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Porsche West London adds style with Encasement

he recently opened Porsche Centre in West London is using 22 'Forma' decorative aluminium column casings from Encasement to conceal structural steelwork while adding to the showroom's stylish and high quality interior design.

Located in Chiswick on the Great West Road, the Porsche Centre's extensive twostorey showroom not only provides display areas for the different Porsche models, but also a customer reception foyer together with a number separate sales and administration offices on both floors.

The circular Forma column casings are manufactured from 3mm thick aluminium and are coated with a protective RAL 9007 metallic light grey PPC finish to integrate with the interior design scheme and brand guidelines. While 20 of the casings are 450mm diameter and range in height from



2,396mm up 3,300mm depending on their location within the showroom and sales

areas, the two other casings are 400mm diameter and stand 6,696mm high, spanning the building's full floor to ceiling height. To reach the extended height, the casings are stacked using 3,000mm standard lengths and seamlessly joined, while also being cut, trimmed and fitted around existing structural beams to provide a high quality precision finish to the interior.

Encasement's Managing Director, Martin Taylor, commented: "Our column casing solutions have proven popular within automotive retail, as there is usually a need to cover structural steelwork in open plan showrooms and offices, such as those within Porsche, while the immense choice of finishes available, enable us to tailor the products to adhere to brand colours, as well as interior design colour schemes."

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rchitects are often confronted with the seemingly impossible problem of ensuring indoor air quality meets acceptable standards, but without using ventilation equipment that spoils the building's interior design.

One of the biggest issues confronting the building services industry is the battle to maintain good air quality inside buildings without using equipment that is unsightly or noisy.

We are all familiar with the principle of controlling temperature inside buildings to improve comfort and health. When it is too hot or cold outside, people expect to be able to step into comfortable conditions inside. The same principle should apply to air pollution with people expecting a similar protection from outside conditions – not forgetting that we spend around 90 per cent of our time indoors.

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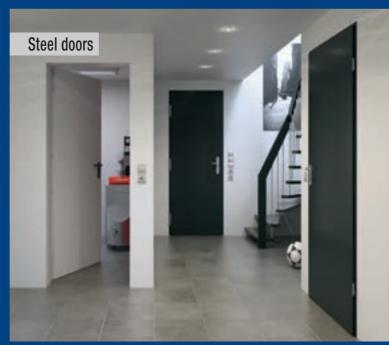


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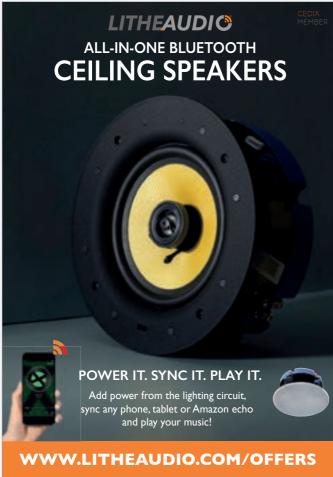


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Hadrian stars at the Putney Arts Theatre



Hadrian toilet cubicles starred in the refurbishment of the washrooms at the Putney Arts Theatre. The theatre is run by a charitable incorporated organisation and the new washrooms had to be good value for money as well as bringing the right dramatic style to the venue. Online research brought them to the Hadrian Cubicles UK website, attracted by the complete choice of a powder coated finish in over 200 RAL colours. The steel construction of the cubicles was also ideal for the typical theatre usage where long, relatively quiet parts of the day are followed by intense activity during performances. UK distributor Relcross Ltd supplied the three cubicles for the ladies washroom and one for the gents. The design committee chose RAL 4007 purple/violet for the main colour scheme and the finished cubicles exactly matched the paint finish in other aspects of the washroom decor. Theatre General Manager Marie Thackwell said "While it was initially the colour options that attracted us, they have proved to be very hard wearing and still look as good as new. Relcross have also been very supportive." For further information call or visit the website.

