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The Guild of Architectural Ironmongers (GAI) is a not-for-profit professional and trade association which supports, assures and represents architectural ironmongers, wholesalers and manufacturers around the world.

Formed in 1961, the GAI is internationally recognised and respected as the authority on architectural hardware, building its reputation on three key pillars: education; technical support; and community.

Advance your organisation

By joining the GAI, your organisation joins a growing network of companies taking advantage of a wide range of benefits, gaining technical knowledge, discounted learning opportunities and enhanced profile and status.

In becoming a GAI member, your organisation agrees to share our values and commit to the GAI's Code of Professional Conduct, demonstrating an active pledge to raise the standards of the industry.

Today more than 300 companies across 27 countries are members of the GAI and more than 2,500 people hold the globally recognised GAI Diploma.

Join today and take your company to the next level.

Company membership

GAI members enjoy a wide and fast-growing package of business and individual benefits designed to boost business and professional performance, provide important resources, and build a strong community in our sector.

ENHANCE YOUR BUSINESS


- Gain instant recognition and credibility for your company, demonstrating your commitment to the industry.
- Your company details listed on the GAI website with authorised use of GAI member company logos.
- Educate your staff through the internationally renowned and respected GAI education programme, receiving considerable member discounts.
- Access to bespoke in-house training services to develop employees.
- Find ideal candidates for your job vacancies with advertising on the GAI website, at reduced members rates.
- Targeted promotional opportunities, including discounted advertising and editorial priority in Architectural Ironmongery Journal (AIJ).

EXPAND YOUR RESOURCES

- Be the first to hear new developments on standards, regulatory developments and industry news with regular email bulletins.
- Enjoy access to over 70 pieces of technical guidance on the members area of the GAI website.
- Use of statutory documentation support, including easy-to-use DoP and BIM templates.
- Business support for HR, legal and tax advice.
- RIBA approved CPDs available exclusively
- Free copy of quarterly Architectural Ironmongery Journal (AIJ).
- Utilise the GAI helpline for free technical advice.

BECOME PART OF A WIDER COMMUNITY

- Invitations to a host of local, national and international events providing outstanding networking opportunities.
- Contribute the views of your company regarding issues affecting the industry and representation in the standard-making process (BSI and CEN).
- Affiliated membership of the Construction Products Association (CPA) with access to regular economic, technical and sustainability publications.
- Benefit from marketing campaigns raising awareness of the GAI and the importance of architectural ironmongery to the built environment.



“The GAI’s commitment to technical and professional excellence helps set the tone for our industry. The three-year education programme, supported by the expert technical function, makes these commitments real. This is why, ever since the founding of the GAI, their programmes remain central to the development of our own staff and therefore our business. It’s about being the best we can be, for ourselves and the industry we serve.”

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Membership options

GAI membership is open to any company complying with the GAI code of conduct and criteria of the relevant member type. Various types of GAI membership are available as follows:



Full membership is available for distributors of architectural ironmongery and manufacturers producing architectural ironmongery (who have a clearly defined distribution policy) in support of AI's.

To qualify for Full membership, the company must employ at least one person holding the GAI Diploma qualification.



Associate membership is available for companies and organisations that operate outside of the architectural ironmongery industry, who conduct business in a manner compatible with the interests and standing of the GAI and its members.

Associate members must be able to provide a product or service to the industry and GAI members without conflict of interest.

To find out more about membership options
visit www.gai.org.uk/membership



Affiliate membership is ideal for businesses that want to expand their industry knowledge and build skills and qualifications.

It is designed as an introduction to Full membership for companies which do not yet have a qualified GAI diploma holder within their organisation.

The Affiliate member term is fixed at five years, after which the company will need to either employ a GAI diploma holder or have a colleague complete our education programme, in order to upgrade to Full membership of the Guild.



Enterprise membership is available for new companies with less than 12 months trading history, who are not yet at the size or scale of a Full member.

This temporary membership category allows a company to become fully involved in the GAI and benefit from a whole range of services at a very early stage in its development.

An Enterprise member must be actively engaged with the GAI's education programme and once awarded, membership has a 24 month period to run, after which the company must apply to become a Full member.

“The GAI is the leading organisation in architectural ironmongery in the UK and Europe. We are members to ensure that we remain up-to-date with industry information before our competitors.”

PAUL CLIFFORD, Commercial Director
Croft Architectural Hardware Ltd

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