



Project	Barfoot & Thompson – Auction Rooms & Head Office
Award rating	N/A
Location	Shortland St, Auckland
Architect/Designer	Gaze Commercial
Head contractor	Hawkins Constructions
Product	Dual motorised roller blinds
System	Easy-Link™, Duo roller blind system, Somfy automation integrated and controlled by BMS system
Fabric	SP View® Mist & Simply Block® Sand

The challenge

Auction rooms present AV challenges when they are bounded by wide, long, low level windows. The challenge is doubled when the auction room becomes an atrium space with a set of large high level windows. In these spaces, acoustic issues also surface. On top of that, the need for a slick transition from general public congregation to Auction 'On' when the lights are dimmed, was briefed for this project.

The SP solution

Dual sets of interlinked blinds integrated into and controlled by an advanced BMS system ticked all the boxes here. The sunscreen set, allowing enough light into the room at an acceptable level of eye comfort, would typically be down as potential buyers entered and mingled in anticipation of the auction. The flick of a switch by the auctioneer then lowers the lights along with the sets of blackout blinds, and a screen drops illuminated with the sales Lot in the spotlight. Very Slick. Very impressive.