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The future is...





## dp-group

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## dp-lamination

Decorative Panels Lamination is leading the way in the production of laminated products supplying the widest possible marketplaces in the UK and internationally.

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Decorative Panels Components is one of the largest trade converters of wood based panels in the world, supplying cut, edged, drilled and shaped components to manufacturers and retailers.

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Guy Metcalfe  
Group Managing Director

Steve Gaunt  
Group Chairman



# The future is maintaining a strong brand with a knowledgeable team supporting it

The Decorative Panels Group is proud to be Europe's leading supplier of decorative faced sheet materials, panel components and flat pack furniture.

As a family business steeped in heritage since 1907, the Group now combines three divisions, Decorative Panels Lamination, Decorative Panels Components and Decorative Panels Furniture. These vertically integrated companies supply the most prominent names in furniture retailing and manufacturing as well as many associated industries.

As a recognised and valued brand across many industries, the Group's success is based on our continual investment in infrastructure, technology and people. Our team have a reputation for delivering exceptional customer service supported by a wealth of knowledge and experience. We are very proud of the Group and we hope that you will find the following pages interesting and informative.

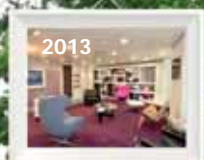
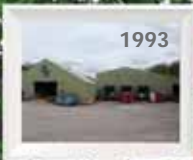
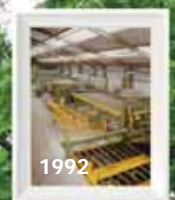
# The future is secure as we have built a foundation for growth

Our experience, market knowledge, careful planning and ongoing investment has produced a solid financial and ethical foundation from which to grow. As a family business our long-standing commitment to customer service has enabled us to develop into a business that always puts customers first.

## Key events in our history

- 1881** - Frank Gaunt Senior born.
- 1897** - Frank Gaunt Senior becomes apprentice joiner and cabinet maker to George Taylor.
- 1907** - George Taylor dies. The business becomes Haigh & Gaunt Joiners.
- 1909** - Haigh & Gaunt partnership dissolved. Frank Gaunt - joiners, undertakers and cabinet makers established in the village of Shelley, 6 miles south of Huddersfield.
- 1919** - The business moves to larger premises located at 150, Penistone Road, Shelley.
- 1937** - Frank Gaunt Junior joins his father in the business aged 16.
- 1945** - Trevor Metcalfe, aged 14, becomes apprentice joiner to Frank Gaunt Senior.
- 1946** - The business is renamed Frank Gaunt & Son.
- 1952** - A second premises is bought, Brook Street, Huddersfield, and is used solely to manufacture coffins under the trade name Huddersfield Funeral Supplies.
- 1956** - Huddersfield Funeral Supplies moves to larger premises, Viaduct Street, Huddersfield.
- 1962** - Land is acquired on Crosland Road, Huddersfield for future development.
- 1964** - New purpose built factory opens at Crosland Road, Huddersfield. Incorporation of Funeral Supplies (Huddersfield) Limited - with Trevor Metcalfe becoming a shareholding director. Investment made in a multi-daylight veneering press.
- 1967** - Stephen Gaunt joins the business.
- 1971** - Installation of the first synthetic veneer laminating line to press PVC foils.
- 1972** - Introduction of trade name, Decorative Panels, under which laminated board materials are supplied to the furniture and allied industries.
- 1973** - Lamination of the first heavy weight post impregnated paper foils by Decorative Panels.
- 1975** - Short cycle through feed press added to existing roller laminating line enabling Decorative Panels to pioneer the use of light weight paper foils in the UK.
- 1979** - Christopher Gaunt joins the business.
- 1982** - Guy Metcalfe joins the business.
- 1985** - First Hymmen hot roll laminating line installed giving huge increase in output and improvement of quality. The manufacture of component parts begins.
- 1986** - Frank Gaunt Junior retires from the business.
- 1989** - Changes are made in the Board of Directors: Trevor Metcalfe - Chairman  
Stephen Gaunt - Managing Director  
Christopher Gaunt - Financial Director  
Guy Metcalfe - Sales Director
- 1990** - Company name is changed to Decorative Panels Limited. Completion of additional factory buildings doubles space availability enabling significant growth.
- 1992** - First wide Hymmen hot roll laminating line installed to satisfy Decorative Panels growth.
- 1993** - Two further sites in Huddersfield acquired to facilitate expansion.
- 2000** - Christopher Gaunt retires from the business.
- 2001** - The Company is split into:  
Decorative Panels Holdings Ltd  
Decorative Panels Lamination Ltd  
Decorative Panels Components Ltd
- 2001** - Decorative Panels Lamination Ltd opens the site Lowfields I - installing a second wide Hymmen hot roll laminating line.
- 2002** - Phil Dalton joins the business.
- 2006** - New Head Office building opened.
- 2007** - Installation of sheet hollowcore board production line to produce dp-lite.
- 2009** - Decorative Panels Group acquires flat pack furniture business and rename it Decorative Panels Furniture Ltd.
- 2009** - Decorative Panels Lamination Ltd install a Hymmen high gloss lamination line.
- 2010** - Decorative Panels Furniture open the site Teesside II doubling available production.
- 2011** - Charlotte Metcalfe joins the business.
- 2012** - Decorative Panels Components open the site Lowfields II - a state of the art manufacturing facility.
- 2013** - Group Marketing Suite opened.