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Studor shows the way to health and hygiene in the bathroom

While unpleasant, a bad smell in the bathroom is not in itself dangerous. However, it may well be indicative of a more serious and potentially life-threatening issue. The smell can indicate that the water trap seal, has been lost, potentially posing serious health risks. Water trap seals started being fitted on bathroom and kitchen fixtures after the 1854 cholera outbreak in London, in which hundreds of people died. Today, cholera is not a risk in the UK, but within all our drainage systems sewer gases and pathogens such as SARS, legionnaires, norovirus and others are always present. For the last 40 years, drainage ventilation expert Studor has been solely focused on developing products that maintain the water trap seals in our buildings. Studor's Trap-Vent solution, the combination of a water trap and Air Admittance Valve (AAV), can easily be retrofitted to an existing bathroom, and is also ideal for small group venting in, for example, hotels, care homes and hospitals. It protects the water trap seal between the drainage system and the room, stopping bad odours and pathogens escaping from empty traps. The Studor Trap-Vent is a combined trap with a 50mm water seal and an integral AAV. It reduces the need for secondary ventilating in small fixture groups and replaces conventional S traps and P traps.

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Ideal Standard adds to Concept Freedom range with new accessible bath for all ages

deal Standard, the leading provider of innovative and design-driven bathroom solutions, has extended its successful 'accessible bathroom range', Concept Freedom, with the addition of a new, multi-functional, accessible bath that is suitable for the whole family.

Concept Freedom's new inclusive bath tub has been designed to make bathing anxiety free for users with mobility issues, while still delivering a beautifully designed aesthetic and a tranquil space in which to bathe.

It also aims to offer an alternative to the somewhat stigmatised requirement to replace a bath with a shower in the hope, just because a user has mobility issues.

The intelligent and versatile design of the bath combines luxury with multi functionality, meaning its features are relevant for the different needs of the different types of users in the bathroom – with many of its features, such the lower ledge, also making bath time simpler for those



bathing children and pets, for example.

Other key features of the bath include a reinforced ledge for stability, a lowered height controlled entry and exit, an inside step ledge to aid movability, a gel headrest to support the neck and support rails for manoeuvrability.

Ideal Standard teamed up with experts in design and care for older people. Led by Ideal Standard designer Robin Levien, the team comprised Design Council member, Colum Lowe, from specialist healthcare organisation, Red and Yellow Care, and well-respected occupational therapist, Anava Baruch, from Design for Independence.

Developed with accessibility in mind, the Concept Freedom range aims to include those of limited mobility through a collection of ceramics, brassware and showers that are well-designed, elegant and functional to meet a range of access needs.

Bathrooms can be adapted to users' changing needs, whilst still looking modern and stylish – ensuring that the space deals with the demands of modern households and the diversity of occupants, including less abled and older generations.

Concept Freedom's collection includes raised height WCs for easier, more comfortable access, accessible basins with wide side rims, wet-room panels with extended brackets and easy to use shower valves and kits.

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Offsite Solutions £5m investment



Offsite Solutions, one of the UK's leading bathroom pod manufacturer, has announced a £5m investment programme to expand its production facilities in Somerset to meet the growing demand for its factory built bathrooms. This will be the

biggest expansion programme in the history of the company. Planning approval has now been granted for a £1m facility to increase storage space at Offsite Solutions' UK headquarters and production centre to accommodate up to 3,500 completed bathroom pods, before the units are delivered to building sites across the country.

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Glass balconies add style to coastal location



A development of luxury apartments on the scenic coast of Yorkshire has specified Neaco's range of contemporary balconies and balustrade. The complex of 32 properties includes balustrade to terraces, glass Juliet balconies and walk on balconies with Neaco's aluminium grille

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Fully funded flat roof solutions for Airedale Academy

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All of the original waterproofing on the school's campus was then removed before being replaced with over 7,200m² of Bauder's premium reinforced bitumen system, Bauder Total Roof System, by approved contractor FRS Roofing Services. The system build-up included Bauder's PIR Insulation for superior thermal performance and tapered insulation to effectively create drainage falls without having to incorporate them into the structure. As part of the necessary works, 20 new Bauder rooflights were also expertly



fitted to give essential daylight to the building's interior.

