

A fitting partner

Glazpart has announced that FIT Show has joined the Glazpartners' initiative.

The Glazpartners' initiative is designed to promote the value of customer relationships in the fenestration industry and this latest partnership will bring greater collaboration and joint promotion for both FIT Show and Glazpart with multiple branding, PR and social media opportunities.

The next FIT Show takes place at the NEC on 29 April to 1 May 2025.

Nickie West, managing director of FIT Show says: "Glazpart has been supportive of FIT Show since the outset and we are delighted to be Glazpartners, championing the campaign in its ambitions to promote the value of customer relationships in the industry. One of the key principals FIT Show is built on is connecting people and products, which aligns perfectly with the Glazpartners' initiative."

The Glazpartners' initiative was launched at the FIT Show 2023 with a window and door display from 35 of the UK's top window companies promoted as Glazpartners on the Glazpart stand.

Dean Bradley, sales director of Glazpart says: "Glazpart has been an exhibitor at FIT Show since it started in 2013 and it was the platform where we launched our Link Vent range, so we are



Nickie West and Dean Bradley

delighted that FIT Show is now a Glazpartner. FIT Show is a key event in the glass and glazing industry and we have already booked for the 2025 event where we plan some special activities to start our 40th anniversary celebrations." □

Kingman's service to architecture

Aluminium systems company AluK has reconfirmed its commitment to the commercial and specification market, with the appointment of Jordan Kingman to a new role as head of architectural projects.

An experienced façade engineer, Kingman was specification manager at AluK from 2011 until 2020. During that time, he played a key role in helping the company build its reputation for adding value at the design and specification stage of projects, with a real willingness to work collaboratively with both architects and contractors.

He says that he is delighted to be back: "I can't wait to start reconnecting with specifiers on behalf of AluK again. We've recently implemented NBS



Jordan Kingman

Chorus so that we can work even more closely with design teams in the future, and I'm really looking forward to helping our fabrication partners get involved in some exciting new projects." □

We're covered to coat

Kestrel Aluminium Systems has recently been awarded a Qualicoat licence for its powder coating plant and process. The award was presented by Qualicoat chair, Angus Mackie of Vertikal to Nicki Baylis of Kestrel at the last members meeting of 2023 held at QualicoatUK & Ireland's offices in Daventry.

Established in 1989 Kestrel Aluminium Systems began as a distributor of shopfront systems. Over the 35 years, the privately owned company has grown to become a reputable nationwide fenestration systems house developing commercial and domestic aluminium systems.

More recently Kestrel invested in a state-of-the-art powder coating facility at its headquarters in Birmingham. Since installed the plant has quickly become established in the region. Nicki Baylis says: "To support our customers and offer an unrivalled speedy turnaround of powder coated profiles coated to a high



Nicki Baylis and Angus Mackie

standard, we decided to add a powder coating facility to our group portfolio. With the investment, we always had the intention to become Qualicoat approved and the association has been very helpful with advice and support, culminating in the awarding of our Qualicoat licence at the last members' meeting." □