# The future is creating a worldwide appeal

We are already leading the way in Europe. Our goal is to be the leading supplier of decorative faced sheet materials, panel components, and flat pack furniture worldwide. Our products are already being used internationally for a diverse range of applications and we are looking to build on this success.

With a wealth of knowledge of international markets, customs, ethics and business methods we are able to supply our products across the world.

Our manufacturing facilities are ideally located close to major transport links such as ports, rail terminals and airports enabling us to respond and deliver our products effectively and efficiently on a global basis.





# The future is a Group offering

Vertical integration enables us to provide the most flexible and cost effective solutions to our customers. From the supply of laminated sheet materials to component panels and flat pack furniture we can ensure quality and service are never compromised.

Our Design and Development team oversee product and material developments from initial concept to final production. Utilising the vast array of products and manufacturing techniques available throughout the Group, we are able to engineer solutions that always meet customers' expectations.

Our integrated approach allows us to manage design, production and logistics at every point in the process. Our flexibility in all aspects of production and service means we are able to supply the most prominent names across many different market areas, from manufacturers to retailers.

We are committed to continually creating and discovering new products, methods, technologies and designs that coupled with our continual capital investment program enable us to supply our customers' innovative leading edge products.

We hold ISO 9001:2008 quality accreditation throughout the Group meaning our customers can be confident in our ability to deliver consistent levels of the best quality product possible.

Our Group is focused on delivering continual improvements that embrace the entire supply chain in order that we may push the boundaries of a dynamic market place.

## Each week...

dp-lamination has a productive capacity of over 300,000m<sup>2</sup> of the highest quality laminated products.

dp-components has the capacity to produce over 600,000 panels.

dp-furniture has the ability to pack 75,000 boxes of furniture.

