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Fabricator-Architect 1:1

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SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE ACTION

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KEY IDEAS

Environmental requirements
in today's market

Domestic manufacturing +
longevity of glass v. resins

Challenge of recycling



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DESIGN, AESTHETICS & BUILDING CHARACTER

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KEY IDEAS

Architect and designer using a fabricator to extend the creative reach of their project

A fabricator's capacity can expand as per project requirements



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HEALTH CARE APPLICATIONS & DAYLIGHTING

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KEY IDEAS

Glass:

Allows light deeper into the space while providing visual and acoustic privacy

Is easily cleanable by all standard protocols in high touch areas

Is non-porous, resistant to harboring HAI-causing pathogens

Is impact-resistant, meeting ANSI z97.1 guidelines for high-traffic environments



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BIRD SAFETY & RESPONSIBLE DESIGN

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KEY IDEAS

Bird safe should 100% be an industry priority

Benefits of etching on surface one of glass

Custom pattern options



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KEY IDEAS

Specify techniques per application

i.e. Restricting etching and film in healthcare environments due to porosity of the process



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MAKING THE COLLABORATION WORK

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KEY IDEAS

Communicate early, kick offs
solve all kinds of issues

Open dialogue with architect,
designer, contractor, and
fabricators to make sure
everyone is on the same page



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