

Return to the frame

Derby-based Frame Fast has appointed Jason Pascoe as general manager of its aluminium division.

Having previously contributed to the company's success, Pascoe now steps into a leadership position to drive innovation, enhance operational efficiency, and strengthen customer relationships within the aluminium division.

"We are excited to welcome Jason back to the Frame Fast team," says Nigel Leivers, managing director at Frame Fast. "His deep industry knowledge and exceptional leadership qualities make him the ideal candidate to steer our aluminium division toward continued growth. His appointment marks an important step in our commitment to meeting the rising demand for premium aluminium products."

Pascoe says: "It is fantastic to return to Frame Fast and take on this exciting challenge. Aluminium is an ever-evolving segment of the fenestration market, and I'm eager to work with the talented team here to deliver innovative, high-quality solutions that exceed customer expectations. We'll build on Frame Fast's strong reputation and drive the aluminium division forward." □

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Jason Pascoe

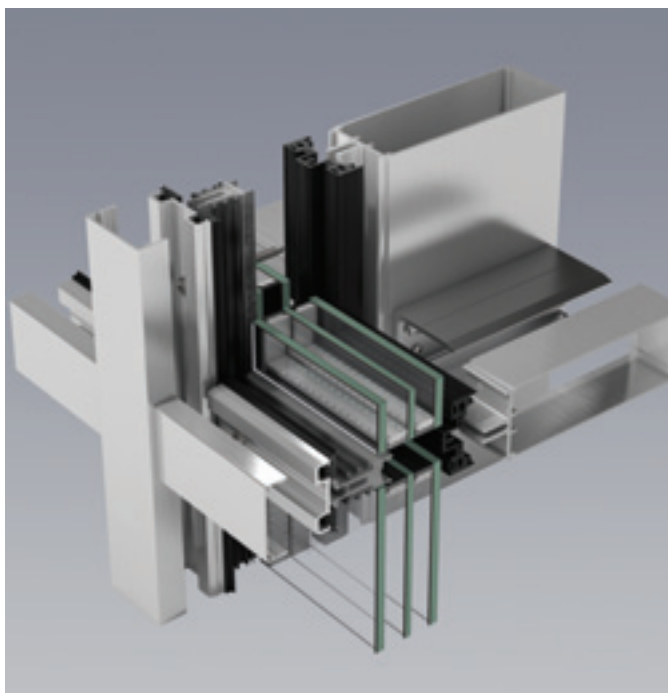
Transforming the transom

Kestrel Aluminium Systems has announced the launch of its new 50CW curtain wall system. Designed for all building types from ground floor to high rise projects, this system marks Kestrel's expansion into the wider curtain wall market. A Kestrel spokesman says the new system offers a high-performance and cost-effective solution for aluminium fabricators across the UK.

The 50CW system has been tested in accordance with BS EN 13830. This tests for resistance to wind, water, and air infiltration, while providing high thermal properties as low as $U_f 0.88 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$.

Kestrel says the transom-to-transom façade design significantly reduces material waste, as fabricators can use the same profile for both mullions and transoms. A single, universal glazing rebate gasket, used on both mullion and transom, simplifies stock management and installation.

The gasket design provides any number of drainage levels for maximum design freedom and maintains the overlap drainage principle at all joints. Combined with the flex injection assembly process, consistent and reliable sealing of these connections is ensured. This reduces fabrication time and optimises performance in demanding commercial applications.



According to Kestrel the design integrates seamlessly with its existing product range and the new curtain wall system complements the company's 75mm window and ground floor treatments, as well as its commercial door systems. This provides a visually consistent and practical solution for complete façade projects. □

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Sightlines made clear

Affordable Windows Group has updated its Timberlook flush door range with the introduction of a mechanical midrail section.

The heritage flush door system comprises both single and French door options, and includes discreet hinges, concealed trickle vents, matching hardware, and dummy sash side screens with matching deep top and bottom rails. Affordable says the newly engineered mid-rail section will help achieve equal sightlines across the range.

This latest development maintains the exacting standards that have made Timberlook a trusted choice among trade professionals working on heritage projects and contemporary homes alike.