A challenging element of this installation was the number of intricate detailing requirements, with the roof possessing over 20 separate roof areas, calling for exceptional levels of workmanship from FRS. There were also some health and safety implications, with asbestos having been found within the building structure. Consequently, specialists were called in to ensure safe removal and some roof areas were overlaid to minimise the

possibility of any asbestos debris being dislodged and therefore contaminating the rooms and corridors below.

The academy remained open and fully operational throughout the works, which caused logistical challenges, however all deliveries were timed as not to conflict with vehicles moving in and out of the facility and the team worked closely with the client to agree working hours to reduce disruption to the students and staff.

Mike Leake, Vice Principal at Airedale Academy: "The expert support we received from Bauder was crucial in helping us secure the necessary funding and the final outcome of the roof refurbishment is outstanding. We are already starting to notice the benefits, including cost savings as a result of the insulation upgrades, and our long guarantee gives us total confidence about the future performance of our roofs."

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Bold brass

Road and rail tunnels are not often associated with inspirational design but this tunnel portal building in Austria, defined by perforated Nordic Brass copper alloy from Aurubis, takes a particularly bold approach.

The 5.5km long Bosruck Tunnel passes through the Ennstal Alps, connecting Upper Austria with Styria. The original, two-way traffic tunnel has been renovated and a second, new tunnel built alongside. Now part of the A9 Pyhrn motorway, it is used by around 18,000 vehicles each day. This impressive engineering feat is announced by new portal structures at both ends of the tunnel.

The highly architectonic approach taken is unusual for projects of this kind, suggesting a new building typology celebrating transport infrastructure. A series of screens – made up of perforated Nordic Brass cassettes, profiled and arranged to reflect the verticality of the surroundings – partially conceal buildings and equipment essential to the tunnel's operation and safety. The rhythms of the screens highlight the experience of travellers



as they approach and drive straight through the building, via the dramatic 'flying roof' entrance and exit galleries, acting as transition spaces between inside and out.

Nordic Brass was chosen for its long-life and durability, including resistance to road salt, following trials simulating the exposure of the material over 30 years. Along with three other Aurubis copper or copper alloy clad projects, Bosruck Tunnel has been shortlisted for the 2017 European Copper in Architecture Awards. All four shortlisted projects will also be featured on the Aurubis stand at the '100% Design' event in London Olympia, 20-23 September.

Nordic Brass – also available with a pre-weathered finish – is produced by Aurubis, part of the world's leading integrated copper group and largest copper recycler. Other copper alloys include Nordic Bronze and the innovative Nordic Royal, an alloy of copper with aluminium and zinc, giving it a rich golden through-colour and making it very stable.

The Aurubis architectural range also includes Nordic Standard 'mill finish' and Nordic Brown pre-oxidised copper, offering lighter or darker shades of brown determined by the thickness of the oxide layer. Various Nordic Green, Nordic Blue and Nordic Turquoise factory-applied patinas have also been developed with properties and colours based on the same brochantite mineralogy found in natural patinas all over the world.

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Levolux gives a lift to Lee High Road



The recently completed Goldcrest House residential development in Lee High Road, Lewisham, incorporates a number of eye-catching features, including an external solar shading and screening solution, courtesy of Levolux. The substantial four and part five-storey building is located within a confined site, sandwiched between Lee High Road to the north-east and the River Quaggy to the south-west. The 'L' shaped building is considerably larger than the original single-storey terrace it replaces, with a frontage that extends 53 metres in length, following the gentle curve of Lee High Road. To soften the visual impact of the building from the street, Levolux was invited to develop an external solar shading and screening solution, comprising vertical Aerofoil Fins and horizontal and vertical glazed panels. The solution applies across the length of the building and extends vertically, from first floor to roof level. External walkways, with mesh balustrading, are concealed behind a series of multi-coloured, extruded aluminium Aerofoil Fins. Each Fin, which is fixed vertically at 90 degrees, measures 200mm wide by 45mm thick, with lengths of up to 2.7 metres.

