by Licensed Contractor, Jeff Goodwin of Goodwin Roofing Limited.

#### GEZE reinforces its foundations with training!



More than 20 members of staff from GEZE UK are undertaking the newly launched 'Foundation in Hardware' qualification from the Guild of Architectural Ironmongers (GAI). The qualification is designed to provide an insight into many of the aspects of architectural hardware, including hinges, closers, locks and furniture for those people

who don't 'live and breathe architectural ironmongery during their day to day job'. GEZE has signed up to the scheme in order to give staff including internal sales teams, marketing personnel and service coordinators an understanding of the wider architectural ironmongery market outside of their own product range.

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#### Elementary my dear... "SIMONSWERK"



The TRITECH solid brass hinge from SIMONSWERK has been used on the entrance door to the home of the Sherlock Holmes museum. The museum has over 100,000 visitors pass through the doors each year, which over time had worn out the existing hinges on the door. The TRITECH solid brass hinge was specified as the ideal solution due to its unique concealed bearing and suitability for heavy traffic doors. Opened in 1990 the museum gives visitors the chance to sit in Sherlock Holmes' fireside armchair and enter his bedroom adjoining the study with Doctor Watson's room on the second floor. According to the stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson lived in the Victorian lodging house at the world's most famous address, 221b Baker Street, from 1881-1904. The TRITECH solid brass hinges incorporate a 25-year performance guarantee, high performance, maintenance free concealed bearings and a weight carrying capacity of 160kg – Grade 14. TRITECH hinges are available with CE marked and 60- or 30-minute fire rated options. The comprehensive range of finishes now includes a corrosion resistant PVD finish ideal for entrance doors which have to withstand the many varied effects of weather. SIMONSWERK is one of Europe's leading hinge manufacturers with a history spanning over 125 years.

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#### SIPs house 'riding' on Marmox ThermoBlock

A regional developer is making use of the Marmox ThermoBlock structural insulation for the first time as part of a bespoke SIPs construction for a client in the East Riding of Yorkshire. RM Developments concentrates on building ecofriendly, mainly residential properties for individual clients using modern methods of construction with very high insulation standards and featuring renewable energy technologies including heat pumps and PV panels. ThermoBlock is increasingly being used by specifiers to tackle thermal linear losses at both the ground floor and upper level junctions. Its composite construction does this by surrounding micro-columns of concrete with high performance insulation to create a horizontal barrier to heat loss. Using the 'default value' in Building Regulations incurs a heavy penalty under SAP which is why specifiers are routinely adopting Approved Construction Details (ACD) or Enhanced Construction Details (ECD). Significantly switching from an ACD to using ThermoBlock can reduce carbon losses by some 90 per cent: offering a very rapid pay-back on using the product. A 9 N/mm strength version of ThermoBlock is being introduced in addition to the existing 6.5 N/mm product in order to support higher loads in multi-storey structures.

#### HOPEFlow used for significant Staffordshire military homes build



Hope Construction Materials, has completed the supply of 12,500m3 of concrete for the build of more than 300 new military homes. The project, which launched in August, saw 346 new homes built, with Hope providing the concrete slab flooring for each home, using their HOPEFlow high-performance, self-compacting concretes, to ensure that the build was completed to a stringent timescale. Around 1,000 troops will be housed on the Beaconside site, as part of the £51m 'super garrison' development funded by the Ministry of Defence. Typically a build of this size would take between three and four years, however to be able to accommodate troops returning from Germany, it needs to be completed in just 11 months. As such the HOPEFlow performance products were used in a bid to minimise cost and project duration, laying 20 slabs (and homes) per week as opposed to an average of four. By doing so groundwork subcontractor Chasetown were able to save time and money, pouring the slabs without the need of power floating, with slab construction time reduced by nearly 75 per cent. Throughout the build Hope supplied a total of 2,500m<sup>3</sup> of HOPEFlow concrete and 10,000m<sup>3</sup> of conventional concrete, with conventional concrete used to build the footings, drainage, curbing and road access.

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#### Timóleon saves 18th century barn from the sledge-hammers



Property programmes such as Grand Designs or Restoration Man frequently show scenes of building owners or their contractors taking sledgehammers to demolish the internal walls and floors of old properties. Imagine the feelings of the family in Cambridgeshire, who were told that their immaculately restored, Grade II listed home had to be virtually gutted due to a problem with the heating system. Thankfully, the owners decided to seek another opinion. Although Pure Plumbing and Heating of Cambridge company's director, Steve Dunn, was of the same opinion that the existing underfloor heating system needed to be replaced, he had also got past experience of the underfloor heating range manufactured by Timóleon and believed the manufacturer's systems offered a far more convenient as well as a considerably more economic alternative. As a result, the owners of the barn did not have to watch the place being ripped apart. The carpet fitters took up the existing carpets and suspended the rolls from the ornate trusses which divide the tall living space. Then with the 8 x 2 inch joists exposed the engineers were able to insert insulation batts between them ready to begin installation of Timóleon's ToronFloor system. As a key element to the Timóleon's Underfloor Heating Products range, ToronFloor presents a rapidly laid and versatile approach to fitting pipework.

