



## Senior gears up with Winkhaus aluPilot in a UK first

Senior Architectural Systems, the UK's largest privately owned aluminium fenestration solutions provider, has teamed up with leading global hardware manufacturer Winkhaus to bring the benefits of the aluPilot gearing system to the UK market.

As part of Senior's commitment to the continuous improvement of its aluminium fenestration systems, the company approached Winkhaus to develop a bespoke solution for use on its patented low U-value PURE<sup>®</sup> aluminium Tilt and Turn window and its popular SPW600 aluminium window.

Senior and Winkhaus, which has technical teams in both the UK and Germany, have collaborated closely to adapt the innovative aluPilot gearing system for use in the UK market, making Senior the first UK based fenestration supplier to offer this solution. Developed to help reduce fabrication time, the aluPilot system is easy to use with an innovative design that reduces fastening, tooling and handling requirements.

The two companies spent time together at Winkhaus' UKAS accredited laboratory in Kettering to ensure the new gearing system met all the necessary weather and security tests, with additional cycle testing completed at Winkhaus' state-of-the-art facility in Germany. Senior and Winkhaus continued to work closely to develop the necessary technical manuals and LogiKal integration ahead of launching the new system.

Commenting, Senior Architectural Systems' technical manager Andrew Phillips said: "We are always looking for ways to make our products work better for our fabricator customers and after evaluating our window gearing system, we saw an opportunity to work with Winkhaus to incorporate the efficient aluPilot system into two of our most popular window ranges. This new system, which we refer to as Slide Bar Sections, has strengthened our PURE<sup>®</sup> and SPW600 aluminium windows by helping to reduce fabrication time and streamline the installation process while offering the same high levels of thermal-efficiency, PAS 24 enhanced security and aesthetic appeal."

Mike Rushen, Winkhaus UK Sales Director added: “Working in partnership from the inception stage of a project allows us to create bespoke solutions specifically to our customers specification and needs. We take great pride from the fact that we were chosen by Seniors to partner with them on a project as innovative as this one. At our base in Kettering we continue to invest in our technical department expanding our Product Management team to complement our existing resource. We believe that innovation and project partnerships are fundamentally important to our business and will continue to be a major part of our ongoing strategy.”

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