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It is currently one of the largest office-toresidential schemes in the capital and will realise a mix of a 290 studios, one and two bedroom apartments. Many of the units will

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Remmers sets sail at Red Wharf Bay



Red Wharf Bay Sailing & Watersports Club is set in an area of outstanding beauty at Traeth Bychan on the Isle of Anglesey, North Wales. The member's clubhouse has been sited here for over 50 years due to its suitable sailing waters. The members of the committee decided

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Fawcetts Yard taps into rich seam of Neaco style



Neaco's glass balustrade and aluminium decking systems have added contemporary style to balconies at Fawcetts Yard, a development of luxury homes in Harrogate designed by Bramhall Blenkharn and built by HACS Construction. Ric Blenkharn of Bramhall Blenkharn said: "I'm more than happy with the service and products supplied by Neaco - their combi-

nation of decking and balustrade has been excellent choice for this development. I'm familiar with the products, having used them on a number of other projects as well as my own home."

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Senior gets technical with college contracts

ith an already impressive portfolio of projects in the education sector, leading fenestration manufacturer Senior Architectural Systems has seen a significant increase in specification of its SF52 aluminium curtain walling system for use on several University Technical Colleges (UTC) projects across the UK.

Providing attractive slim sightlines to maximise the flow of daylight, Senior SF52 aluminium curtain walling system and SPW600 aluminium windows were the ideal choice for specialist glazing contractor Dortech Architectural Systems Ltd to create the glazed facade of the new state of the art Scarborough University Technical College. Designed by architects Faulkner Brown, the new facility has been constructed by main contractor Willmott Dixon.

A further appointment by main contractor Willmott Dixon has seen Senior supply the fenestration package for UTC South Durham, a key feature of which is a triple-height engineering hall. Here, specialist contractor Chemplas has installed the SF52 aluminium curtain walling to create

a bright and welcoming entrance with Senior's SPW600 aluminium windows flooding the interior of the three-storey building with natural light.

The aesthetic appeal and design flexibility of Senior SF52 curtain walling system has also been put to the test at the new University Technical College in Leeds. Unusually, rather than a new build, this UTC has been created following the restoration of a Grade II industrial factory building. Fabricated and installed by Granada Glazing Ltd for main contractor BAM Construct UK, the slim sightlines of the SF52 curtain walling perfectly complement the industrial heritage of the building that has been given a new lease of life as a UTC by Race Cottam architects. The Leeds' project also features Senior's robust SD automatic doors.

The enhanced thermal performance of Senior's SF52 curtain walling makes it ideally suited for applications where daylighting and energy-efficiency are key requirements and as such, has been used to great effect at the new UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park. A repeat business opportunity with both



Granada Glazing Ltd and BAM Construct UK, Senior's SF52 curtain walling and SD automatic doors have been used to create the dramatic, double-height glazed entrance to Bond Bryan architects' designed building. For more information, please visit the Senior website.

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'Deck Kit Out' for a simple, stylish fit

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Also, if you've opted for Liniar windows, doors or conservatory roofs, then you'll be able to extend the style of your home into the garden with beautiful balustrades, fully colour matched to the rest of the Liniar range, for a truly stunning finish.

The decking kit sections are delivered to site either part or fully assembled to minimise installation time.

Liniar's galvanised steel sub-frame, unparalleled in the market, comes part assembled and has been strength tested with a weight of 1.25 tonnes.