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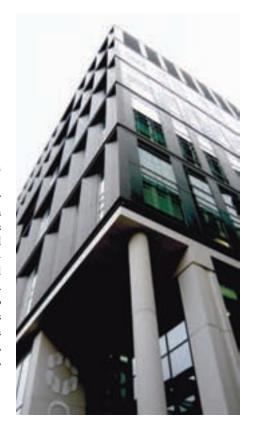
Located at Five Pancras Square, the 14-storey building not only provides 150,000 sq.ft of floor space but also incorporates a leisure centre, swimming pool, public library and cafe.

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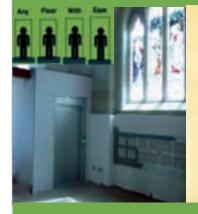
To maintain precise energy efficient control over the building's indoor air quality and maintain a comfortable working environment, SE Controls supplied, installed and commissioned a natural ventilation system that fully automates and controls the opening of windows on the North and South elevations, as well as the main atrium space.

Within the North atrium, SE Controls also installed 12 SECO N 24 40 twin chain actuators and a 30 Amp PSU panel, incorporating a maintenance key-switch and linked to the BMS, to provide additional control over ventilation, indoor air quality and building energy efficiency.

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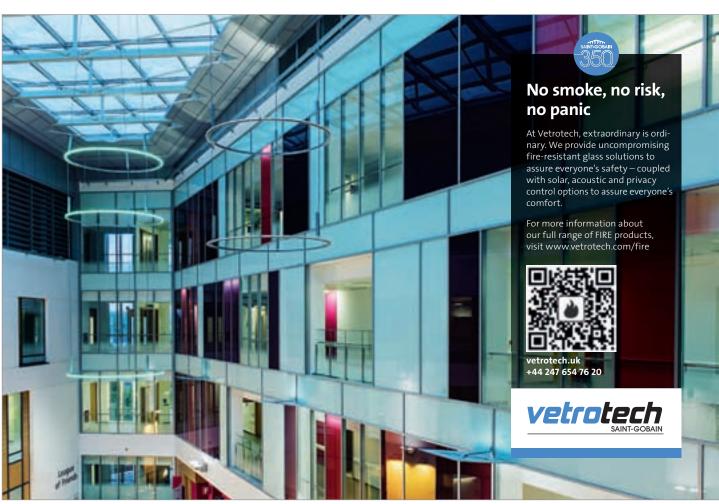






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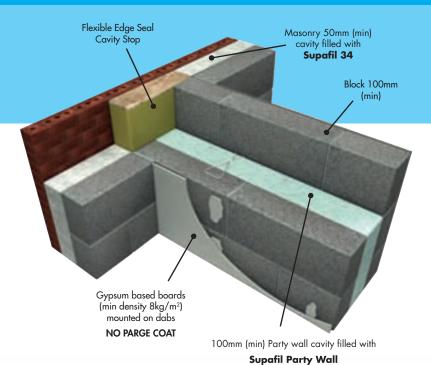
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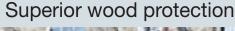
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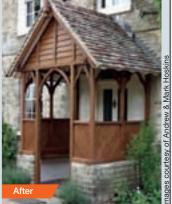
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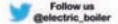
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#### Portakabin Group hands over research facility



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site, which is several months less than originally envisaged. Portakabin provided a full service for this scheme including design and construction, module manufacture, fitting out, landscaping and car parking. The Portakabin Group's Yorkon off-site building solutions offer unrivalled aesthetic flexibility.

#### Portakabin Hire cranes final modules



Portakabin Hire, one of the UK's leading supplier of interim building solutions, has completed the first phase of construction of a major project to expand ward and theatre accommodation for orthopaedic services at Royal Stoke University Hospital. The £13.5 million contract – the largest

in Portakabin Hire's 52-year history – is for the provision of a complex 4,200sqm, two-storey building. The scheme will be completed in less than four months to increase capacity at the hospital, to the benefit of patient care. 124 steel-framed modules have now been craned into position in a complex operation which involved a 350-tonne crane on a highly restricted site immediately adjacent to fully occupied wards and close to a busy road.

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# Platon sealed system supplied for iconic fire brigade building conversion



riton has supplied 3,000m² of Platon P8 cavity drain membrane to waterproof several basements at the iconic West Midlands Fire Brigade building at Lancaster Circus in Birmingham. The BBA certified membrane forms part of a 'Type C' system (as

defined in BS 8102: 2009) to the area, which is being converted to residential accommodation for 463 students from Aston University.

The system is being installed by Triton Approved Contractors, Protectahome, working for Watkin Jones Construction. Cavity drain membranes work by allowing any water ingress to continue to enter the building through the walls, but then controlling it and diverting it down to the Aqua Channel perimeter drainage conduit. In this project, the conduit diverts the water to one of 10 sumps, each housing a Triton Aqua Pump Pro Pump kit (each comprising mains powered and battery back up pumps.)

