

Manchester Metropolitan University goes fully automatic



The Manchester Metropolitan University campus is based in the heart of the city, offering students the chance to learn and experience new things, broaden their outlook on life and boost their chances of pursuing their chosen career.

The computer laboratory sits next to a room used for filming and was originally separated by a semi-automatic moveable wall. However, being a busy University this resulted in vast numbers of different people opening and closing it causing them realise that a fully automatic option would offer much greater ease of operation, and less chance of operator damage.

Working directly with the University, Style suggested the fully automatic DORMA Moveo Glass ComfortDrive. As a double-glazed operable wall with fabulous 50dB acoustics, this offers openness and light thanks to the glass giving a feel of space, yet privacy for students to work undisturbed on either side, due to the acoustic integrity.

"Fully automatic moveable partitioning walls are growing fast in popularity," said Andy Gibson, Style's director for the North.

"It means with the push of a button you can open and close the wall with no manual handling or human intervention at all. As well as being far quicker and easier for the University staff to open and close, this minimises the chance of operator damage, and has health and safety advantages too."

Style is the exclusive UK partner to DORMA, and the Moveo Glass system installed at Manchester Metropolitan University came with standard anodised aluminium profiles, and automatic aluminium coloured blinds in each glass panel.

"The automatic blinds are a nice addition," said Andy, "as they offer that final element of privacy when required, and as this wall is in use everyday the automatic operation is so much easier now that its just a case of pressing a button."

