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**YKK AP America Expands enerGfacade® Offerings to Meet Market Needs**

*Manufacturer intros new curtain wall system for inside glazing as well as additional ThermaShade® sunshade options*

**AUSTELL, Ga. (May 14, 2015)** – [YKK AP America, Inc.](#) broadens its popular [enerGfacade®](#) family of products with the introduction of the [YCW 750 XT IG](#) high-performance curtain wall system and new significant options within its [ThermaShade®](#) sun control products. The YCW 750 XT IG thermally-broken curtain wall and ThermaShade product enhancements were developed to meet specific evolving needs voiced by contractors and architects.

Engineered to meet and exceed the most stringent sustainable building codes and standards, the YCW 750 XT IG utilizes [MegaTherm®](#) thermal struts to deliver robust thermal performance. Utilizing 1 inch insulating glass units, the YCW 750 XT IG offers superior thermal performance and achieves an overall system U-factor as low as 0.30. The curtain wall system features an integral face cover, requiring less fabrication and field labor, thus reducing the overall cost. A dual finish option and two-sided structural silicone glazing option are standard features.

“The YCW 750 XT IG curtain wall offers architects a product that not only meets green performance requirements and standards, but also can be used in challenging applications,” said David Warden enerGfacade brand manager, YKK AP America. “Because it supports installing glass from the interior, the YCW 750 XT IG can be used on buildings where glazing from the outside is impractical or prohibitive, enabling high-performance curtain wall to be specified where it wasn’t practical in the past.”

YKK AP also made improvements to its award-winning ThermaShade sun control system. ThermaShade is engineered to improve occupant comfort and lower energy consumption by decreasing solar heat gain. The expanded options allow designers to maintain the functional benefit of the original ThermaShade system while offering a new design option.

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“Different projects require different aesthetics and we heard from the architectural community that an industrial appearance was an important aesthetic to include in our ThermaShade product line,” said Warden. “YKK AP’s original award-winning design completely encloses the anchor system, leaving a finished and bolt-free appearance. The new exposed anchors are finished to match the curtain wall and provide an industrial aesthetic – delivering a completely different look to the completed sunshade. Both anchor options feature a thermal barrier within the attachment anchor.”

ThermaShade sunshades integrate seamlessly with YKK AP’s most popular façade systems and are available in an entire range of standard and premium finishes. Architects also have the luxury of choosing from more than 100 standard design options, including 24, 30 and 36 inch outrigger projections, four outrigger designs, eight louvers, and five standard fascia. Architects may also work with YKK AP application engineers for customized solutions to achieve their design needs.

The new enerGfacade products are on display at the 2015 AIA National Convention in Atlanta, Ga., May 14-16 in booth #859. For more information, please visit [ykkap.com](http://ykkap.com).

#### **About YKK AP America**

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures entrances, storefronts, curtain walls, window walls, sunshades, windows and sliding doors for office buildings, residential high-rises, schools, stadiums, shopping centers and institutional structures. All building products are manufactured in Dublin, Ga. in ISO 14001 certified facilities that operate in a sustainable manner by reducing pollution and waste. The company is also recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for Exceptional Leadership in Industrial Energy Efficiency. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga. and 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) and follow YKK AP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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