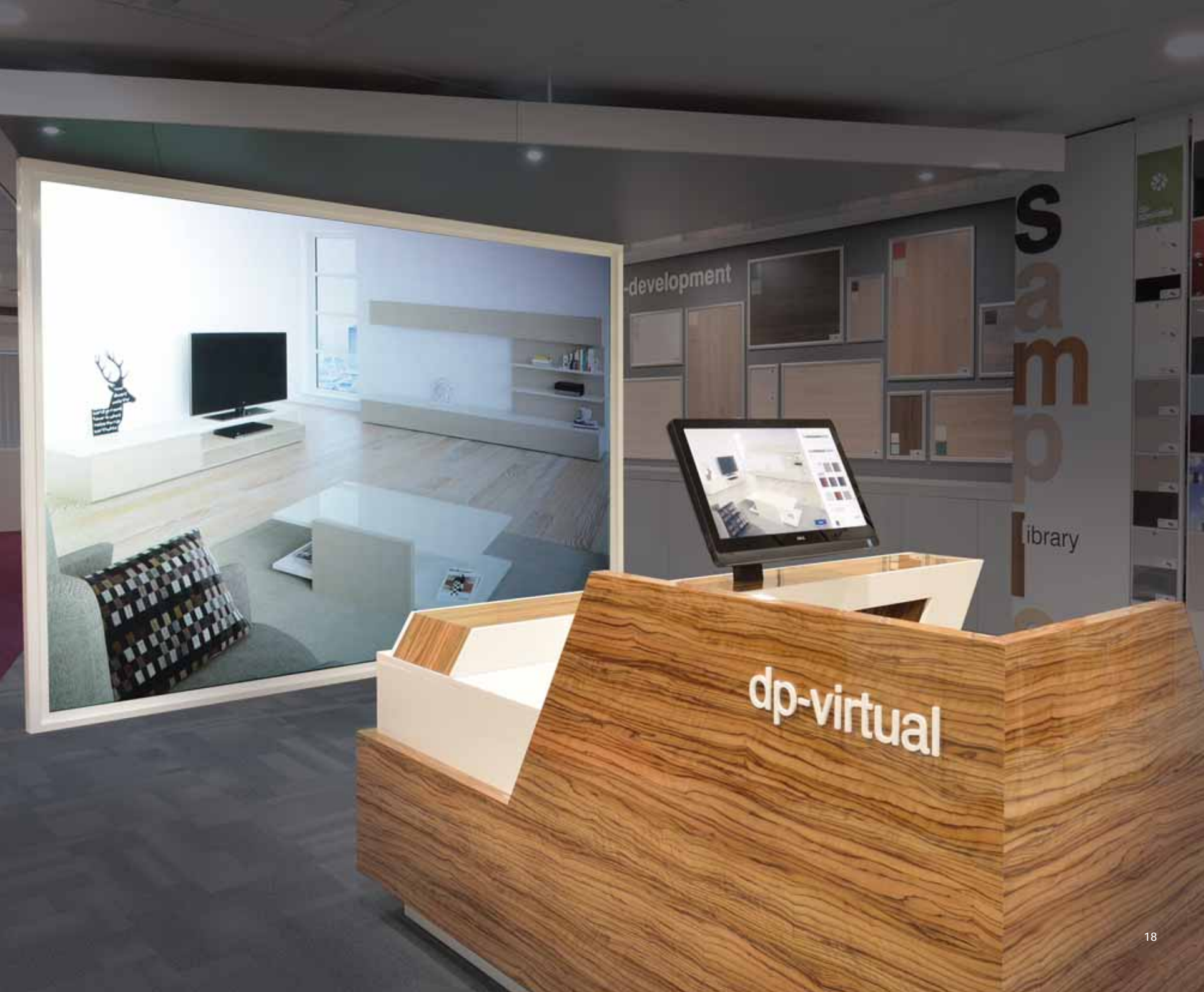
# The future is continuing to support customer success

We share in our customer's success, therefore it is essential that we continually innovate, seeking new manufacturing methods and materials that will enable our customers to lead within their own markets.

Working with leading designers, we look for trends in specific areas that are not only relevant today but also those that are on the horizon for tomorrow. We remain forward thinking in assessing how these may impact and shape the future, an essential part in ensuring that we are able to add value to our customers.

Using a wealth of technical expertise we are able to ensure that we turn concepts into reality by utilising the very latest technologies throughout our manufacturing process, thus allowing us to offer the most cost effective solutions to our customers.

We are committed to working in partnership with our customers at every level.





# The future is providing industry standards and more

Our commitment to quality and the environment is of paramount importance to the Group.

