

# Our lead on colour

Deceuninck has launched five new, foil colours: beige grey, shine beige, shine dark graphite, green grey and Turner malt oak on white. They join Deceuninck's other foils offer on a promotional 14-day lead-time, with matching trickle vents and end caps also available.

Shine dark graphite, green grey, beige grey, and shine beige are available in smooth matt foils, suitable for use inside and out and are available as part of the Conti mattex range from surface specialist, Continental.

Conti mattex foils achieve an ultra-matte appearance closely resembling powder-coated aluminium, with up to 10 years' warranty on colourfastness and surface properties.

Turner malt oak, is available in a deep woodgrain.

The five new colours will form part of Deceuninck's broader colour offer, which also includes more than 200 special foils and 350 different colourways, including single and dual colours.

Darren Woodcock, general manager, Deceuninck, says: "These latest additions to our special foil range, available in just two weeks, reinforce our lead on colour.

"With most of our competitors' customers having to wait significantly longer for special foils, our fabricators have a clear advantage, even when it comes to single lengths, with no minimum order required."

Operating from its state-of-the-art foiling plant and 140,000sq ft warehouse, which enables maximum stockholding of foiled profile, matching end caps, cills and ancillaries, Deceuninck currently offers more than 30



different colourways from stock, with a further 20 available in just 15 days.

"One in four UK windows and doors are colour and demand for colour is still rising strongly," says Woodcock.

"Colour sells because it's popular with consumers, and we want to help our customers take advantage. Offering a wide range of colours on shorter lead times means our fabricators stand out against the competition and we'll endeavour to evolve our offer to keep up with current trends and ultimately help our customers win more business." □

[www.deceuninck.co.uk](http://www.deceuninck.co.uk)

## Full-audit for the environment

Schüco, a global manufacturer of sustainable facade systems, and Mace Construct, a major construction firm, have announced a carbon partnership to advance decarbonisation in the UK build environment. This collaboration combines Schüco technical expertise and global supply chain with Mace Construct's proven project delivery capabilities to set new standards for sustainable, high-performance facades. The is for the partnership to drive net-zero goals: focus on reducing carbon in building envelopes, deliver transparency, provide environmental product declarations (EPDs) and a sustainable product portfolio, enhance design and execution and offer comprehensive support throughout project phases.

Phil Sedge, head of facades, Mace Construct says: "Schüco is a trusted partner for helping decarbonise our portfolio of projects across the UK. Its value-up and low carbon offers, in addition to its technical expertise and outstanding supply-chain, are key factors for our



partnership."

Dan Gleeson, sales director, Schüco UK says: "Mace Construct is a pioneering and forward-thinking general contractor in the market with very ambitious low-carbon targets. We are proud to team up with Mace Construct to help them accomplish their goals." □

[www.schueco.com/uk](http://www.schueco.com/uk)

# Quality closer to home

**B**amboo Façades has entered a three-year partnership with Stellar Aluminium Systems, marking a major shift in the company's approach to commercial aluminium window and door supply.

Previously outsourcing its aluminium fenestration requirements, Bamboo Façades has pivoted to direct in-house fabrication to maintain tighter control of quality, project certainty and installation performance. The new agreement supports the company's move into an additional 6,500sq ft fabrication facility in Runcorn, situated near to its existing operational site.

Managing director of Bamboo Façades, Mark Austin, who previously worked for Stellar Aluminium, says that the decision was a natural evolution for the business. He says: "We know the Stellar system inside out and it's incredibly straightforward to fabricate and easy to install. The fully flush windows are particularly efficient as there's no requirement to prep through the beads, which significantly speeds up fabrication and improves consistency on the shop floor. By bringing aluminium fabrication under our own roof, we're removing variables, increasing efficiency and ensuring our commercial projects benefit from the highest level of technical precision every single time."

According to Mark Austin, Bamboo Façades selected Stellar Aluminium for the reliability of its supply chain and the responsiveness of its service. He says: "A major reason for choosing Stellar is the fact that its lead times and service levels are miles ahead of other aluminium



Mark Austin (right) from Bamboo Façades, with Stellar MD (left)

system suppliers. Being able to place an order and have material delivered the following week, without delays or shortages, is a massive advantage. It means we have more time in the design phase which is often the biggest bottleneck in a construction programme. With other aluminium systems, materials need to be ordered months in advance, often at an early design stage, which can introduce unnecessary risk. Stellar gives us far greater flexibility and programme certainty." □

[www.stellaraluminium.co.uk](http://www.stellaraluminium.co.uk)

