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DESIGN DETAILS

Style Partitions

A new pilot branch of Santander on Tottenham Court Road, London cleverly utilises a fully automatic, DORMA Varitrans glass moveable wall system from Style to create a safe and secure out-of-hours ATM lobby. This unique design significantly improves the functionality of the high street bank, increasing floor space during the day and welcoming customers inside to access the ATM, whilst at night they can enjoy the use of an attractive glass lobby to complete their banking transactions in safety. Style, the sole UK supplier of DORMA moveable wall systems, worked closely with the Santander design team to deliver a solution that offered the right functionality and security.

Incorporating the DORMA ComfortDrive system, the Santander moveable partition slides effortlessly into place at the press of a button for night-time set up. During branch opening hours, the glass panels neatly retract through a slim opening in the back wall to stack in a small recessed area out of sight. The floor-mounted guide rail is extremely shallow and compact, ensuring no trip hazard when the glass wall is retracted. Understandably security was an important consideration for the bank's design team. A high specification solution, the Varitrans system is constructed using anti-bandit, II.5mm laminated safety glass. The individual panels themselves feature interlocking profiles, effectively preventing a lever attack, or 'jemmying', whilst an electronic lock shoots out a bolt to secure the final panel in place. Ensuring staff and customer safety, an integral sensor activates the wall to stop and reverse if an obstruction is encountered.

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Leach Impact

Graphic display expert Leach has launched the Product Wall Lite, a new dual-format display that enables stores and brands to integrate hero merchandise, lighting and graphics into one magnetic display structure. The result is an atmospheric product 'exhibition' that captures customer attention with minimal use of premium floor space. Leach has also launched

new acrylic lightboxes – captivating graphic displays that don't just have a high-gloss effect with unparalleled photographic quality, but are also incredibly easy to wipe clean.

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British Gypsum

British Gypsum's Gyproc Habito wall solution helps create durable and robust commercial spaces, while improving design flexibility. With a reinforced core, Gyproc Habito is five times stronger than standard plasterboard, making it ideal for high traffic retail spaces. It is installed like standard plasterboard, but reduces the need for pre-planned, pre-installed pattressing, meaning interiors can be redesigned time and time again – perfect for showcasing seasonal promotions. Gyproc Habito can support I5kg of weight with a single no. 10 wood screw.

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