"Installers are at the heart of everything we do at Affordable," comments Amelia Gaughan, head of marketing at Affordable Windows Group.

"We launched our Timberlook flush door system a couple of years ago in response to demand from our installers. Property owners wanted a flush door to match their windows, and we knew that not many heritage uPVC systems offered a flush door. Our system, developed in-house, gives our installers a significant advantage in a crowded market.

"This latest development demonstrates our commitment to providing products that meet and exceed customers' expectations.



"The new and innovative midrail section gives installers an even more authentic look, allowing them to offer a complete suite of products – and ultimately boost their chances of winning more business." □

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Sleek look in steel-look

Origin has launched the OW-70 Soho Window. Origin claims that the design sets a new standard for steel-look aesthetics and performance, and empowers its trade partners to elevate their offerings and capitalise on the growing demand for statement glazing.

According to Origin the OW-70 Soho Window delivers an authentic industrial look with slim sightlines, square beading and true glazing divides. Its thermal performance is said to exceed that of traditional steel windows and building regulations.

Daniel Baker, managing director at Origin, says: "We are thrilled to be able to launch the highly anticipated OW-70 Soho Window. We are always driving forward to continually deliver the best for our partners, so we have developed a new window solution that not only replicates the steel look, but also addresses the practical needs of modern living by delivering exceptional thermal efficiency.

"The new window has authentic steel-look aesthetics: true glazing divides, ultra-slim sightlines – just 65mm – and square beading. Its thermal performance offers U-Values as low as 1.4 W/m²K which exceeds building regulations, ensuring energy efficiency and reduced energy bills.

"It is available in casement, fixed frame and bay window configurations, can be specified in over 150 RAL colours including textured finishes, and is backed by a guarantee of up to 20-years." □



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20,000 and just beginning

Specialist in arched and shaped PVC-U frames, Premier Arches reached a significant milestone in February when it fulfilled its 20,000th order.

“Reaching our 20,000th order is a fantastic milestone for the business and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team over the last 10 years,” says Sean Greenall, managing director of Premier Arches.

“Our success has been built on three core principles: exceptional manufacturing quality, honest customer service, and making life easy for our customers. By sticking to these core principles, we’ve developed strong partnerships across the industry and cemented our reputation as the go-to supplier for arched and shaped frames.

“Premier Arches has experienced significant growth by focusing on quality and service, ensuring our customers receive bespoke, high-quality frames with minimal hassle. We have also invested heavily in machinery, processes and technology.

“This is just the beginning for us. With increasing demand for bespoke shaped frames, we are committed to expanding our capabilities and continuing to provide the industry with the best possible products and service. We are continuously developing our online pricing and ordering portal, and with plans to implement AI this year, our customers will see some very exciting developments that will significantly help with the process of ordering angles and arches.”



Premier arches enjoyed 18% year on year sales growth in 2024 which came from a combination of new customers joining and existing customers selling more arches according to Greenall. He says: “This growth, in what has been a difficult year for the industry, is testament to our efforts to continually develop and improve the business in line with our three core principles.” □

www.premierarches.co.uk

Enchantment enhancement

Ecoslim is a new product from Ecoglass which, it claims, ‘blends the timeless elegance of traditional windows with the high-performance of modern glazing’. Designed for period properties and conservation areas, Ecoslim aims to preserve the charm of an historical building while enhancing its energy efficiency.

Mark High, director at Ecoglass, says: “Sustainability and energy performance are key topics in the fenestration industry. Whilst we understand their importance, homeowners are looking for straightforward, jargon-free solutions. They want products that deliver thermal, aesthetic, and functional benefits, all without compromise. We developed Ecoslim to meet these demands.

“Ecoslim is available from 14mm, making it ideal for period properties and conservation areas. It meets building regulations while preserving a home’s historical integrity and delivering high levels of glass performance.

“Ecoslim windows use a blend of krypton and argon gas, which enhances thermal insulation by reducing heat transfer. This results in more consistent indoor temperatures, reducing reliance on heating and cooling



Mark High

systems, offering long-term energy savings, and helping to lower carbon footprints.” □

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