Moisture had been penetrating into parts of the basement for several years through the wall/floor joint and various cracks in the original floor slab. Although large floor areas have been excavated to allow for greater head height and replaced with new floor slabs, many of the original floors have



been left in situ. As the Platon system allows moisture to enter the structure there is no hydrostatic pressure on existing floor slabs and no need to replace them.

Triton's team has worked closely with the architect, main contractor and specialist basement contractor from design inception through to overseeing installation and testing of the system.

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#### Trouble free parking at Tondu Primary School

Parking for school buses and cars can be a problem outside many rural schools but not at Tondu Primary School near Bridgend, South Wales. An extensive asphalted parking area has been created next to the school with surface water drainage channels supplied by **Hauraton Limited**. 150 metres of FASERFIX\* KS 100 channels fitted with Class E600 ductile iron gratings were installed by Churngold Construction Limited in the school bus drop-off area with a further 50 metres of RECYFIX\* PLUS 100 Class D400 channels in the adjacent car park. All the gratings had 6mm HEELSAFE slots. Hauraton FASERFIX\* channels are manufactured from the company's Fibre Reinforced concrete while the RECYFIX\* channels are made from tough, 100 per cent recycled polypropylene (PP) Both channels have galvanised steel reinforcement housings that take the gratings. For the full case study go to www.drainage-projects.co.uk.

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# Bishops House Children's Centre – Made warmer, quieter and cleaner by Selectaglaze Secondary Glazing



estled next to the normally tranquil Kennington Park, and surrounded by other beautiful listed buildings lies Bishops House Children's Centre. Originally intended for the Bishop of Rochester and built in 1895, he wanted it to be passed on to the community and used by the local children.

In 2004 his wish was fulfilled with it becoming a dedicated children's centre and since then has transformed to an Early Years Centre. The central



chapel of this Grade II Listed impressive Georgian style building has now been converted to the reception for the Early Years Centre.

However in spring 2015 the Northern line extension works are to begin in earnest, which will disrupt the environment of the nursery until at least 2020 when it is due to open. The current single glazed windows offer minimal acoustic protection and any ill-fitting frames also allow dirt and dust into the building.

In order to maintain a quiet, clean and comfortable environment for the users of the nursery, Selectaglaze was tasked with providing a solution using its bespoke secondary glazing systems as a result of similar works completed on the Crossrail scheme.

A fully independent tailor made window system set 100mm or more from the existing window achieves a noise reduction of 43-45dB and high performance frame seals both limit airborne sound

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#### Encasement covers up at McCarthy & Stone

A stylish assisted living development by McCarthy & Stone is using 16 'Forma' aluminium column casings and a bespoke bulkhead from Encasement, to conceal exterior structural steelwork and enhance the aesthetics of the apartment block's extensive four-storey front elevation. McCarthy & Stone's Lady Susan Court development includes 60 one and two bedroom assisted living apartments for the over 70s, while also providing round the clock care for owners. Manufactured and installed by Encasement, the column casings and aluminium bulkhead are integral features of the development's exterior design. While the column casings are equally spaced along building's front elevation, the 30 metre long bulkhead is located above them and spans the entire length of the building. Ranging in height from 2000mm up to 3000mm, the Forma casings are manufactured from 3mm thick aluminium in diameters of 425mm and 450mm and are finished with an RAL 7047 PPC coating, which is also used on bulkhead.

# Derby Velodrome gets a high quality finish thanks to Schlüter-Systems

Plooring expert Schlüter-Systems has provided the perfect finishing touch to the eagerly awaited, brand new Derby Velodrome.

Schlüter-Systems' finishing profiles, Schlüter\*-TREP-B, have been used in the arena's foyer. Suitable for use in areas subjected to heavy pedestrian traffic, the stair nosing profiles are designed to protect tiled stair edges and offer a visible, slip-resistant surface which is durable, safe and visually appealing.

Nigel Tye, of Faulkner Browns Architects', who specified the product, commented: "I chose this type of profile for its robust edge detailing which offers ideal protection for ceramic stairs. I also opted for yellow inserts to coordinate with the arena's attractive colour scheme, which is based on the Olympic colours.

"We always specify Schlüter's profile products when we require robust detailing which will



suit public areas and provide a high-quality appearance."

The state-of-the-art facility, which has already been described as 'one of the most stunning sports venues in the country' is set to open in early 2015. The cycle track stretches to 250 metres while the track infield is the size of 12 badminton courts and will host other sports including badminton, basketball, netball, wheelchair basketball,

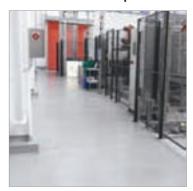
volleyball, martial arts, table tennis and trampolining. There will also be a 150-station gym, as well as group exercise studios and a cafe. The arena will also be able to transform into a music venue.

Carl Stokes, Head of Marketing and Customer Service, commented, "We are very proud that are product was chosen to help this innovative new arena realise its vision and become a truly unique venue equipped to welcome thousands of visitors through its doors."

