

PRESS RELEASE

Helsinki children's hospital controls privacy and light with Unicel specialty glazing

Vision Control® louvers-within-glass ensure adjustable privacy and optimal hygiene in HUS Lastenklänikka ICU

MONTREAL, Canada – June 7, 2011 — Unicel Architectural, the leading manufacturer of vision and daylight control solutions, announced today the completion of a project that incorporates its Vision Control® glass-encased louvers into the intensive care unit (ICU) of the HUS Lastenklänikka (children's hospital) in Helsinki, Finland.

The ICU is part of a new facility completed in 2010 that also encompasses a surgical and anesthesia ward and a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit. The HUS Lastenklänikka is considered the premier such facility in Finland.

As part of the project, Helsinki firm AW2 Architects sought an interior fenestration solution that would provide light throughout the ICU while allowing for adjustable privacy. The solution also had to meet with the unit's exceedingly stringent hygiene requirements. Unicel's Vision Control® solution was selected and installed for the ICU partition walls and offices, and the thinner version Vision Control® Mini was employed for the ICU sliding doors.

"The design requirements for the HUS Lastenklänikka ICU were very exacting in terms of quality, functionality and hygiene," said Kari Miettinen, Director of Sales for Vitrea Oy, glazing contractor for the project. "Unicel's Vision Control® presented the desired solution for the ICU facility to help ensure an optimal patient and recovery environment. We believe the HUS Lastenklänikka ICU sets a new standard of excellence for pediatric healthcare design."

"AW2 Architects and Vitrea Oy wanted to make sure that the ICU would rank this children's hospital among the best," said Jean-Francois Couturier, Unicel CEO. "Vision Control® was developed with healthcare facilities in mind. We have earned a reputation as a leader for healthcare architectural products specifically because we are proven to meet or exceed the highest standards of the industry. We are proud to have contributed to the HUS Lastenklänikka ICU project."

For additional information and photos of the HUS Lastenklänikka Vision Control® project, visit:
<http://unicelarchitectural.com/en/specialty-glazing-case-studies-Lastenklänikka.php>

About Vision Control®

Vision Control® is a patented, hermetically sealed glass unit combining louvers within glass that can be customized to virtually any shape for interior or exterior healthcare glazing applications. Its advanced louvered glazing technology eliminates strings, ensures alignment, requires no maintenance and provides the ideal privacy solution for ICUs, operating rooms, nurseries and more. Vision Control® is HIPAA-compliant and, when installed in exterior applications, significantly reduces energy consumption in support of LEED® requirements. Vision Control® is a winner of The Architects' Choice Award from The National Symposium on Healthcare Design.

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About Unicel Architectural

For over 45 years, Unicel Architectural has built a reputation for the most advanced aluminum and glass solutions. These solutions encompass louvered glazing, skylights and more, to enhance major global construction initiatives with utmost quality and reliability. With its proprietary technology, Unicel's Vision Control® delivers unprecedented comfort and control of vision, light, temperature and sound with a patented combination of louvers between glass that are hermetically sealed and cordless. Unicel's solutions are guaranteed for longevity, optimized for energy efficiency, and customizable to any design, environmental or cultural requirements. Unicel combines its market leading know-how with great design to ensure optimal aesthetics and sustainable performance. For more information visit: www.unicelarchitectural.com

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