All our production systems from the outset incorporate environmental benefits such as recycling wood waste into particleboard or generating heat from biomass systems in our own factories. Metal and plastic banding is cut and recycled and even sawdust is used as a filtering medium or as biomass fuel.

Energy efficient lux and movement controlled lighting and dust extraction with intelligent damper controls contribute to energy preservation and are installed throughout the business.

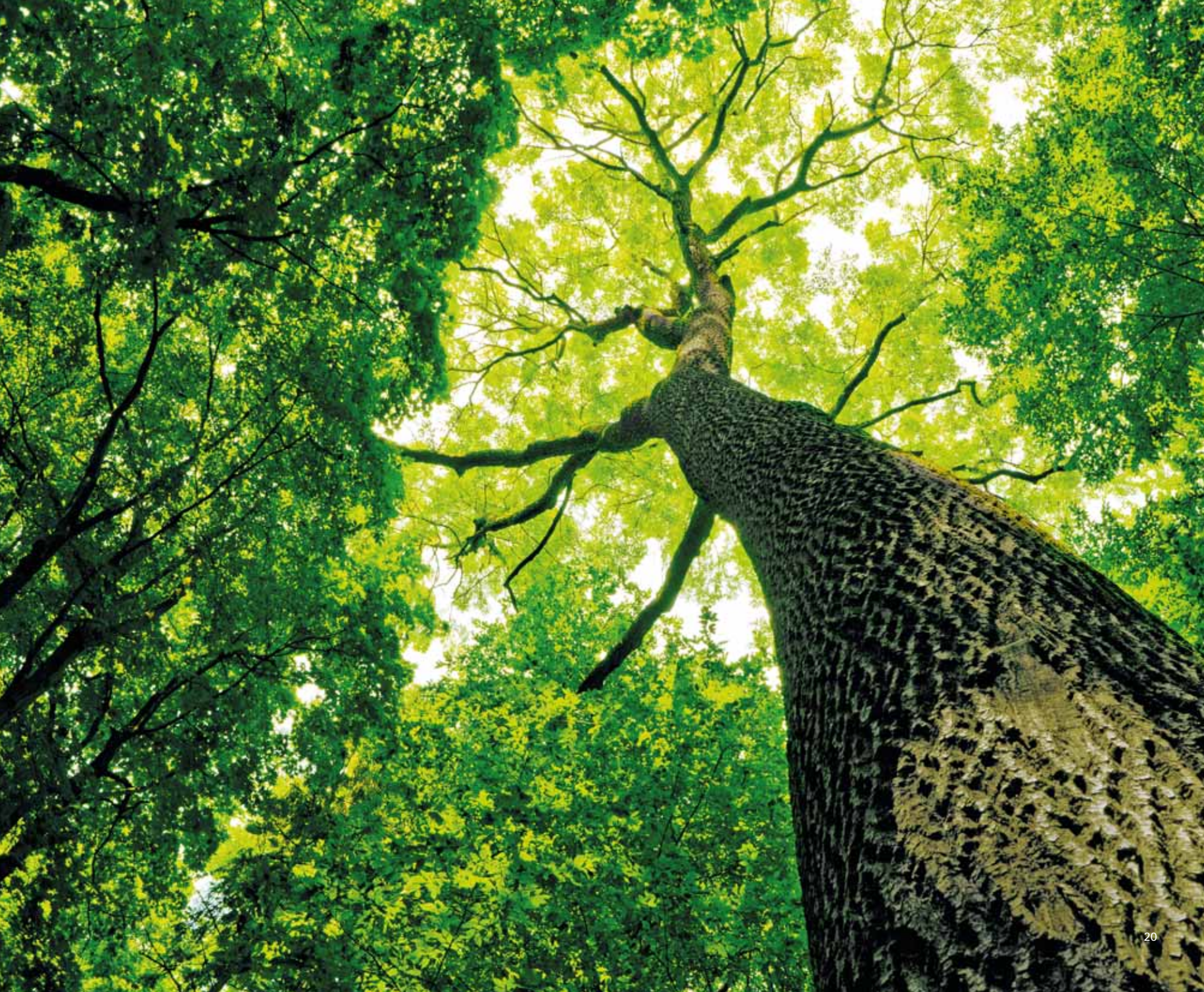
Our environmental initiatives form an integral part of the Group's production systems:

- FSC® License no: FSC C121845
- PEFC™ Certificate no: BMT-PEFC-1345
- Wood waste is burnt to heat factories
- Additional wood waste is recycled back into particleboard products
- Sawdust is reused as a filtering medium and biomass fuel
- Metal and plastic banding is cut and passed on for recycling
- Waste foil materials are baled and recycled
- Energy is conserved through lux and movement controlled lighting
- Extraction systems have intelligent dampers and inverter controls

Current certification to the latest ISO 9001:2008 standard demonstrates the ability of the Group to consistently provide products and services that meet the most stringent quality criteria.











# Introducing dp-lamination

 dp-lamination



State of the art equipment and continual investment ensures that Decorative Panels Lamination stays ahead of ever changing markets.

Operating from a manufacturing facility of some 14,000m<sup>2</sup> centrally located within the UK, dp-lamination is always pushing the boundaries of design and production. dp-lamination pioneered the use in the UK of lightweight paper foils as decorative overlays, replacing the need to use costly and scarce wood veneers.

Now as a global leader in foil and specialist lamination we are constantly looking to improve and develop the process by investing in the latest technology, machinery and design.

With production levels of over 300,000m<sup>2</sup> per week of a diverse range of board materials, large and varied stockholding of decors and substrates, coupled with industry beating lead times, dp-lamination can satisfy all the requirements our customers may have, helping us build long and mutually profitable relationships.



dp-lamination 300,000m<sup>2</sup> of the highest quality laminated products each week.

# The future is putting customers at the leading-edge of furniture design

Decorative Panels Lamination has the largest and most diverse portfolio of decor materials available in the UK with surface finishes ranging from woodgrain paper foil veneers through to high gloss and matt acrylics.

As well as drawing from our extensive range of stock finishes, design exclusivity is also available ensuring that dp-lamination can satisfy every customers' specification demands.

The scale of our range gives the opportunity for designers and specifiers to source all their needs from one supplier. From vertical and horizontal woodgrains, on trend unicolours, high gloss and matt acrylics, anti-microbial foils and 3D reality designs, every possible trend is catered for.

## dp-specialist

- Products including high gloss and matt acrylic Senoplast unicolour designs as well as Senoplast TopX high performance scratch resistant acrylic surfaces. Complementing the Senoplast offer are a huge selection of high gloss PVC unicolour, woodgrain and fantasy designs; high gloss and matt PP unicolours; acrylic lacquered high scratch resistant papers and also matt paint effect PVC designs.

## dp-decor

- Over 100 designs of paper foil surfaces including woodgrain and solid colour options with many available in ultra-high resistance surface finish and the very latest 3D woodgrain designs including the Colours and Reality Collections.

## dp-BioCote Quartz

- Offering exceptionally high abrasion resistance, far greater than that of a high pressure laminate, as well as market leading anti-microbial properties, dp-BioCote Quartz is available as a range of woodgrain and unicolour sheet materials suitable for any hygiene critical environment.

## dp-lite

- Unique to the UK, dp-lamination is able to offer the sheet production of a ground-breaking lightweight hollow core product - dp-lite. After many years of extensive research dp-lite is a product that not only offers manufacturers the benefits of weight-reduction whilst allowing for a 'chunky' look but also, by design, the product can be processed with traditional machinery in any factory environment. The very nature of its construction means that less wood based raw material is used which also offers obvious environmental advantages.