Schlüter-\*TREP-SE/-S/-B profiles feature a trapezoid-perforated anchoring leg made of stainless steel or aluminium, which is secured in the mortar bond coat beneath the tile and supports a slip-resistant thermoplastic rubber wear surface. The tread surface of Schlüter\*-TREP-SE/-S/-B is available in a variety of colours and can be replaced in case of damage or wear.

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#### Industrial food processing floor solution by Remmers



A new industrial flooring system has been installed to the  $2000 m^2$  extension at C&G Foods manufacturing plant in Longford, Ireland.

Remmers Crete SL was applied in combination with Remmers PUR Color Top 2KM seal coat to provide a colour stable finish and a subsequent seal coat of Remmers PUR Aqua Top 2KM SG, with the inclusion of a polymer bead to provide an R11 level of slip resistance with a silk gloss floor finish. The system was installed by specialist flooring contractor Larsen Contracts who worked closely with the main contractor, Gem Construction to allow the installation of the floor whilst other fitting out activities were also being carried out, optimising the overall program.

This carefully designed system is ideally suited to areas subjected to medium to heavy duty use for industrial floors within food processing facilities. Remmers Crete SL is a water dispersed polyurethane resin system which is applied as a self-levelling 2-3mm thick system. The seal coats provided colour stability, slip resistance and a silk gloss finish to the applied floor. The installed system provides excellent durability, abrasion resistance, impact and chemical attack.

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# Exciting new development gets the full Schlüter®-WETROOMS package

Schlüter-Systems' innovative wetrooms range has been used in an exciting new housing project which will see 15 brand new homes built at the site of a former quarry.

Chantry Quarry will offer villa-style four-bedroom houses for sale complete with high quality en-suite bathrooms – and thanks to Schlüter the ongoing protection and maintenance of these bathrooms is assured.

Chosen for its easy assembly and great results the Schlüter\*-WETROOMS collection provide a fully integrated product suite which includes top of the range waterproofing sets, drainage systems and uncoupling and waterproofing membranes for tiling walls and floors.

The Chantry Quarry bathrooms boast an array of Schlüter products. Schlüter\*-KERDI-LINE has played an important role, as its linear drain channel system offers a particularly low assembly height and has helped give the bathrooms a seamless style finish, along with pre-sloped shower base Schlüter\*-KERDI-SHOWER.

Schlüter's popular product Schlüter®-DITRA

25 matting, the original uncoupling and waterproofing matting for tile coverings has also been used underneath the bathrooms ceramic tiles. Perfect for bathroom installations, the matting neutralises tensions between substrate and surface, with the added benefit of interconnected air channels which help moisture to evaporate.

Project Architect Tim Lane, of Paul Brookes Architects Ltd, commented: "The great thing about the Schlüter\*-WETROOMS range is that it comes in all-in-one wetroom kits which include all the components you need to provide water-proofing solutions for walls and floors. We found them very simple to use and easy to install and they have provided a great overall finish."

Other products to be used in the build included Schlüter\*-KERDI-BOARD a unique multifunctional tile substrate for wall areas which can also be used to create bonded waterproofing assemblies with tile coverings. The product is 100 per cent waterproof, lightweight and completely even and flat making it the perfect substrate for tiling.





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# James Latham now offering Engineered Grandis

James Latham is now offering the Rolls-Royce of Eucalyptus through all eight of its timber depots, with the arrival of Grandis 690+, a WoodEx Engineered Grandis

elivering a number of benefits to customers; namely sustainability, natural durability, ease of use and continuity of supply, Grandis 690+ (a reference to its impressive density scoring against other products available on the market) is 100 per cent FSC plantation grown from an area of 220,000 hectares and produced exclusively from a single species.

Fully compliant with EUTR legislation and verified by TRADA, Grandis 690+ has been extensively tested at the Federal University of Paraná in Brazil where it scored highly against stringent criteria including strength and durability (achieving 2-3; durable to moderately durable) as well as density, (690 - 750 kg/m³ @12 per cent M/c – the same species in other parts of the world has only achieved 595 k/g/m³), making it particularly suitable for joinery and structural use. Plus, it has also been assessed for

one-hour fire test requirements.

It also boasts an impressive natural durability, resisting infestation from insects, therefore greatly reducing the chance of bore holes etc., as well as maintaining its aesthetic properties.

Group Product Sales and Development Manager for WoodEx and Accoya at James Latham, Paul Leach, explained: "With Grandis 690+, the timber is allowed to grow more naturally and reach full maturity of approximately 28 years, hence the extra density.

"It really is an impressive timber and one which ticks all the boxes, both for ourselves but also for our customers. As well as meeting all the legal and sustainable requirements, it's a high-grade, knot free, clear and uniform timber which is also extremely easy to machine, making it the perfect choice for the joinery, furniture making and construction sectors."

Grandis 690+ is exclusively available through James Latham, directly from stock in clear faced lengths of 2.0m – 3.0m and in finger-jointed lengths of 5.9m as well as in various widths and thicknesses.