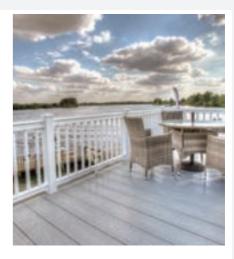
The only fully sculptured balustrade system on the market also comes ready constructed, meaning no fiddly cutting and fitting of handrails with pickets. By reinforcing the posts and balustrades with steel, there's no timber to create a fire risk or to rot in damp conditions.

Available in seven colours from stock, including four foiled finishes, with alternative foil finishes also available and made to order.

Liniar's woodgrain effect deckboards are available in five attractive colours and cut to length for a hasslefree installation.

You can even add matching gates and steps, which are also delivered pre-fabricated.

Kits are supplied with all necessary



fixings and required hardware to put the deck together.

With a vast selection of standard designs to choose from, plus a bespoke facility available, along with a simple ordering system, Liniar decking kits have been specifically developed to make installation simple.

Watch Liniar's decking kit installation video to see just how easy it is www.liniar.co.uk/videos/install-liniardecking-kit.

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Cladding makes an 'Ideal Home'

Every year one of the most popular elements of the Ideal Home Show at Olympia is the full size show homes. Visitors to this year's show were treated to two stunning properties, both featuring Freefoam Fortex cladding. Pale Gold Double Shiplap cladding formed the exterior finish of a three apartment structure designed to reflect the three stages in life, first time buyer, family home and downsizing. Visitors were invited to 'climb the property ladder' apartments to navigate first-hand the design and practical challenges faced by designers and city dwellers alike. Pale Blue Weatherboard cladding was used to great effect on the second show home. A traditional cottage with a contemporary twist designed to appeal to metropolitan families relocating to the countryside. The house featured a beautiful thatch roof and timber cladding with the lower level also clad with ultra hard-wearing, low maintenance Freefoam Fortex PVC cladding. Freefoam Marketing Manager, Louise Sanderson commented "With over 20,000 visitors each day we were really pleased to have the Freefoam cladding range exposed to such a large, engaged homeowner audience. Available in a choice of eight subtle colours the range has been developed specifically for both renovation and new build projects, the perfect product to create an 'Ideal Home!"

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Tobermore deliver aesthetic and functional hard landscaping solution for Junnell Homes

unnell Homes Ltd developed Salterns
Reach, a luxurious housing scheme in West

Jonathan Bingham, Construction Director at Junnell Homes, explained what his team wanted to achieve at Salterns Reach: "As with all Junnell Homes' projects, we wanted to create a boutique-style development consisting of properties with a bespoke design that would showcase real character and style."

Jonathan explained that the choice of hard landscaping materials was taken into careful consideration as the exterior of a home is so crucial when trying to appeal to home buyers. He noted: "Paving was selected as the most appropriate hard landscaping material due to the attractive and hard-wearing qualities that it offered – making it a more superior option than the likes of tarmac, concrete or gravel."

Jonathan continued: "We liaised with Tobermore's South East Sales team and Beth Moore (long-standing Landscape Designer at Tobermore), who provided various landscape design options and the most suitable products to use for each. This was a fantastic service and helped us find the best solution."



Tobermore's Hydropave Tegula Duo and Hydropave Tegula 240 was specified as these products are manufactured with an aged, antique appearance that allowed the landscape to blend beautifully with the traditional surroundings of the site.

Jonathan commented on this decision: "The aesthetics and technical capabilities of the products met our design vision; hard-wearing, suited to purpose, easily repairable and offered design flexibility."

In addition to the visual appeal of Hydropave Tegula Duo and Hydropave Tegula 240, the products provide a permeable function – a legal requirement for new housing schemes in the UK that feature ten or more units. Tobermore's Hydropave permeable paving is designed to allow rainfall to infiltrate naturally into the ground as method of flood prevention and offers cost savings over traditional drainage method such as pipes or manholes.

The properties at Salterns Reach successfully reached completion in late 2016. Jonathan commented: "We feel the project was a success and we are very pleased with the outcome."

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