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Arqadia Announces Acquisition of Conservation By Design

Arqadia, the UK's leading supplier of mouldings and mountboard to the art and framing market has today announced the acquisition of conservation storage, equipment and display specialists, Conservation By Design Limited.

Part of the Larson Juhl group, Arqadia offers an extensive range of mouldings, frames and mountboards and continuously strives to set new industry standards. Its dominant market position has been achieved through continued commitment to exceptional design, competitive pricing and a professional, friendly service.

Conservation By Design offers a comprehensive range of high quality conservation storage and display products, including acid free boxes, specialist papers and museum boards, to museums, libraries and archives worldwide. The company also offers a growing range of specialist equipment and display furniture, including the Planorama™ aluminium storage drawer system and are one of the leading suppliers of Museum Showcases. Recent museum showcase projects include the Magna Carter display at The British Library in London and the FA Cup Trophy at the National Football Museum in Preston.

The two companies will continue to be run as independent businesses, but both will be headed by Arqadia's Managing Director, Mike Brown. Stuart Welch, who founded Conservation By Design in 1992, will remain at the company as Development Director.

Stuart Welch, said: "This is a very exciting time for Conservation By Design. Arqadia's support, investment and resources will enable us to take the company from strength to strength and explore some exciting new opportunities over the coming years.

Customers will continue to receive the same high quality, personal service for which we are known but with the added benefits a company like Arqadia can offer."

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Mike Brown added: “We are delighted to announce the acquisition of Conservation By Design. The company’s commitment to innovation and customer service is very much in keeping with Arqadia’s core values and the two businesses will work closely together to benefit from each other’s unique strengths.”

For further information on the two companies, visit www.arqadia.co.uk or www.conservation-by-design.co.uk.

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