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#### Iconic washrooms created for London Bridge



Washroom Washroom's new Iconica Collection has been used to stunning effect on a landmark office building on London's iconic Southbank. Recently refurbished in a project led by Aros Architects with Kgb Managed Services as the main contractor, the common areas including wash-

rooms and lobbies were all brought up to Grade A standard. Washroom worked closely with the architectural team to refurbish both the male and female washrooms on level five of the building in a project worth £40,000. Opting to use materials not traditionally associated with washrooms and incorporating bespoke design elements from Washroom's Iconica Collection was the ideal way to create a space which reflected the high specification of the building.

#### Tessera Diffusion carpet tiles from Forbo

The latest addition to **Forbo's** carpet tile portfolio builds on the continuing trend of softening geometric structures.

Tessera Diffusion marks a progressive move away from more angular shapes, and incorporates a beautiful prism pattern that plays with light and shade resulting in a fascinating oblique design that's ideal for contemporary office environments.

There are 16 colours reflecting a tonal movement with an urban edge. Muted and natural shades, ranging from intensely dark to very pale, inject character whilst responding to the commercial demand for warmer, neutral hues and lighter LRV's in workspaces.

#### Linden Homes chooses wedi for wet room



wedi systems UK has been chosen by Linden Homes to provide a total wet room solution service for one of their latest developments at Century Gate, Beckenham, Kent. The development consists of a range of detached family homes for which wedi worked alongside Linden Homes from initial wet room design, to complete installation guidance and support ensuring the ideal wet room solution to meet the developer's needs. wedi also ensured that the contractors were supported and trained with their own NCFE backed installation program.

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### New products for the DITRA-HEAT range



chlüter®-DITRA-HEAT has popular with specifiers, installers and homeowners as the perfect all-in-one integrated solution for use under tiles and natural stone flooring.

The product provides time saving benefits when it comes to both installation and heat reaction time and its overall assembly uses less material therefore resulting in a lower overall height. Schlüter®-DITRA-HEAT does all of this as well as provide 5 other key features, uncoupling, crack bridging, CE marked waterproofing, vapour pressure equalisation and load distribution; ensuring tile and stone coverings stay crack-free and as good as the day they were installed.

Its unique studded uncoupling membrane and loose cabling make it an installer's dream, providing variation in size and layout plus extensive time saving benefits; whilst its low assembly height, of just 5.5mm, makes it versatile enough to suit any project including renovation, refurbishment and new build - it's even suitable for installation over problematic substrates.

And now the system benefits from even more flexibility thanks to a new feature rich touchscreen digital thermostat launched this year which allows the end user to have control over individual room temperatures.

The digital thermostat Schlüter®-DITRA-HEAT-E-R includes full touchscreen technology and provides two floor sensors, with the option of air temperature, ensuring climate control is balanced at all times and at only 5.5 x 5.5cm, blends easily into its environment. The thermostat comes ready to run straight from the box.

Also new for 2015 is the innovative Schlüter®-DITRA-HEAT-E-WS which provides electric heating within walls, offering a discrete, safer and

more practical alternative to traditional towel rails and radiators.

Available in complete box sets and suitable for use under tile or stone, the system is designed and balanced for easy and discrete installation. Using low surface temperature technology it outputs at 136 or 200w per square metre, ensuring comfortable and safe heating with the added benefit of CE marked waterproofing, uncoupling and crack bridging within a single 5.5mm layer.

Under wall heating can be combined with underfloor heating and together ensures greater heating outputs for large areas, as well as providing cleaner and more open plan living spaces. Furthermore, the matting and heating cable can be installed within a shower wall area for increased comfort and warmth as well as faster drying times.

For smaller rooms Schlüter®-DITRA-HEAT can act as the primary heating source, allowing users to maximise the limited space available and make the room feel larger and more comfortable

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#### Shaws of Darwen Bowland



Inspired design and superb craftsmanship are combined to produce this British made Shaws of Darwen traditional ceramic fireclay Bowland sink which has a distinctive fluted front. Available in both white and biscuit finishes the Bowland has a central 3½" waste outlet suitable for basket strainer or waste disposer. This Bowland 600 sink is compact so can be

fitted into smaller kitchens in new or renovated properties. There is also an 800 size sink for larger areas. Visit the company's website to see the complete range of ceramic fireclay sinks and taps available.

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#### Abode Connekt Flushfit sink



The latest Abode innovation is Connekt Flushfit, an ultra slim flush fit or inset sink range. With its ultra-thin edge detailing, it delivers a sleek contemporary look to any chosen worktop. The bowl sinks are produced in premium grade stainless steel. Connekt Flushfit can be fitted at the same surface level as the worktop by insetting or alternatively fitted conventionally as an

inset with stylish low-profile edges. Connect Flushfit comes complete with the unique Abode Orbit waste and all plumbing pipework required, plus a pre-fitted seal strip around the underside edge.

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#### Classic Butler 1000 sink



Look out for this British made, Classic Butler 1000mm sink from Shaws of Darwen. The heavyweight, deep Victorian style sink features a round overflow on the sink wall and is perfect for new build or refurbishment projects in contemporary styled kitchens. The sink features a 3½" waste outlet and is manufactured with a durable glaze

designed for years of usage. Due to the weight of the Classic Butler, Shaws recommend that bespoke cabinetry is in place prior to installation of the sink.

