

Ricoh Arena Health & Fitness Club



The high quality of the 'Aquarius' range of personal lockers from specialist manufacturer Link Lockers is clearly in evidence at one of the most recent prestigious fitness installations. The company has completed the fitting out of male and female changing areas at the Arena Health and Fitness Club – part of the Ricoh Arena complex, the home of Coventry City Football Club.

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Newly opened to the public, the changing facilities are the centre point of a superb gymnasium and workout facility. Specified to accommodate 3,000 members – and with 1,000 already signed up in just the first few weeks since opening – the club provides some 110 stations, offering the best available cardio-vascular and strength development equipment, alongside a dedicated youth gym for 8 to 16 year olds, and two dance studios.

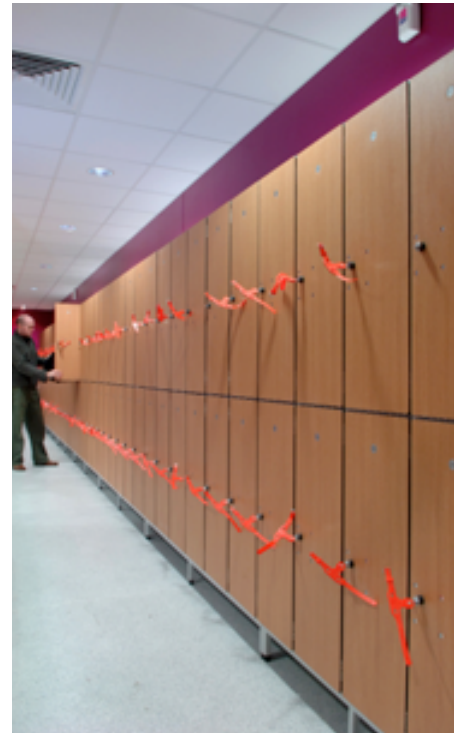
“It was important that such a high quality facility was reflected throughout the complex which prompted the decision to specify Link Lockers’ Aquarius range,” comments the fitness club Project Manager, Jeremy Thornton-Clarke. “Importantly, the entire Link Lockers installation was completed in just four days to meet an extremely tight build programme and was specified to complement cubicles and other fittings within each changing area.” This latter point prompted specification of Trespa laminate wood grain doors installed onto the aluminium support frame of the Aquarius range.



Both male and female changing rooms offer 120 compartments installed in a two-tier configuration with each compartment containing a hanging rail and two coat hooks.

Operation is via a £1 coin return locking system that provides the user with a wrist-band for the duration of their stay at the facility. Furthermore, with keys being lost or sometimes retained by individual users, the locking mechanism on each locker compartment is designed to permit simple replacement of the lock cylinder, ensuring the changing facility is available for 100% use at all times.

“Day to day management of an installation of this size must be easy and it is vital that the infrastructure assists in this,” comments Joeri Decae, Director of Sales at Link Lockers. “We therefore recommended the lockers installation be complemented by Link Lockers’ ‘A’ range benches which feature tubular, powder-coated construction. As with the Aquarius design, these are ideal for wet area application and are also easy to clean around.”



Operated by Coventry Sports Trust on behalf of the ‘principal’ key holder, Coventry City Council, the new facility is set to become a major feature in the northern area of the city. Adjacent to the 32,000 seat football stadium is a hotel with 70 rooms which, having unenvied views of the playing area, double as executive boxes on match days. With an exhibition centre and casino also on site, every element of the Ricoh Arena complex is

seen as high quality and extremely prestigious. The decision to specify Link Lockers’ products with the capability, design and support available from the UK’s leading manufacturer in the field, clearly reflects both on the quality of the products themselves and also of the commitment of the Arena Health and Fitness Club to offering a top quality facility.



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