

# Modus Transforms New Village



**The Victorian Grade II-listed building, Barnes Hospital, is receiving a new lease of life as developer Henley Homes creates the Barnes Village around it.**

The challenge for Henley and its construction division Reis Construct was to find windows for the new-build houses that would complement the character of the hospital's originals, while providing the best possible insulation and acoustic performance.

The original specification from Jeffery Bell Architects called for an aluminium and timber profile for the new houses. However, in liaison with the local conservation officer, Reis elected to substitute these for Eurocell's Modus flush sash casement window in Anthracite Grey. As well as satisfying the aesthetic requirements, the Modus windows offered a more cost-effective solution while delivering better performance than the original specification.

Featuring a unique 75mm six-chamber profile system, the Modus range delivers the optimum energy efficiency performance and can achieve a U-value as low as 0.7 from a standard system using triple-glazed units. Modus' multi-chamber profile, designed to increase thermal performance, also aids the windows' acoustic performance.

Eurocell worked with Reis to find three window fabricators to provide quotes for the £750,000 windows contract, with Unique Windows System winning the tender. Eurocell's senior business development manager Gordon Heron explains: "We needed to find firms that could handle the volume of windows and that had the right health and safety procedures in place for a site of this size. It's also important to provide someone who is financially stable; that works in both directions." [eurocell.co.uk](http://eurocell.co.uk)



**Eurocell has brought smoother, easier 'one touch' operation to its Aspect bi-fold door system with the introduction of a new, improved double-bogie roller system.**

The range's door leaves feature both horizontal and vertical multi-directional rollers which offer superior glide from eight stainless steel wheels. The rollers are in-built to the leaves for a minimised height threshold as standard, while they are also captive within the track – preventing their removal from the outside.

Door openings can be up to six metres wide, with up to seven door panels. The unique roller assembly means doors can be configured to meet customer preferences, including the popular 4/2/2 configuration as well as simple 2/2/0 arrangements to replace existing patio doors.

A range of external colours is available to complement existing architectural style, as well as a choice of hardware colours. Aspect has a white internal finish as standard, to maintain a bright, fresh interior, with some colours available with colour both sides from stock. Aspect bi-fold door profiles are guaranteed for ten years, and door furniture is guaranteed for five years. [eurocell.co.uk](http://eurocell.co.uk)

## **Morley Glass & Glazing has funded new personalised hoodies for the North Leeds Dance Academy team.**

The Academy recently worked in partnership with Variety to bring the children's charity's Strictly Ballroom charity event to life.

NLDA dance instructor Olivia Choi was partnered with Morley's own Ian Short for the event, which saw them romp home to victory following an expertly executed samba. The evening itself raised almost £14k to help Variety continue its charitable work; over 200% of their target.

Ian comments: "The team at North Leeds Dance Academy never stop, their passion for dance is infectious and they've even inspired me to continue competing in future dance events. We're delighted to be able to help them continue their mission to get everyone in North Leeds dancing." [morleyglass.co.uk](http://morleyglass.co.uk)



# New Year New Investment

**Astraseal has invested in another Stuga machine – the ZX5, which becomes the British firm’s flagship machining centre. Launched at The FIT Show 2017, the ZX5 has a capacity to manufacture a minimum of 800 windows per week and joins Astraseal’s existing Stuga machines.**



Colin Stanley, Astraseal’s Operations Director says: “It’s great to start the year with a bang by taking our operation to the next level. The new machinery is just one of many additions and developments we plan to make over the coming year as we move forward and look to best support our valued trade and commercial customers across the country.”

Taking advantage of a 360-degree rotary tooling system rather than a conventional fixed head system, the ZX5 is a flexible, sophisticated sawing and machining centre. The new rotary system allows for limitless capabilities and effectively streamlines machining cycles, with separate sawing and machining modules working in tandem.

The ZX5 also features the ‘Tru-Loc’ gripping system, which ensures the accuracy of every cut or notch by eliminating grip slip. This system means the ZX5 can make complex 45 and 90-degree cuts and pinpoint ‘V’ and ‘Y’ notches on both sides of the frame or transom profile with complete precision every time. [i astraseal.co.uk](http://astraseal.co.uk)



**Thermoseal Group has launched Chinese Mandarin additions to its Thermobar and Thermoflex Warm Edge Technology multilingual websites.**

Satellite sites – [www.thermobarwarmedge.com](http://www.thermobarwarmedge.com) and [www.thermoflexwarmedge.com](http://www.thermoflexwarmedge.com) – are now hosted in 7 languages including: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Polish and the latest Chinese additions.

Samantha Hill, Head of Marketing and Communications says: “We began developing satellite websites as an informational and promotional tool for our two Warm Edge Spacer bars. The Chinese market for warm edge spacers is a growing market and we aim to contribute towards educating the supply chain on the advantages of warm edge technology whilst increasing our share of this market. With two of the highest performance spacer systems and the capacity for growth, we are in a great position to

become a leading supplier in this market.

“With comprehensive information for: IG manufacturers, Window Installers, Specifiers and Homeowners, both sites have been praised by our distributors and have now become key information points for their own promotion throughout the supply chain. The latest additions have been launched to support our Chinese distributor. [i thermosealgroup.com](http://thermosealgroup.com)

**Tradelink Window Solutions has opened a new manufacturing facility and Windowcenter in Stoke-on-Trent - its fourth Windowcenter in the UK**

Jim Moody, MD explains: “This fourth Windowcenter has been opened so that Midlands-based installers can take advantage of Tradelink’s product range and our top service.

“We have invested £450,000 in machinery for the new manufacturing facility in Stoke. The new premises brings our total to six sites across the UK. We produce a full range of windows and doors, including our own Regiment composite door range and the impressive Residence 7S window system.”

At a well-attended, three day opening event in December, the Stoke Windowcenter ran a series of giveaways and competitions for customers including the Tradelink Wheel of Fortune game with free spins on every quote and order. Winners received a range of great prizes including windows and doors, tool boxes and a Dewalt radio. [i tradelinkdirect.co.uk](http://tradelinkdirect.co.uk)