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#### Shaws classic Waterside sink



The handcrafted Waterside 800 from Shaws of Darwen, a large single bowl fireclay sink with a classic curved bow front will look stunning in any style of kitchen. The sink has a central  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " waste outlet for use with a basket strainer or waste disposer, is available in white or biscuit finishes and is 40mm deeper than the smaller 600mm model. Each sink is proudly stamped with the signature of its maker and bears the Shaws logo which equates to a traditional quality built

sink to 'world-class' manufacturing standards. To view the complete range of sinks, taps and accessories visit the website.

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# Reynaers at Home develops new Hi-Finity options

ew variants of the latest product from Reynaers at Home – the Hi-Finity slim frame doors, are proving to be a popular choice for fabricators already this year.

There are now two options to buy the Hi-Finity system – either purchased as a system for fabricators to manufacture or already manufactured by Reynaers.

Thanks to an ultra slim design, Hi-Finity's stunning slim frame sliding doors have an impressive minimised visible interlock of just 35mm, to give maximised panoramic views, as well as offering the ultimate in contemporary design and cutting-edge performance.

The Hi-Finity sliding door has been cleverly designed so that the outer frame can be concealed behind the surrounding wall, making wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling glass a possibility in any home.

It is now also possible to have Hi-Finity doors perpendicular to each other on adjacent walls. They can either meet in the corner with two fixed panes of glass or with two opening door leafs meeting at the corner without a fixed corner post. When both doors are open, the ceiling above appears to defy gravity, creating a stunning architectural feature.

The new variants of Hi-Finity aluminium doors are now available with double and triple glazing and ensure optimum performance, safety, and comfort. The triple glazing system has achieved the Minergie\* sustainability label – a quality indicator for high insulation systems.

Head of Marketing at Reynaers Hugh Moss said: "We've seen an uplift in enquiries since these new features were launched.

"Our corner solutions mean that fabricators can provide a wall of glass to let panoramic views flood into homes and the unique design of the multi-wheel carriages means that even the heaviest of these doors will glide open and closed with minimal effort."

Reynaers at Home is a premium brand dedicated to offering the very best architectural glazing products. For more information visit the company's website.



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#### A cloistered life for Keylex at cathedral

Following the latest phase in the implementation of the current master plan for Wells cathedral, it was decided to make a small store room available to the volunteers who run the information desk and the guided tours. This room opens directly onto the cloisters and is accessed via a large medieval door. It was impractical to issue keys to all the volunteers but some of the doors in the recent new development already used digital door locks to grant access to those in possession of the relevant door code and these were all working very well. So Jez Fry, the cathedral's Clerk of Works, referred back to the specification for these locks and found them to be Keylex K500 models in dark bronze and lever operated both sides. Keylex locks are supplied in the UK by Devizes based Relcross Ltd, specifiers and distributors of high performance heavy duty door hardware. Jez readily found their e-commerce site at www.keylex.co.uk which clearly lays out all the options available regarding finishes, door thicknesses and accessories.

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#### UK Roofing Awards 2015 shortlist

The call for entries for the NFRC's 10th UK Roofing Awards went out in September 2014 and closed in January of this year and, at the end of February, a panel of judges whittled down entries from across the UK to 48 finalists across 12 categories. On 15 May 2015, at the Hilton Metropole in London, the winners will be announced. NFRC wish this year's finalists the very best of luck. All the short-listed projects, sponsors and more information on the Awards can be found on the website. The finalist categories are: Double-Lap Slating; Liquid Roofing & Waterproofing; Single Ply Roofing; Fully Supported Metal Roofing; Roof Sheeting; Vertical Cladding; Heritage Roofing; Double-lap Tiling; Sustainable Roofs (Green, vegetated roofs); Single-lap Tiling and Slating; Sustainable Roofs (Shingles & Shakes); Reinforced Bitumen Membrane.

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# Spike in sales spells success for Reynaers at Home

Increased interest from architects about the benefits of aluminium windows and doors has resulted in a very successful year for Reynaers at Home.

Reynaers at Home has exceeded its sales targets and has doubled turnover over the past year. Since launching in 2012, 14 showrooms have been opened across England and Wales and the leading architectural glazing company has won numerous awards for its eye-catching website and controversial adverts.

Head of Marketing at Reynaers Hugh Moss said: "The unique properties of aluminium means that more and more architects are turning to the metal when looking to design homes that are long-lasting and robust.

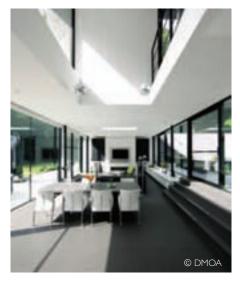
"Aluminium's lack of expansion, high durability and 100 per cent recyclability, without any loss of quality, has established its reputation as the go to 'green' metal. Its remarkable strength,

anti-corrosion and low maintenance characteristics make it the ultimate construction material for an industry that is constantly searching for lighter, stronger and greener alternatives."

