

A tailored solution for flexible space



The Henry Ford Academy in Daventry specialises in qualified adult and Apprentice learning for Ford.

Working directly with contractor, Indec UK, Style was chosen to create flexible space in a building that was being converted from a warehouse into a prestige auditorium, meeting room and training facility.

In the main auditorium, the plan had originally been to install large swing doors. However, after evaluating the client's requirements, Style recommended fully automatic DORMA Moveo acoustic moveable partitioning walls.

At one end of the room the Moveo was made up of three panels, one of which incorporates a pass door. At the other, the same wall and finish but in a configuration occupying the corner. The arrangement enables vehicles to enter and exit the auditorium, and thanks to DORMA's unique ComfortDrive system the moveable walls provide excellent acoustic performance and ease of operation.

In the larger teaching areas and meeting rooms Style tailored a flexible arrangement which involved DORMA Variflex, a highly flexible partitioning wall with interchangeable panels and 60dB Rw acoustics. Where the structure wasn't suitable for supporting top hung systems Style provided floor supported SWG folding walls.

"A great deal of thought went into the overall solution for this impressive warehouse conversion," said Mike Fine, Style's director for the Midlands.

"We looked carefully at each room, and the variety of ways they were going to be used before determining which moveable wall solutions worked best.

"One of the advantages we have as the market leading operable walls specialist is being able to offer a wide portfolio of different partitioning systems from high end, fully automatic to manual folding walls, and by having such a broad portfolio meant we could perfectly design the right solution for Henry Ford."