**Freefoam Building Products has announced a product update for 2026. Its woodgrain fms magnum square leg fascia (405mm) is now available in a shorter length of 1.25m.**

**This new addition to the roofline range has been introduced, following customer feedback, to make installations easier, reduce waste, and lower costs for customers.**

**The new 1.25 metre box end board is available in woodgrain black ash and woodgrain anthracite grey.**

**This new product has been designed with installers in mind. The shorter lengths are particularly suitable for the creation of the 'box end' of a roofline installation – where the fascia meets the bargeboard at the corner of a roof.**

**Richard Jackson, UK sales director, says: "Our customers have been asking for a more convenient solution for creating box ends, and this new product delivers exactly that. It's a simple change that will make a big difference in reducing waste and improving efficiency on site." □**



[www.freefoam.com](http://www.freefoam.com)

# We want more waste!

**E**urocell has announced the expansion of its recycling partnership with Biffa. The decision follows a trial designed to help the trade recycle more post-consumer PVC-U waste than ever before. The initiative, which has already diverted over 85 tonnes of domestic PVC-U from landfill, will be extended to additional regions and locations throughout 2026.

Joy Naylor, Eurocell's, manufacturing & recycling director, says: "Our partnership with Biffa has had a tremendous impact on our sustainability efforts, allowing us to divert large volumes of post-consumer PVC-U from landfill. This collaboration aligns perfectly with our commitment to a closed-loop recycling process, reducing waste and supporting a more sustainable future for both our customers and the environment."

A significant volume of PVC-U from window and door replacements still ends up in landfill, despite the material being highly recyclable. Smaller installers and sole traders, who undertake much of this work, have historically had limited access to practical recycling options, with PVC-U often being bulky, awkward to store, and ultimately treated as general waste.

To address this, Eurocell set out to make products more sustainable by reducing virgin plastic content, while



offering customers a simple, accessible recycling route for post-consumer material.

Working with Biffa, Eurocell launched a domestic and small-load PVC-U collection trial in February 2023. Operating within a 30-mile radius of NE28 (North Tyneside), the service allowed installers to request collections via branches or phone, with Biffa's reactive fleet picking up material directly from homes, depots, and small trade sites. □

[www.eurocell.co.uk](http://www.eurocell.co.uk)

## A super Slinova

**R**ehau has announced the launch of its new Slinova low-threshold sliding door. The new feature builds on the strong market performance of the existing Slinova system, which recently celebrated the end of its first year in production. During this time, over eight thousand doors have been manufactured in the UK – reaffirming its position as one of Rehau's most in-demand products.

Rehau puts Slinova's success down to multiple factors, including its simplicity of fabrication and installation.

Clare Higgins, senior product manager at Rehau UK, says: "The Slinova range has already proven itself as a dependable, fabricator-friendly solution, and the new low-threshold option builds directly on that success. We developed it in response to clear market demand for accessible, sliding doors that don't compromise on performance or design. This addition gives fabricators even more flexibility, while helping specifiers meet the evolving needs of modern living environments."

The new design incorporates an aluminium thermal break to maximise energy efficiency, while optional clip-on ramps and tread plates can be added where enhanced accessibility is needed.

Fabricators will also benefit from the same



straightforward manufacturing process that has contributed to Slinova's success. The low-threshold version requires only straight cuts and end caps with no need for end milling, integrating seamlessly into the door assembly and ensuring efficient production without added complexity. As with the wider Slinova range, the low-threshold model is part of a broader system approach rather than a standalone product. □

[www.rehau.com/uk-en](http://www.rehau.com/uk-en)

# All set to keep track

**F**orterro has completed the installation of its Logikal MES production tracking system at Kingfisher Windows in Leeds. The team from Forterro spent a week at Kingfisher’s factory installing the system, which includes barcode scanning terminals at key machinery and fabrication stations so that, for the first time, aluminium frames can now be tracked in the same way as PVC-U frames.

Ash Ellis, Kingfisher’s general manager, says they are already impressed: “We signed up for Logikal MES after we saw the demo at the FIT Show last year because we felt it would give us new levels of insight into our operation that would help us enhance our efficiency and reduce the potential for errors and manufacturing deviations.

“We are already seeing those benefits. We can see the status of every order at the touch of the button and analyse any delays or issues much more quickly than before. We have also been able to eliminate paperwork in the factory which is a real step forward and we can also report almost instantly to customers on the progress of their order.

“We now have access to consistently accurate information on every job and that is having a positive impact on internal as well as external communication. As we continue to interrogate and work with the MES system, we’re confident that we will see further payback in terms of increased throughput and potentially reduced lead times.”



