

Press Release

## Multi-Award Winning heroal VS Z Corner Solution

**Sun protection system for corner areas honoured with German Design Award 2025**

**Verl, Dezember 2024. With the heroal VS Z corner solution, the company heroal – Johann Henkenjohann GmbH & Co. KG is setting new standards for shading corner areas. The innovative sun protection system stands out for its functionality and excellent design: honoured with the R+T Innovation Award in 2024, the aluminium system provider now wins the renowned German Design Award 2025 in the category 'Excellent Product Design'.**

Anyone opting for large glass surfaces in corner areas attaches particular importance to a clear, elegant look, rooms flooded with light, and a high-quality appearance - and shading solutions shall not detract from the aesthetic effect.

The textile sun protection system heroal VS Z corner solution convinced the jury of the German Design Award with its successful combination of innovative shading and sophisticated design. 'The zip-guided sun protection system for all-glass corners impresses as an elegant solution for protection against solar radiation in challenging architectural settings. The independent control of the textile screens enables flexible adaptation to individual requirements and stands out for its clear functionality and aesthetic integration into modern buildings,' said the jury.

heroal is delighted to have received the Award once again. Alexander Schiller, Product Manager for heroal sun protection systems, explains: 'With the heroal VS Z corner solution, we have developed a system that captures the spirit of the times. It does not only make shading energy-efficient and sustainable, it can also be aesthetically integrated into modern building architectures. Flexible control, a wide range of design options and many well-thought-out design details that offer planners, fabricators and users the best functionality and convenience were particularly important to us.'

### **Sun protection system heroal VS Z corner solution**

The heroal VS Z corner solution consists of two textile screens with zip guides on the sides, and a patented stainless steel cable guide in the corner area, providing for effective sun protection at corners (e.g. all-glass corners). Particularly ingenious: The textiles are guided

with separate end strips, both of which run in just one cable guide. This means that the screens can be controlled independently of each other and adjusted to the position of the sun. Areas of up to 9 square metres per textile screen can be created. In addition to protection against glare, prying eyes and heat, the heroal VS Z corner solution offers protection against insects by adding insect screen doors or frames, which use spacer profiles and matching decorative caps. The heroal VS Z corner solution does not only stand out for its functional advantages: it also scores highly in terms of aesthetics. Around 250 standard textiles are available when selecting the textile screen - from semi-transparent for natural daylight inside the building, to opaque for almost complete blackout. When the textile screen is not in use, it disappears into the heroal surface-mounted box system (sizes 105 and 125 mm). The stainless steel cable guide ensures a unobtrusive connection of the textile screens in the corner area. The subtle design also shows in the textile guidance at the sides, using guide rails with a particularly small face width of only 25 mm. The guide rails and box system can be fully plastered in, if required. The coating of the extruded components with the highly weather-resistant heroal hwr powder coating creates additional freedom of design.

## **About German Design Award**

The German Design Award is the international premium award of the German Design Council. Since 2012, it has been awarded every year. In an extensive nomination process, expert committees of the German Design Council invite only those products and communication design services to take part in the competition that demonstrably stand out from the competition due to their design quality. The winners of the Award are selected by a jury consisting of design experts from business, education and science as well as the design industry.

## Pictures



[heroal VS Z Ecklösung]

The heroal VS Z corner solution provides for zip-guided sun protection for all-glass corners, with just a single cable guidance. © heroal



[heroal VS Z Ecklösung Objekt]

Function and aesthetics combined: The innovative design of the heroal VS Z corner solution, and the wide variety of additional design options, make it possible to create effective protection against glare, prying eyes and heat, matching the individual look of the building shell. © heroal



[heroal VS Z Ecklösung Edelstahl-Seilführung]

Patented solution: The patented end strip trims, one side of which is shaped as a hopper and the other as a pin, allow the heroal VS Z corner solution screens to be moved independently, without the end strips impeding each other. © heroal



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The heroal VS Z corner solution has been honoured with the German Design Award in the category 'Excellent Product Design'.

## **heroal – the aluminium systems supplier**

As a manufacturer of aluminium system solutions for roller shutters, sun protection, roller doors, windows, doors, sliding doors, curtain walls and patio roofs, heroal is one of the international market leaders. Founded in 1874, the family company employs around 900 people at its headquarters in Verl, Germany, and locations in France, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic, and is involved in the construction of sustainable buildings in residential and commercial construction projects worldwide. heroal focuses on innovative and high-quality systems for fabricators, architects, planners, investors and building owners. heroal products are characterised by first-class quality, industry-leading customisation options and consulting and services in every phase of the building lifecycle. heroal systems are developed and manufactured in Germany.

More information is available at [www.heroal.com](http://www.heroal.com).

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