



MULTIPANEL UPGRADES ITS WALL PANELS TO COMBAT SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGE

Grant Westfield, manufacturer of the UK's leading bathroom wall panel brand, Multipanel, has upgraded the material used in its best-selling panels to Medite Exterior Grade MDF.

Due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, Multipanel stopped the importation of all Russian goods. This meant the cessation of procurement of Russian sourced plywood, which, before the outbreak of war, accounted for around 85% of the global Birch plywood market. The removal of Russian Birch from the supply chain meant a sustainable alternative was required.

Medite Exterior is manufactured in the Republic of Ireland and sustainably sourced from forests which have FSC® and PEFC certification, ensuring that the materials used come from well-managed forests where there are systems in place designed to protect the natural environment. Exterior grade is also manufactured using an MDI resin which unlike the resin used in MR grade MDF and Plywood does not contain any added Formaldehyde.

The new core is designed to withstand extreme conditions and when installed is perfect for areas of frequent prolonged exposure to running or condensed water. It has been tested rigorously in house to ensure that the high quality level Multipanel customers are used to will be maintained.

John Mortimer, Sales Director, Multipanel, said:

“At Multipanel, we continually assess our supply chain to ensure we have a secure, sustainable supply of raw materials. It's no secret that managing supply and demand is a

delicate process—a tiny supply chain disruption can easily catalyse operational delays and lost sales, which is a nightmare for any business.

By making the switch to Medite we have increased the security and sustainability of our supply chain. The new core is produced in the Republic of Ireland from FSC®-certified forests which brings a large reduction in CO2 emissions compared to timbers imported from Scandinavia and beyond.

Our ability to adapt and innovate has helped us maintain an agile supply chain with a product that is more local to our manufacturing site, while upholding our high sustainability and quality standards.”

Multipanel is the UK’s leading bathroom wall panel, offering a sustainable and modern alternative to traditional bathroom tiling. With Multipanel sustainability complements performance through an easy-to-install, high quality, grout-free product that lasts for years.

Multipanel bathroom wall panels are available in a range of surface designs, including marble, granite, wood and tile effect.

To find out more about Multipanel’s sustainability commitments, head to:

<https://www.multipanel.co.uk/about-multipanel/responsibility/>

Note to editors

Manufactured in Edinburgh, [Multipanel](#) is the UK’s best-selling bathroom wall panel, and a sustainable and modern alternative to bathroom tiling.

The fast, grout-free installation of Multipanel wall panels makes them a modern alternative to tiles and a favourite with homeowners, bathroom installers, and specifiers in the housing sector.

Over 8,000 Multipanel wall panels are manufactured each week at the company’s factory in Edinburgh, which are distributed throughout the UK and Northern Europe through merchants, bathroom showrooms and leading online retailers.

Multipanel's new Tile Collection is the only tile-effect wall panel collection in the UK to hold both Made In Britain and Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® 128180) certification. Its [bathroom wall panels](#), which come with a 30-year warranty, have a unique tongue and groove installation system, [Hydrolock](#) which allows profile-free installation.

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