Daniel Hodges, sales team lead at Forterro, says: “We’re really excited to see the continuing roll out of Logikal MES in the UK. Kingfisher led the way from the start by becoming the first fabricator to sign up for the system and now that it is installed, they are setting the pace in terms of leveraging maximum benefit.” □

[www.kingfisherwindows.co.uk](http://www.kingfisherwindows.co.uk)



**Dudley’s Aluminium has secured two new education projects based in Hampshire: North Whiteley Secondary School and King’s Academy Bay House School (pictured)**

**Working in partnership with main contractor Kier across both projects, Dudley’s Aluminium will install Metal Technology System curtain walling, windows and doors at each school.**

**North Whiteley Secondary School is a new development that will deliver 900 secondary school places, including a dedicated resource provision to support pupils with special educational needs within mainstream education. The second project, King’s Academy Bay House School in Gosport, is part of the Department for Education’s school rebuilding programme which is dedicated to upgrading school buildings across England. The redevelopment will see existing teaching space refurbished and new teaching blocks installed, providing a variety of learning spaces including art studios, music rooms and science laboratories.** □

[www.dudleys.uk.com](http://www.dudleys.uk.com)

# Moving into automation

A £64,000 investment in a Kombimatec AMC 328 machining centre has enabled Herts-based Ace Partitioning Systems to move away from manual fabrication and increase the range of its product offerings.

Anna and Peter Fraczek established Ace Partitioning Systems to supply single and double glazed aluminium products for internal commercial fit outs. Growing demand for their products led to the need to manufacture quicker and more efficiently, as well as incorporate special features such as concealed door closers and electric locks. As a small family owned business Ace chose to work with David Parsons at Kombimatec, who was able to provide a future proof solution with the benefit of localised support.

The investment includes a Kombimatec CNC machine and compressor package to replace manual machining processes and support growing demand for modern commercial office specifications. Increased machining quality and improved cycle times positions Ace perfectly to take their business to the next level.

“The CNC has completely changed what we’re able to offer,” says Anna Fraczek, director at Ace Partitioning Systems. “We can now machine for specialist locks and concealed door closers, improve predictability and accuracy, and take on more complex specifications that took so much longer to achieve before. Being able to machine both the door frames and the doors on the same CNC means everything aligns perfectly.

“That consistency allows us to be much more competitive both in terms of cost and quality, pitching for



Peter Fraczek

business with greater confidence.”

Previously operating with traditional manual machinery, Ace Partitioning Systems faced limitations in both productivity and machining capability. The installation of the Kombimatec CNC has transformed its manufacturing operation, allowing precision machining for specialist hardware including concealed door closers, magnetic locks and bespoke locking systems. □

[www.kombimatec.com](http://www.kombimatec.com)

# Bringing bifold into the fold

Barnsley-based Euroglaze has added the Liniar Alumina aluminium bifold to its range. Martin Nettleton, Euroglaze’s managing director, says: “We know trade customers like to buy their PVC-U products from us because we offer a friendly personalised service backed by consistent quality and fast, reliable delivery times. Now we’re giving them the opportunity to buy their aluminium bifolds from us as well and guaranteeing the same level of quality and service.”

The Liniar Alumina bifold suites perfectly with Liniar sculptured PVC-U frames and stands out in the market because it comes with the option of woodgrain foils as well as powder coated finishes so that buyers can achieve a coherent look throughout their property.

