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KAS BANK Opts for the Security of SYSTIMAX® Structured Connectivity Solutions

Leading Dutch bank expands with PowerSUM and OptiSPEED® infrastructure

KAS BANK serves clients ranging from institutional investors, banks, brokers and investment banks to private individuals. To provide all these groups with fast, high-quality services in the securities and derivatives sectors, the bank relies on state-of-the-art technology including SYSTIMAX® Structured Connectivity Solutions (SCS).



The bank, one of the oldest and most respected in the Netherlands, has offices in Amsterdam and London employing 750 people. In a recent expansion phase that added 300 jobs in Amsterdam, the bank again chose SYSTIMAX® Solutions to provide the required network infrastructure.

The expansion centers around two classified historic buildings 600 meters apart. The first was renovated and extended in 2001 and the second, will be completed later this year. Both facilities will have flexible internal arrangements making use of the SYSTIMAX SCS ability to accommodate moves and changes.

SYSTIMAX BusinessPartner, Getronics, is carrying out the planning and installation work for the project. Getronics was chosen because it had already worked with KAS BANK for a number of years and was a trusted supplier.

"Structured cabling is a crucial component of the network and only the best is good enough. So a clear choice was made for Getronics as the installation partner and the SYSTIMAX Structured Connectivity Solution," says Peter Jong, Director of Telecommunications at KAS BANK. "Both SYSTIMAX Solutions™ and Getronics are proven, serious players in the market - and they still have the flexibility necessary to adapt adequately to the customer's needs."

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"SYSTIMAX SCS end-to-end guarantee was a deciding factor in our decision, " he added.

"The certificate for registered installations gives a unique 20-year guarantee that covers not only the system components of the cabling system, but also the proper functioning of many protocols and applications. That gives us great peace of mind."

For network backbones in the two six-floor buildings, KAS BANK selected the multimode SYSTIMAX OptiSPEED Solution. This connects central computer rooms with communications closets on each of the buildings' floors. The closets, containing SYSTIMAX 110, 1100 series and RJ45 patching hardware, connect with groups of four outlets at each workstation via SYSTIMAX PowerSUM cabling.

Getronics installed a total of 2,690 outlets in the two buildings. It also connected two buildings via a pair of 96 fiber SYSTIMAX OptiSPEED links. This arrangement is unique in central Amsterdam and makes considerable cost saving compared with using leased lines.

Commenting on the complete installation, Frits Kuus, Sales Director, SYSTIMAX Solutions, The Netherlands, said: "An end-to-end SYSTIMAX Structured Connectivity Solution can very significantly decrease network downtime and the costs involved. What's more, the combination of the OptiSPEED and PowerSUM Solutions provides all the performance the bank will need to meet its needs for many years to come."

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