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Two major fabricators are set to merge. West Bromwich-based Central RPL is now one of the Midlands' largest fabricators of PVC products and its sister company Central ASL, which manufactures aluminium windows, doors, and flat roof systems will become Central Window Systems.

In 2016, RPL's owners, the Boing Boing Group, expanded into the aluminium market by founding Central ASL. With both businesses thriving amid the post-lockdown home improvement boom, the group's leadership decided the time was right to begin a long planned merger.

"RPL and ASL are both outstanding fabrication businesses. Both offer a huge range of market-leading products, backed with first-class technical expertise, and one of the most experienced management teams in the window industry," says Gary Morton, CEO of the Boing Boing Group.

"We believe that by combining the two, we can provide a better service to our many customers.

"Often, we speak to installers who buy PVC-U products from us but have no idea we have a sister company that specialises in aluminium, and vice versa.



Gary Morton

"By becoming Central Window Systems, installers will benefit from the full extent of the windows and doors we supply, and we'll be able to offer more joined up service across the board.

"We'd like to reassure our existing customers that any disruption will be minimal – you'll continue dealing with the same experienced people, and any changes will be positive ones.

"The rebrand will come into effect from February, as we start our new financial year. We look forward to introducing the industry to Central Window Systems in what we're confident will be a very successful 2021." □

Second year win

Sash window manufacturer Victorian Sliders has won the National Fenestration Awards' vertical sliding window company category for the second year running.

The NFAs are decided by votes cast by people throughout the sector – and Victorian Sliders won the support of hundreds of customers, suppliers and friends across the country.

"We're absolutely delighted to be named winners for the second year running," says group managing director Andy Jones.



Andy Jones

"Like everyone, we've had a very stressful and challenging 2020, but the whole team has pulled together to deliver an excellent result – we have



On the fast track

Brisant Secure appears in the annual Sunday Times Virgin Atlantic Fast Track 100 for the second consecutive year. Brisant is listed 62 out of this year's top 100 nationally.

Nick Dutton, Brisant Secure CEO says: "Since entering the locksmith scene in 2013 Brisant has been raising the standards of the industry as a whole. In the most demanding security and weathering tests our leading locking solutions, Ultion and Sweet, have not just broken records they have transformed expectations with their outstanding performance.

"This is a really proud moment for the whole Brisant Secure team and our customers. The messages of congratulations have been fantastic. They're proof that while people may not want to pay more, they always want to buy more: more security, better looks and, above all, looks that last no matter the location or how extreme the environment so they continue to please their customers every time they look at their door." □



Nick Dutton

manufactured 83,000 windows this year, 24.5% more than 2019.

"I want to pay tribute to all my colleagues, and the way they've dealt with the pandemic – and to thank everyone who took the time to vote for us.

"I also want to thank the thousands of customers who've continued to support us throughout 2020.

"This is a fantastic way to end our 15th anniversary year." □