



# case study

## FORMICA AR PLUS® HIGH GLOSS LAMINATE MAKES A SPLASH



Nestled in 65 acres of gardens and parkland on the banks of the tranquil Helford River in Cornwall is 'The Luxury Hotel On The River', Budock Vean. An integral part of the country house hotel and experience are the outstanding leisure facilities including a spectacular indoor pool and spa area.

The indoor swimming pool complex is part of the Natural Health Spa facilities and is housed in a striking building, with large glazed windows and wooden ceiling structure. The palette of materials also includes natural stone and features a large log fire in one corner. To complement the colours and finishes, Antique White Formica AR plus® high gloss plain colour laminate was specified for a double height bank of lockers situated in the exclusive pool area.

The installation was carried out by The Simply Group, a business specialising in manufacturing, supplying and distributing lockers, canteen seating and many more items for leisure facilities.

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Client	Budock Vean
Location	Cornwall
Designer	The Simply Group





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The company was involved in designing and supplying the lockers for the project, working with Eloise Morgan, the manager of the hotel's Spa. Formica AR plus laminate was chosen for the locker doors and decorative facings of the lockers.

Looking for an alternative to a traditional metal locker, Formica AR plus laminate was the perfect choice to complement the contrasting backdrop of natural stone walls and to provide an accent feature with striking textural contrast. The soft cream Formica laminate creates a warmer feel to a conventional metal locker but retains similar robust qualities in this environment.

Eloise Morgan said: "I wanted a gloss finish and a material that could withstand the humidity. I contacted the Simply Group and together we looked at material and colour samples, and were able to match the colour of the Formica laminate to the cream tiles that were in situ."

The Simply Group specified Formica laminate due to its experience and success of using the product for other high-end hotels and business projects.

Mark Simpkin, managing director at The Simply Group, comments:

"In Budock Vean's case a high gloss finish was recommended and selected for the locker doors to complement the luxury environment detailing throughout the hotel swimming pool area and changing rooms.

"We've found that Formica laminates always perform well and look fantastic. The AR plus® high gloss finish on the panels are perfect for wet area locker doors, and reflect the natural light beautifully in this particular environment. Completed in September 2008, The Budock Vean project has received excellent feedback from visitors and guests of the hotel."

Thicker than standard laminate, 1.2mm AR plus laminate helps to create a smoother gloss finish, once bonded to a substrate. Formica AR plus high gloss laminate offers twice the performance of traditional gloss and is highly resistant to scuffs and mar abrasions.

Offering highly decorative, dependable and low maintenance surfaces, Formica® products offer the right mix of materials for a diverse range of environments. The company also offers a full specification and fabrication advisory service, alongside a next day fast sample delivery service.

