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HOWICK TAKES BUILDING TO A NEW LEVEL WITH U.S. PARTNER

On October 2016, **Autodesk** launched their new **BUILD Space facility in Boston, MA**. The building space they occupy is contained within the renovation of the Innovation and Design Building on Dry Dock Ave, Boston, for research into technologies that are changing the building industry. Under one roof they offer an industrial digital fabrication workshop, start-up incubator and innovation studio.

At the beginning of April, Howick installed and commissioned a new FRAMA 3200 smart technology roll-forming framing machine in the BUILD Space. We then spent a week working with Autodesk to provide training on our technology.

Autodesk's focus will be using BIM data that can help automate the construction process. We are excited that our technology will be in the lifecycle chain of the R&D efforts. This autumn, Autodesk will conduct a pilot using our technology along with other technologies and software to build out the 17,000 sf second phase of the BUILD Space.

We look forward to working with Autodesk as they move forward with their R&D efforts. If you are interested in visiting the facility to gain more knowledge on Howick machines, see a

demonstration and get a better outlook on Autodesk's efforts with their cutting edge new facility, please get in contact with us. Call +64 9 534 5569 Ext 222 or email deon@howickltd.com



TRAIN TO WORK SMARTER

At Howick, we always recommend that our customers invest in training when they purchase a steel framing machine. No matter how long you have been working in the sector, it always pays to have expert help and support on hand when you buy new equipment. We experienced this first-hand with the acquisition of two new CNC machines. Find out some of the benefits of [on-site training](#) here.



CASE STUDIES

HOWICK PLAYS A PART IN INNOVATIVE UK BUILDING INITIATIVE

Based in the UK, **EOS Facades** (part of the Etex Building Performance Group) is a leading innovator in light gauge steel construction. The company specializes in the design, manufacture and supply of a wide range of bespoke steel solutions for the Steel Framing Systems (SFS) and Offsite markets.

Howick has been working with EOS Facades since 2005, when they were known as MMP. EOS used Howick's FRAMA machine on a recent project for Osco Homes, which has been shortlisted for the 'Best Use Of Steel' category in the year's Offsite Awards.. The work involved producing floor and roof cassettes to create deep sections, achieving 5m spans.

Take a look at the [case study](#) produced by the company to see how Howick is helping to change the construction industry in Britain.



OFFSITE FABRICATION OFFERS MULTIPLE EFFICIENCIES

Another UK Howick client, [Elements Europe](#) is putting the finishing touches to brand new student accommodation in Plymouth's city centre. The build is being undertaken by sister company [Pickstock Construction](#).

Elements Europe manufactured, delivered and installed 349 [room modules](#) and 60 [bathroom pods](#). Room modules were installed into block A, a 13 storey building and bathroom pods into block B, a 10 storey high building.

The company has carefully selected specific modules to be manufactured as split modules and it has developed its room module system to incorporate a corridor rather than corridor cassettes being manufactured separately.

Block B will be built traditionally as a concrete frame by Pickstock Construction, Elements Europe will manufacture and install 60 bathroom pods to add to this block.

The accommodation - called Crescent Point - is set to open in time for the September 2017 intake of students, with Mears Group being the student operators. Take a look at what the buildings have to offer, including a [**virtual tour of a module**](#).

If you would like more information on the equipment needed for modular and pod construction, the call Nick Coubray on +64 9 534 5569 or email [**nick@howickltd.com**](mailto:nick@howickltd.com)



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