

Successfully seated

UK public seating specialist OMK Design has been awarded the contract for Hong Kong's prestigious Lantau Airport Railink. This state-of-the-art express links Hong Kong to the new Chek Lap Kok Airport on Lantau Island. The product specified is OMK's award-winning TRAX seating system, originally designed and developed for British Rail's InterCity stations. The seat has been installed in over 60 international airports worldwide. Recently completed projects include Manila, Aswan and Azerbaijan.

Two versions are being used by LAR to meet the brief of high performance combined with 21st century aesthetics. The concourse seats are fully upholstered and customised with the LAR logo embossed into vinyl coverings, while the platform seats are non-upholstered, incorporating strengthened aluminium panels



that are resistant to climatic conditions and vandalism. Both versions are mounted on triangulated beams, supported by polished granite blocks to coordinate with other station finishes.

OMK is a design-led company that has developed a number of seating systems with major customers. Most notable are its Transit seats,

developed for BAA's North Terminal at London Gatwick Airport, and subsequently installed in the Hong Kong and Macau ferry terminals. The futuristic Seville bench, designed for the UK Pavilion at Expo '92, has received a Millennium Product Award from the UK Design Council.

All these products are the work of OMK's managing director and chief designer, Rodney Kinsman, and are constantly evolving to answer the changing needs of the marketplace. Flexibility in use and easy, low-cost maintenance are essential in environments where 24-hour use of the facilities makes removal of the seating from service extremely disruptive. The company's products are easily maintained, are performance tested by the Furniture Industry Research Association, and carry a 10-year guarantee against structural failure.

The company is not exclusively involved in the design and manufacture of seating, but also designs ancillary products; it has recently won the tender to supply specialised waste bins throughout Chek Lap Kok Airport. It had to design a bin system that is sympathetic with CLK's advanced architecture, while answering the demand for recyclable separated waste. The system incorporates colour-coded bins with embossed international pictograms, to service both smoking and non-smoking areas and categorise recyclable waste such as cans and paper.

OMK's products are handled exclusively in the USA through Gullans International Inc, which has been successful in supplying more than 25 airports in the USA, including Atlanta, Cleveland and JFK. Gullans is exhibiting on stand number 1017D at Passenger Terminal Expo '99.

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