

An Absolute Barnstormer

Stellar Aluminium windows and doors from Epwin Window Systems were selected for the high-end conversion of two barns in High Roding in Essex.

The products were manufactured by Prestige Aluminium Essex and installed by local installer V. Fullalove Installations.

Stellar Aluminium was selected for the project by the developer Chelsteen Homes because of its ability to deliver on all of the project's demanding specifications.

Energy efficiency was a key feature of the conversion, with the barns using air source heat pumps and underfloor heating. Stellar windows and doors can achieve a U-value of 1.2 W/(m²K) with triple glazing, the regulatory standard for the new build space, which meant they had all the credentials required.

Aesthetics were a key consideration too, not least because expansive glazed elements were a central feature of the design. The system's fully flush window option was used to deliver a sleek and understated appearance, while the Anthracite grey colour used on both sides gave a crisp, modern finish. At the same time, Stellar's slim sightlines more than delivered on the remit to retain an abundance of natural light and put the spotlight on the surrounding countryside.

In total, Prestige Aluminium Essex and Fullalove Installations



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manufactured and installed 33 Stellar fully flush casement windows, four Stellar slimline bi-fold doors, three flush French doors and three flush residential doors. The centrepieces were two sets of bi-fold doors to the upper and lower front aspect, which added visual drama. Prestige Aluminium Essex and Fullalove Installations worked closely with the main contractor to ensure a seamless installation, which took just two weeks. **i**

Value Garden Room Sales Blossom

Keystone's latest consumer research report revealed two very interesting points about the garden room market.

Firstly, that they ranked high in the list of home improvements homeowners are planning over the next 12 months.

And secondly, more than a third of those homeowners have a budget in mind for an insulated garden room of less than £10,000.

While many specialist garden room suppliers might balk at that level of budget, for Euroglaze customer MCD Garden Rooms, it is very good news as the installer partnered with trade fabricator Euroglaze in 2020 making timber insulated garden rooms featuring Rehau French doors and full length windows fabricated in anthracite grey. These garden rooms are targeted directly at the budget conscious customer.

MCD Garden Rooms is seeing an upsurge in demand as the cost-of-living crisis begins to ease. MD Martin Blacksell says that demand is coming from

across the UK, from customers who prioritise value and who like the fact that they can tailor the garden room around their budget. He says: "We can work around a customer's wish list in terms of internal finish and extras – but we have refined our core offering so that it is focused on value.

"We are often cheaper than our competitors – and even when customers have what other suppliers might consider unrealistic expectations in terms of budget, we can always help. An important part of that is the support we get from our neighbours Euroglaze, who are based near to us in Barnsley and who provide us with quality Rehau frames at affordable prices. Using Rehau PVC-U windows and doors in our garden rooms definitely gives them more of a premium feel." **i**



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Money In the Bank

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Twenty-six timber-alternative windows from The Residence Collection have been installed into a former bank as part of a new apartment project – and turned a tidy profit.

Partnering with installer Silent View Windows and fabricator CWG Choices, the Residence 9 (R9) windows were installed in the historic 18th-century building in the centre of Thame Town High Street.

The windows came in the popular 'Grained White'. They featured leaded glass to provide elements of 19th-century architectural design, replicating the style of the original structure. The windows offer modern functionality and energy efficiency, align-

ing with the preservation needs of the conservation area. Notably, R9 was the only timber alternative window that was approved during the planning process.

The windows meet building regulation standards with a U-value of 1.2W/m²K, offering A++ energy with double glazing as standard.

Enis Evlat, MD at Silent View Windows, says: "The R9 windows replicate the style of the windows from 1910. These windows not only add to the aesthetics but also bring durability and energy efficiency.

"Our team took great pride in joining this project to integrate each window. We're thrilled to have been part of this project



alongside The Residence Collection windows and fabricator CWG Choices." [i](#)

Locking The Stable Door

Universal Composite Doors is using Yale's Lockmaster 21 Stable Door lock due to its exceptional performance.

This marks a significant milestone in the five-year partnership between the two companies.

Dean Human, the technical manager at Universal Composite Doors (UCD) says: "Yale locks and cylinders have been integral to our operations since 2019. Their quality and the prestigious Yale name play a crucial role in our ability to offer market-leading security solutions that earn our customers' trust.

"The composite Lockmaster 21 Stable Door lock from Yale is brilliant. Its built-in shootbolts provide powerful reinforcement, making the doors much harder to force open, while its radius allows it to engage seamlessly with the door frame, maximising security. It's the best stable door lock we've ever seen."

Developed to meet the trend for

stable doors in more contemporary settings, the lock is a combination of Yale's Lockmaster 21 and Lockmaster KeyTurn multipoint door locks. Its security credentials are aided by the signature Lockmaster hook and anti-lift pin on both the top and bottom leaf, maintaining the hardware story across multiple door styles – and it features an easy-to-use push-in snib mechanism to prevent accidental lock-outs.

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lock is tested to 240 hours of corrosion resistance (Grade 4) and features a faceplate made of 430 stainless with Yale branding. [i](#)