Reynaers at Home's latest product, Hi-Finity slim frame doors, has proved particularly popular thanks to its ultra slim design. Its impressive minimised visible interlock of just 35mm gives maximised panoramic views, which offer the ultimate in contemporary design and cutting-edge performance.

The new variants of Hi-Finity aluminium doors are now available with double and triple glazing and ensure optimum performance, safety, and comfort. The triple glazing system has achieved the Minergie\* sustainability label – a quality indicator for high insulation systems. The Minergie\* component label for windows and doors requires a Uw value (installed) of  $\leq 1.0 \ \text{W/m}^2 \text{K}$ .

It is now also possible to combine two Hi-Finity



doors on adjoining walls using one of a new range of innovative corner solutions. These allow architects to create a wall of glass to let panoramic views flood into homes and – thanks to the unique design of the multi-wheel carriages – even the heaviest of these doors will glide open and closed with minimal effort.

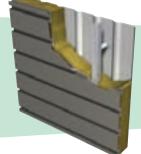
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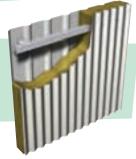


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# Kemperol V210 gives great performance at Odyssey Arena

**√**he likes of One Direction and The Who may be confident of a warm welcome when they play Belfast's Odyssey Arena this year, but even they stand no chance of razing the roof thanks to a roof refurbishment using Kemper System's Kemperol V210. Carried out by roofing contractor, GBS Roofing Ltd, the refurbishment involves repairs to the joints on the roof of the 10,800 capacity stadium, which plays hosts to a wide range of sporting events and exhibitions as well as providing a venue for the world's pop and rock royalty. Originally opened in 2000 as a millennium project, the arena has a domed metal roof, constructed in 'cake slice' sections, and the original membrane used to waterproof the ridges that connect each slice was starting to fail. With its BBA-accredited 25-year service life, Kemperol V210 was specified as a long-term replacement. The size, height and steep curve of the roof surface



meant that the GBS team had to gain rope access to the roof and a safety line was erected. The installation team began by thoroughly cleaning each joint and removing any loose material before applying Kemper System's 'D' Primer. Once the primer had cured, the Kemperol V210 resin was applied onto each joint. The resin saturates a reinforcement fleece and cures to form a tough, durable membrane that is UV stable and permanently elastic. Explains Barry Mairs from GBS

Roofing, "The size, height and design of the roof mean that it is very difficult to access for repairs and refurbishment so it was very important for us to select a waterproofing membrane that will provide a long service life." Because of the access and safety considerations it was quite a painstaking process but the Kemperol V210 system meant that we could focus on completing each individual joint in a single process, one at a time."

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#### neaco gets five-star review

neaco received a rave review from an extremely satisfied client in Scarborough, where they supplied Spectrum aluminium balustrade for a luxury residential development. Spectrum was chosen in a black powder coated finish with toughened glass infills for terrace areas enjoying spectacular panoramic views across the East Coast of Yorkshire. Client Craig Holgate commented: "I have very strict standards and a keen eye for quality control. I don't praise lightly but neaco went above and beyond my expectations – they provided five-star treatment throughout, from sales consultation and cost outline to surveying, design and installation. Everything worked perfectly and I'm delighted with the results." neaco's UK Business Development Manager, Peter Melia, said: "Craig's comments are very gratifying to hear and Spectrum continues to demonstrate its many qualities in residential development." Spectrum is also available in stainless steel or an aluminium/stainless steel combination.

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# Argent Alu: invisible integration of doors



hanks to the invisible door frame argenta invisidoor DL of Argent Alu, a part of the RENSON Group, the door closes perfectly in line with the wall, without any door frame nor hinge being visible. This argenta invisidoor DL is standard supplied with a magnetic lock, a seal around the frame absorbing door closing impact and the invisible adjustable hinges type argenta invisible neo.

The argenta\* invisible neo, made of zamak, is available in 3 versions. The compact S-5-version is suitable for doors with a minimal width of 35 mm and a weight up to 80kg, while the M-6-version is made for doors with a width of minimum 40 mm and a weight up to 100kg. In order to meet the requirements of the market, Argent Alu also developed the L-7-version, which is ideal for doors with a minimal width of 50 mm and a weight up to 150kg.

It doesn't matter in which direction the door opens, the argenta\* invisible neo is always suitable. Furthermore, there are no screws visible, which allows a clean integration. The Easy-Hook\* system allows installation and setting by a single person. After installation, the height, width and depth are easily adjusted (3 dimensionally) without having to dismantle the door or the hinge.

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#### London to Athens with Freeflow!



