

# Making Spaces Cohesive

As an important aspect of architecture and interiors of a space, hardware may not always be in focus, but it is what brings a space together – practically and aesthetically.

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**T**he architectural space has been evolving ever since the pandemic. As the prime focus today is on achieving an aesthetic look whilst using a minimalist approach, automation and smart homes are increasingly gaining prominence. With emerging technology like IoT, connectivity and accessibility have become feasible.

→ The partition systems by Ozone are in line with the latest architectural trends.

## NEW LAUNCHES

The market for architectural hardware is seeing a plethora of options across products. As a part of the 2023 range, Ozone Overseas has added 14 new innovative products to its extensive portfolio, like the New Outliner System for shower cubicles and glass doors, Soft-close Hydraulic Door Rail, and the KLite series partition systems. Hafele's MatrixBox Premium is a top-of-the-





◆ Kubik-Luxury Partitioning Systems by Ozone

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This product also comes with Soft-Close and Push-to-Open Soft-Close runner system functionalities in weight carrying capacities of 35 kg and 50 kg.

**NOVEL FACTOR**

Architectural hardware is becoming increasingly design-oriented. Any architectural hardware needs to provide the highest level of performance, security, and safety without compromising on the aesthetics. Zilio Artech has launched a new Sliding Folding series, a Slidofold/Stack series along with Glazo fold which makes a workplace to adapt to various scenarios. "Sliding walls, or sliding office partitions, offer many benefits for offices and commercial spaces both functionally and aesthetically. A cost effective and sophisticated solution, sliding office partitions can maximise your office space without compromising on style, quality, or square feet," says a spokesperson from Zilio Artech. Hafele has introduced the new Classic and Design 80 Telescopic Progressive Sliding Systems to its Slido range of sliding fittings for internal partitions and doors. These systems demonstrate the highest form of quality, as the components are completely fabricated in European manufacturing

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line German engineered drawer systems range equipped with cutting-edge technology that enhances movement and adds functionality as well as style to your cabinet. The product has three finishes, Metallic Anthracite, Metallic Silver and White that make the drawer systems stand out from the moment the front panel opens. This can be configured and custom made with the wide range of accessories that it comes with. You can also create flexible drawer heights with the round or rectangular galleries and height extension side panels that come in matching finishes as the standard drawers.

units and adhere to European standards. The Telescopic Progressive systems offer you seamless transitions between spaces. The doors in this system move in unison when one door is pushed or pulled, reducing the amount of force required to open or close the doors. A distinctly notable feature of the Telescopic Progressive systems is its bottom guide, which is designed to be hidden when the doors are stacked on one side, leaving the passage completely free. The ground shielded ball bearings inside the runners enable a smooth and silent operation. The rollers and carriages are made of extremely durable and impact resistant materials, thereby extending product life and preventing repetitive maintenance issues. The Classic 80 system enhances privacy and gives a clear distinction between different areas in your interiors while the Design 80 system gives way to open and bright spaces.

**MAKING THE DIFFERENCE**

Adhering to the consumers' needs and rising market trends, the new ranges perfectly blend automation, innovation, and development. Tested and verified on different parameters at the in-house NABL accreditation laboratory, these internationally certified products use cutting-edge technology and are available in different finishes too. Abhishek Aggarwal, President - Strategy, Ozone Overseas, says, "To ensure remote and seamless connectivity across, a range of security solutions such as cameras, video doorbells, new electronic safe models, and several fingerprint locks can now be linked through the OzoLife app and accessed at a click. Steadily working towards contributing to the Make in India movement, Ozone Overseas manufactures and provides consumers with products that are not only accessible but also aspirational, functional, and aesthetically designed."

**NOW TRENDING**

A greater emphasis is also being put on multifunctional spaces since houses in the city are no longer as spacious. Therefore, transformative, smart, and stylish products with their solutions are in demand. Customers today are more quality-conscious and prefer to go for complete solutions with one brand for convenience. Modern security solutions are driven by the customers' demand for hi-tech products and their willingness to invest and spend on technology. For 2023, multiple colours have also been introduced. Frame systems around glass are also a new trend. In fundamental systems like sliding, the simplicity of installation is an important factor to consider along with ease of operation, which is what you see in the SLIDO Range of Sliding Solutions by Hafele. The new SLIDO F-line42 wardrobe systems have vorfront sliding systems which provide double sided soft closing and opening feature. The two systems, SLIDO F-line42 50B (for wooden doors) and SLIDO F-line42 50C (for glass doors with aluminium frames) are manufactured and designed inhouse. Equipped with rollers at the top and bottom, they are sturdier than similar systems in the market. The anti-derailing clips ensure secure operations of doors that can weigh as much as 50 kg and can have a height of up to three meters. The soft opening and closing motions are achieved with the help of individual damper kits that make for smoother and silent



◆ A lean, sleek, and slim drawer system, the BLUM LEGRABOX drawer is kitchen furniture systematic that saves space and is engineered to mix style with utility.

◆ Equipped with the Smuso damper technology, Hafele's SLIDO F-line42 wardrobe systems are the finest examples of class and sophistication.

door operations. The design of the system is such that installation, access and maintenance thereafter of the bottom roller mechanism is simpler. Both the systems are compatible with Hafele's E-drive to enable automatic opening and closing.

**FUTURE PERFECT**

Sustainability is the key today and for organisations where exhibility is paramount, Zilio Artech offers an unprecedented level of control. "Zilio installs more quickly, easily and at a lower cost than drywall and other traditional movable wall systems. Reconfiguring a workspace with Evoke yields minimal waste and requires little construction, so it is well-suited for employers with an eye to sustainability," says a spokesperson from Zilio Artech. Post Covid, people seem to be willing to spend considerably more for their home interiors. What this means is that smart technology vendors are no longer need to sell or ask for bigger budgets for technology. Now, it is more about 'Value for Money' rather than 'Cost Reengineering'.