

# Keeping focus



**G**lass Technology Services (GTS), which supports research and development across the glass industry and its supply chain, was sponsor of the Innovative Solution category of the glass industry's Glass Focus 2018 awards. Pilkington UK was announced the winner of the category at the Glass Focus 2018 dinner and awards organised by British Glass. Pilkington UK received the award for its Pilkington AviSafe development – a new coated glass which aims to prevent occurrence of bird/window strikes. Developed by Pilkington's UK-based research and development technology centre, AviSafe utilises a patterned UV-enhanced coating to make the glass visible to birds while maintaining the optical transmission of the glass. Simon Slade, a keen ornithologist based at the R&D technical centre, who was a key driving force behind the project says: "Millions of birds die each

year when they fly into glass in homes, offices, and bus shelters. This is a growing challenge for the glass industry, architects and specifiers. Reflection strikes, when birds fly toward something reflected by the glass such as the sky or vegetation, are the main cause of the problem: some existing products are effective, but reduce the transmission of the glass and the view from inside the building." Philip Marsh, business development manager at Glass Technology Services presented the award and said: "Congratulations to Pilkington UK on this innovation, which through research comparing human and avian vision in the visible and ultraviolet spectrum enabled a patterned coating to be developed and applied to the glass that is visible to birds without any significant detriment to the aesthetic properties of facades and glazing." □ [www.glass-ts.com](http://www.glass-ts.com)

**Renolit has won the 2018 NFA award in the Colour Specialist category.** Renolit, which claims to be the inventor of exterior grade films, has more than 30 years' experience in the sector. The company says it has been at the forefront of the colour growth during recent years. "Our customers rely on Renolit to keep developing the next generation of woodgrain designs, modern textured surfaces and popular architectural colours and improving the products' technical properties," says Janette Rowland, marketing services manager. "We have always been proud of our product and strive to support our customers as best we can, so we are delighted to have won the NFA Colour Specialist category award, which is, of course, right at the heart of our business," said Janette Rowland, marketing services manager.



## A toast to ten years

**J**&P Home Improvements is celebrating a successful ten-year partnership with Veka Group and Independent Network. Established 20 years ago, the family-owned, Lampeter-based company has spent the most successful part of that period working with Veka. Co-owner Barry Thomas (pictured) says: "My father, John, and I set the business up in 1991 as an installation company. We decided to move into fabrication in 1997 so that we could offer our customers the highest level of quality in both product and service. Our team works incredibly hard, and the business has grown from strength to strength establishing a reputation for quality throughout Lampeter and the surrounding area. "Choosing Veka also meant we were eligible to apply for membership of



Independent Network and it gave us a fantastic way to quickly and easily demonstrate to customers our commitment to quality. It also enables us to offer a fail-safe insurance-backed guarantee." Veka Group sales director Neil Evans says: "It's great to see family-owned companies like J&P Home Improvements going strong. They've built up a great reputation for quality and service with homeowners and trade customers in their region. We're proud to celebrate such long-standing partnerships." □ [www.vekauk.com](http://www.vekauk.com)

# A new dimension

# Triple security

**F**orce 8 has added a new composite door to its two-tone contemporary collection with the addition of the new stunning Geneva design. The seamless double grooved curved design adds a new dimension, and is available in any of the RAL colours. As far as the company is aware, Force 8 is the only composite door manufacturer to offer a dual colour design.

Available in the smooth aluminium look finish, the new door also boasts a three-latch system to help combat problems with bowing during seasonal temperature changes. It also has a paint finish specially adapted for Force 8, which helps to thermally protect the door to further enhance its stability.

Dennis Sumner, managing director of Force 8 says: "What is not featured in the specification is the 30 years of knowledge which has gone into the Geneva.. As a company we are in a unique position, as we still have an installation team locally. Any issues regarding fitting or further remedial work is directed straight back to our manufacturing department, enabling us to innovate and fine-tune our designs.



This gives us a distinct advantage over other manufacturers, as we can fit and test our designs in real life situations.

"This ability to spot any potential problems helps us to produce a better product, plus an easier installation process."

The Geneva is added to the Force 8 on-line Door Designer, and is available now. □

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**Veka Group has won Systems Company of the Year in the 2018 National Fenestration Awards.**

**Thousands of votes across 24 categories made 2018 the**

**biggest NFA campaign to date. The awards are decided by the votes of industry participants – which Veka Group's marketing director Dawn Stockell believes makes the win all the more rewarding: "We are delighted to see Veka Group win 'Systems Company of the Year' in the 2018 NFAs because it means our customers and friends in the industry took the time and made the effort to vote for us. People vote on shortlists to decide the winner for each category, without the input of a judge or panel, which means the results really do reflect the feelings of the individuals in our industry. It is lovely to receive any award, but it's even better when you know that it has come from those whose opinions really matter to Veka Group.**

**"We have been supporting customers with products and services for more than 30 years and it is great to be recognised for our ongoing hard work." □**



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**T**he Crown residential door has been a staple of the Sapa product range for many years. Replicating the square cut aesthetics of traditional wooden back doors, but with the strength and longevity of aluminium. The new door is based on a three chamber construction, for greater strength and performance.

Building upon ease of manufacture, the new Crown residential door has an adjustable hinge arrangement which allows for full adjustment of the door during installation. A universal locking strike plate is provided with a 24mm or 28mm pocket to glaze from inside or out using sloped or square beads.

The door is secured as standard by a three hook lock supplemented by a security dog bolt within the hinges. It is also available with the Sapa patented Dualsecure deadlock. The door is certified to PAS 24.



The new Crown Residential door is available as a boxed kit of cut off machined bars and accessories. Made to order kits are available.

The door can also be supplied as a cut down kit. One door provides a solution for left and right hand, open in or open out requirements, with the minimal number of components. Standard cut down kits are produced in white and grey, for single doors up to 2230mm high and 1074mm wide and double doors up to 2072mm high and 2230mm wide. Matching mid rail kits are also available. □

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