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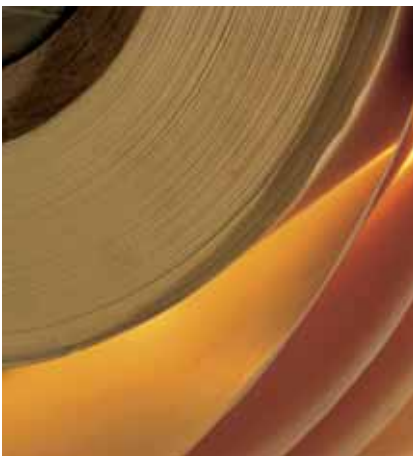














Since Decorative Panels Lamination first pioneered the use of paper foils, dramatic developments have been made that now see the company's products used in market places throughout the world.

Markets include:

- Bedroom furniture
- Kitchen furniture
- Lounge furniture
- Dining room furniture
- Bathroom furniture
- Caravan and leisure vehicles
- Marine markets
- Shopfitting
- Exhibition installations
- Architect specification
- Healthcare markets
- Educational furniture
- Contract furniture
- Portable and modular buildings
- Engineering applications

The future is  
responding to a  
changing world











# Introducing dp-components

 dp-components

**By investing in the latest manufacturing technology and machinery, Decorative Panels Components is now one of the largest trade converters of wood based panels in the world.**

With a production site of 17,000m<sup>2</sup> and the capacity to produce over 600,000 panels per week, dp-components can supply a diverse range of cut, edged, drilled and shaped panels for manufacturers and retailers.

Our design and production teams collaborate on every project to ensure that the most efficient manufacturing processes are used to achieve the highest quality solution in the most cost effective manner.

Working alongside sister company dp-lamination our dp-components business has the expertise to process dp-specialist and dp-lite hollowcore sheet materials as well as standard chipboard and MDF panels.

From the high volume production of kitchen and bedroom carcass and fascias, to the design, development and prototyping of projects, either as exclusive customer properties or as part of the company's own branded offering, dp-components offer the flexibility and experience you need to provide innovative and cost effective solutions.



**dp-components** the capacity to produce over 600,000 panels per week.

# The future is shaped to fit customer requirements

With customers in the UK, European and International markets, dp-components is ideally located to be your manufacturing and logistics partner.

We understand that as trends and designs progress, customers require a supplier who can adapt to meet those needs. The design and development team understand that products need to be efficient and utilise the latest technology to maximum effect. With the power of one of the most modern and productive manufacturing facilities in Europe, we are able to offer solutions to any processing enquiry.

Working closely with the sister companies within the Group as well as third party suppliers, ensures that the resources are available to help clients find the right finishes, substrates and fittings that will be required throughout any development project.

Product packaging is extremely flexible. With a new semi-automatic packing line capable of producing 3,500 fully glued boxes per shift, our customers have the choice of fully boxed products to their own specification or bulk palletised spiral wrapped component panels for onward assembly or packing.



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## hygiene-ius ideas for kitchen carcasses



- laminated in **dp-BioCote**  
*Quartz* Maple – CM67  
available from the  
dp-decor range
- edged in **BioCote** treated  
2mm ABS
- surface abrasion resistance  
greater than HPL
- gives up to a 99.9% germ  
free surface\*