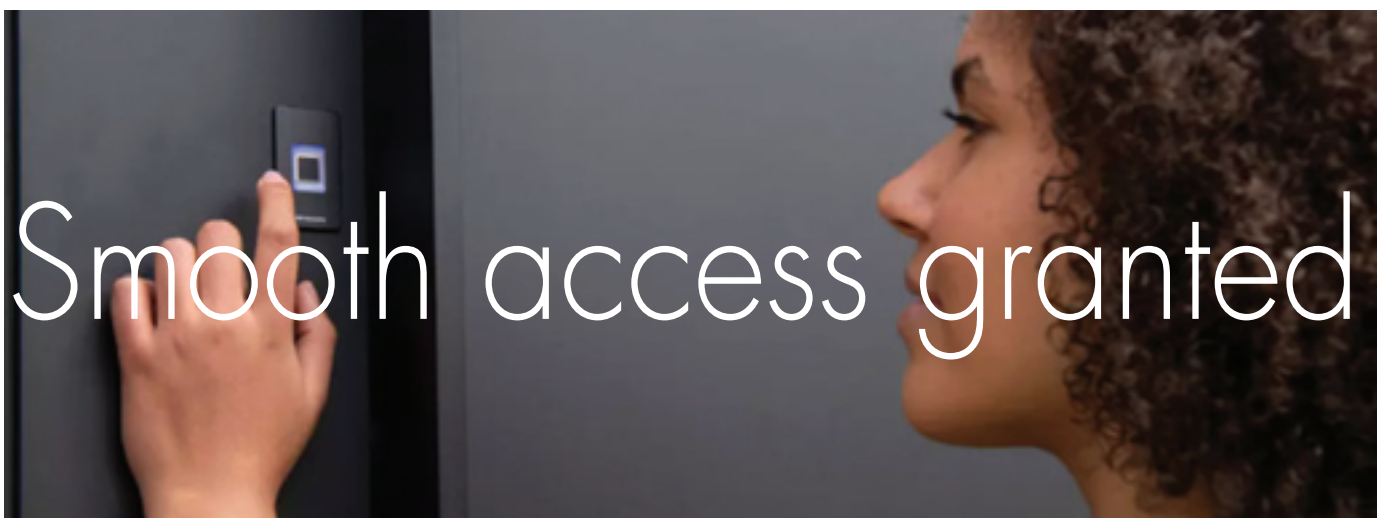
“It can span apertures up to 6m wide, with sashes up to 2.5m high so easily matches conventional aluminium bifolds, but feels warmer to the touch because of the foiled finish and achieves impressive



U-Values as low as 1.2W/m<sup>2</sup>K thanks in part to a patented thermal lock system.

“Liniar Alumina is already a proven, popular product. It can be used to fabricate residential and French doors as well as bifolds for replacement, new build and commercial projects, so represents an exciting new business opportunity for Euroglaze as well as our trade customers.” □

[www.euroglaze.co.uk](http://www.euroglaze.co.uk)



As part of its suite of digital solutions, Reynaers' access control configurator has been purpose-built to help fabricators, optimise their workflow and facilitate the accurate selection of access control components which are tailored to the precise requirements of each project. Available via the Reynaers' customer portal, the configurator tool enables fabricators to narrow down compatible access control systems and parts by entering project-specific information, automatically filtering options to provide a customised selection of essential and supplementary parts.

Access control products from the aluminium systems manufacturer include automated locks, e-openers, keypad and fingerprint scanners and magnetic contacts – all of which are well suited to high-end commercial and residential projects.

Reynaers' range of access control solutions allow

building owners to decide who enters the building, check that doors are locked, and windows are closed, and unlock doors remotely. With a variety of solutions to suit a range of high-specification projects, Reynaers has developed the access control configurator to simplify product selection.

Importantly, the access control configurator also offers integrated technical guidance, including a comprehensive installation manual with wiring diagrams, part numbers, and controller I/O details, as well as QR codes linking directly to Reynaers training resources.

John McComb, technical director at Reynaers Aluminium UK says: "The Access Control Configurator has been specifically developed for fabricators and is designed to work alongside Reynaers existing fabrication manuals for windows, doors, and our range of motorised sliding doors." □

[www.reynaers.co.uk](http://www.reynaers.co.uk)

## Adaptable

Carl F Groupco has further expanded its product portfolio with the addition of the Axiom high security hinge from Dynamic Hardware.

Owen Coop, CEO of Carl F Groupco, says: "The Axiom high security hinge is an impressive addition to our range. It is quick to install, highly adaptable and manufactured to perform at the highest levels. We are confident it will add real value to our customers' door products.

"The hinge has been designed to integrate seamlessly with PVC-U door profiles. Installation is rapid and straightforward thanks to full adjustability across all planes, while left and right-handed configurations can be switched in seconds. All adjustments are carried out using a single 5mm Allen key, with just a 4mm drill bit required for preparation.

"Manufactured from high-strength materials including aluminium, zinc alloys, steel and 304 stainless steel, the hinge delivers outstanding durability, corrosion resistance and long-term reliability. It is available in 12 colour options to suit a wide range of door styles and finishes.

"The quality of the hinge's design and construction is underlined by its industry accreditations. It is PAS24:2022 compliant for both internal and external doors when tested as part of a complete door assembly



and has achieved Secured by Design accreditation. In addition, it has been corrosion tested to BS EN 1670 and cycle tested to BS EN 1191 standards. A 10-year mechanical guarantee further reinforces its high-quality performance credentials."

The Axiom high security hinge is available in 19mm and 21mm height options, with a range of hinge packers. It can be supplied ready to install or in packaging formats suitable for high-volume manufacturing environments. □

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