Freefoam Building Products has just released figures to show that if all the guttering sold in 2014 was laid end to end it would reach from London to Athens. These figures highlight that an increasing number of construction professionals are realising the benefits of the Freeflow brand. For many fitters a rainwater system is out of sight so out of mind – until it goes wrong and many will assume that rainwater systems are a commodity with one brand being very much like another. That can be a costly mistake. Freefoam's rainwater range, Freeflow, offers clever solutions to common issues giving fitters considerable benefits with the added choice both PVC and Cast Iron effect finishes. Co-extruded gutter with a white interior to minimise heat absorption and reduce expansion, highly visible red advanced long-life compressible seals which create flexible water-tight joints, and gutters and downpipes covered with protective film to survive transit and storage. All features that make Freeflow the ultimate fit and forget product that can be relied on to perform year after year. The Freeflow rainwater system is available in a range of four colours and a variety of systems. A Cast Iron effect system was added last year.

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#### Parex render systems accredited for worst UK weather



Key insulated systems in the Parex renders and facades range now have a "belt & braces" guarantee that they will stand up to the worst of the British climate. The well-proven systems have now received Zone 4 "very severe wind-driven rain index rating" with LABC and Premier Guarantee for application onto a wide range of substrates and system build constructions.

Zone 4 is the yardstick for systems used in the most exposed areas of the UK subject to extremes in howling gales and wind-driven rain.

Parex is the only render manufacturer accredited to the Zone 4 rating with the backing of LABC and Premier Guarantee. PAREXTHERM Render Systems covered by the accreditation are the Mineral External Wall Insulation (EWI), Acrylic EWI, Marbri Dash EWI and also the PAREXTHERM and PAREXDIRECT render systems onto Siniat Render Board, Aqua Board and Weather Defence Board.

Zone 4 covers areas along the western seaboard likely to experience the most severe weather conditions in the UK and includes the South West, West Wales, North West, Cumbria and Scotland. Parex render systems were used for the refurbishment of the facade of apartments at Sandside, Cumbria.



#### Levolux gets stuck in for Henkel



A new 36,000 sq ft office development for Henkel, a global leader in brands and technologies, is bringing together its UK workforce in Hemel Hempstead, into a more comfortable, energy efficient building, which is equipped with an external Solar Shading solution from **Levolux**. The solution comprised a combination of 400mm and 300mm wide Aerofoil Fins, engineered from extruded aluminium. All Fins

are secured to an external steel frame which extends vertically across south-facing elevations and horizontally to form a canopy above the main entrance at roof level. All steelwork and aluminium components are treated with a durable, light grey powder coating for long lasting good looks.

#### New clay roof tile for heritage properties



Tudor Roof Tile Co Ltd, one of Britain's foremost independent handmade clay roof tile manufacturers, has introduced a mellow earth tone into its standard range of peg and plain tiles. Known as 'Weathered Earth', this subtle shade has a depth, which is ideally suited to restoration and heritage

styled projects as it helps re-create the mature and time-worn appearance of clay tiles that have naturally darkened with age. The Weathered Earth tone can also add distinction and individuality to traditional roofs, particularly when used alongside Tudor's existing natural colours which include: Medium Antique, Dark Antique, Red Antique, Sussex Brown, Sussex Red and Jubilee.

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#### Levolux leads the way at UEA



As part of a £58 million investment in its residential campus, the University of East Anglia has unveiled its new Crome Court development, featuring a striking solar shading solution from **Levolux**. As one of the UK's leading solar shading specialist, Levolux was invited to contribute to the scheme by developing a comprehensive solar shading solution. The solution comprised a colourful array of Glass Fins, along with

Aerofoil Fins and Ventilation Louvres to screen a roof plant area. Glass Fins offer an attractive form of solar control and can be configured to perform a number of secondary functions, such as integrating PV solar panels or introducing subtle colours into a building's facade.



### Reynaers at Home gains Secured by Design for innovative slim framed window system



**√**he latest addition to the Reynaers at Home range of highly energy-efficient windows has gained accreditation from Secured by Design - the police initiative to reduce crime through design.

Reynaers at Home's innovative third generation three-chamber CS 38-SL Tilt Turn Vent is the latest product to achieve the desirable Secured by Design 'Police Preferred Specification'.

The thermally insulated system has been created for inward and outward opening windows and doors and combines elegance, strength, energy efficiency and ease of production with its unique slimline steel look and high insulation values.

Its minimalistic exterior contours offer an ideal solution for new buildings as well as for the replacement of steel framed windows and window-doors without losing the original design.

As well as the extensive range of window products that are accredited by Secured by Design, Reynaers at Home is also one of the first aluminium systems companies that has achieved the Secured by Design status for both its sliding patio doors and bifold doors.

Secured by Design is a crime prevention initiative operated by the Police Services of the United Kingdom, which aims to utilise design principles and products in the built environment that reduce the risk of crime. Additional products covered by the award include Reynaers' versatile CP 130, a lift and slide aluminium patio door that is contemporary in appearance and combines high weather performance with great aesthetics and CF 77, which is an innovative bi-fold door, the SL variant of which has incredibly slim sight lines.

Richard Childs, Managing Director at Secured





by Design, said: "The Secured by Design initiative aims to focus on crime prevention and reducing the fear of crime - and Reynaers has really got on board to promote security standards within the window and door industry."

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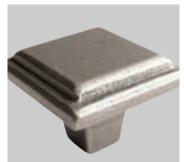
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