\*Tested in accordance with ISO 22196:2011







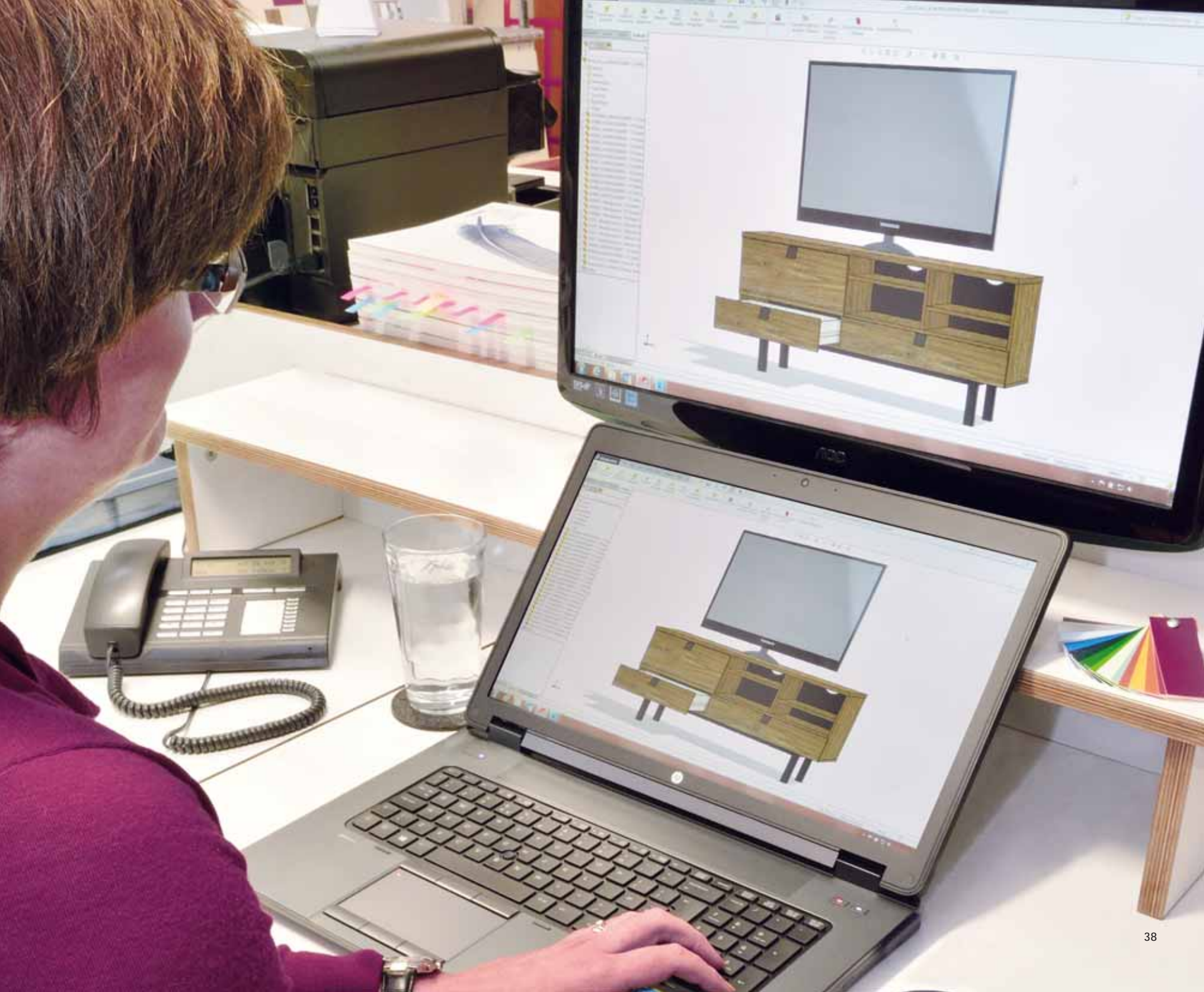


Our innovative design studio continue to investigate new ways to both develop and manufacture components in order to create cost-effective and easy-to-use products for our customers.

Our design team create technical drawings, 3D plans and prototypes to make ideas come to life. Whether it is a high volume kitchen or bedroom carcass, a fascia panel, or intricate branded projects, we can help develop products for both home and commercial environments.

Our team is here to support and advise on every project. It could be functional products aimed at a specific customer demographic or something that requires research and development to become the 'next big thing'. We will collaborate with customers and discuss the desired goals of each project. We have the flexibility and experience to provide innovative and intuitive design solutions for our customers and their customers

The future is continuing  
to design and develop  
new methods to service  
our customer markets













# Introducing dp-furniture

dp-furniture

Decorative Panels Furniture operates from a 25,000m<sup>2</sup> manufacturing and distribution site in the North of England. As specialists in the production of flat pack furniture, the company has a productive capacity of over 15,000 boxes per day, making dp-furniture the largest specialist flat pack producer in the UK and one of the largest in Europe.

