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## **YKK AP makes 2009 a year for innovation**

**AUSTELL, Ga. (Feb. 17, 2009)** – YKK AP has launched five new products that promise more creative flexibility for architects, easier installation for glaziers and better performance for building owners.

The new products include a light shelf for natural lighting, high-performance sill flashing, an innovative window wall system with a slab edge cover, and two new types of doors.

“Architects are naturally inspired to seek new and innovative approaches to building design – both in appearance and functionality,” said Oliver Stepe, YKK AP America Senior Vice President. “We hope these products give architects more tools to realize that vision.”

For glaziers, the new products offer ease of installation, flexibility in glazing approaches, and the durability to keep their building owner clients satisfied for the long term.

The new products are:

**Luminance™ light shelf:** Luminance enhances interior daylight and integrates into YKK AP standard curtain wall and window wall products. The new product can be combined with YKK AP’s ThermaShade™ sunshades to give architects a complete sun control solution and opportunities for LEED certification credits. Highly reflective melamine surfaces of the modular light shelf panels yield a penetrating, diffuse light deeper into the interior. Modular components simplify installation and replacement. A 90-degree drop-down feature enables easy cleaning of the light shelf and glazing above it.

**YWW50T:** YWW50T is a window wall system, with an optional slab edge cover, for multi-story buildings. The slab edge cover creates the appearance of a top to bottom curtain wall exterior. It reduces building envelope cost, giving architects more freedom to design striking glass towers. It also makes life easier for glaziers, because it can be installed from the interior or exterior. Thermal performance is enhanced by YKK AP’s patented MegaTherm® thermal break technology.

**High-performance sill flashing:** YKK AP has enhanced its storefront line with high-performance sill flashing for easier installation and improved performance. By eliminating the need for blind seals, the enhancements save installation time and guard against water infiltration. Included on the most popular storefront products, the new sill flashing features a patent pending design, using a tab and screw splines, that provides a strong three-point attachment. In addition, the new silicone splice sleeve is easier to install and provides better protection against thermal movement than traditional splices.

**Monumental Doors:** [Model 40M](#) and [Model 50M](#) series doors are monumental swing doors suited for multiple building design uses. Durability and wear resistance make them ideal for use in high traffic areas. A reinforced tubular door provides flexibility in glazing options by enhancing structural integrity. The doors have a removable vertical mullion option for door pairs. Corners, which carry a limited lifetime warranty, are mechanically joined and welded. There are multiple hardware options for entrance and egress.

**[Model 25 FD doors:](#)** YKK AP's new flush panel door, Model 25 FD is built for strength. Marine-grade high compression honeycomb core material provides superior performance in compression strength. An aluminum skeleton provides the strength necessary to resist abuse and maintain integrity. The door is designed to handle a variety of locks to accommodate security needs.

### **About YKK AP America**

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures entrances, storefronts, curtain wall, window wall, sunshades, windows and sliding doors for office buildings, residential high-rises, schools, stadiums, shopping centers and institutional structures. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga. It is a subsidiary of YKK Corporation of America, whose parent company is global manufacturer YKK Corporation of Japan. For more information, visit [www.ykkap.com](http://www.ykkap.com).

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