Our commitment to producing the best quality furniture is supported by our continual investment policy in the latest most productive capital equipment, a philosophy we adopt throughout all Group companies. This is supported by a culture of Total Quality Management applied throughout the business, reviewing, improving and embracing processes in order to deliver complete customer satisfaction.

Any market that requires flat pack furniture will benefit from working with dp-furniture. Bedroom, living, home office, kitchen, and occasional furniture delivered anywhere in the world, we are experts in every field.



dp-furniture producing 75,000 of the highest quality flat pack boxes each week.



# The future is complete customer satisfaction in a box

Decorative Panels Furniture not only manufacture flat pack furniture, we also help design, develop and prototype the furniture to ensure that the products that get to market are going to be the most stylish and saleable.

With the extensive choice of board materials that are available within the Group, we offer a comprehensive range of designs and style of flat pack products. Using chipboard and MDF in classic and contemporary woodgrain, unicolour and fantasy designs coupled with high gloss, super matt and tactile surface finishes, the eclectic mix of designs are endless.

Incorporating the company's own brand dp-lite hollow core board, the "chunky" look can be achieved with ease and style, whilst ensuring it is light enough to handle in a self build scenario, giving customers that extra USP that is essential to success.



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# The future is styled around our customers

Our corporate customers and end users demand the latest trends with regards to style, finish and affordability. Flat pack furniture remains the most cost effective way to furnish a home. At dp-furniture we believe that affordability should not compromise quality and cutting edge design.

We constantly monitor trends and lifestyles so that all our products incorporate practical and functional solutions as well as beautiful form. Working side by side with our retail customers, we have created some of Europe's top selling flat pack products. By addressing processes together, taking on board feedback and adapting design and finishes, we ensure that complete customer satisfaction is achieved.









# Introducing the dp-marketing suite







Extending to some 850m<sup>2</sup>, our Group Marketing Suite is designed to not only showcase products from all of the Group companies but also to inspire creativity by inviting the audience to interact with the innovative use of technology and materials.

The ground floor of the dp-marketing suite offers experience zones to introduce the visitor to the multitude of products and technologies that the Group has to offer, as well as areas to relax and meet in environments specifically created to allow inspiration to be gained from wider design influences.

Visit the dp-heritage zone to see how the business has roots dating back to 1897, design your own furniture using the full range of surface finishes available from dp-lamination on our state of the art 3m x 2.5m screen in the dp-virtual zone, touch and feel the products in the mix & match zone, select your samples from the dp-library – there is so much to see and do that one visit alone will never be enough.

The entire built environment of the dp-marketing suite is manufactured from our own products, in essence the whole of the building is a showroom, but to see specific displays of products from each of the Group companies we need to visit the first floor.

Bedroom, lounge and kitchen displays showcasing the latest materials are complemented by dramatic displays of TopX Senoplast and dp-BioCote Quartz products as well as future possibilities displayed within the innovation zone. The whole floor is dedicated to forming an understanding of what can be possible with our materials and products.

The dp-marketing suite is a facility that inspires creativity and innovation immersing the visitor in dp-group products throughout the entire experience.

The future is  
utilising a  
space to think







Every individual within The Decorative Panels Group has a true passion for what we do. Our desire to maintain our position as market leaders drives us to be progressive in researching the latest productive technologies and materials. To remain competitive and attractive as a supplier, it is essential that pro-activity is the focus, driving us forward to continually improve every aspect of our business.

Our Research and Development programme has been set up to create ground breaking methods and products that offer customers both desirable and practical solutions to complex problems.

The continuous investment in innovation, technology and people have positioned us where we are today and going into the future we see no limits.

We believe anything is possible.

The future is **having**  
**passion to push**  
**boundaries**













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