



IDOM Group Headquarters
BILBAO, Spain.

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The IDOM Group The Company

IDOM was born in 1957 as a result of the significant efforts and the integrated working methods of the engineer Rafael Escolá (*Barcelona 1919 - Bilbao 1995*).

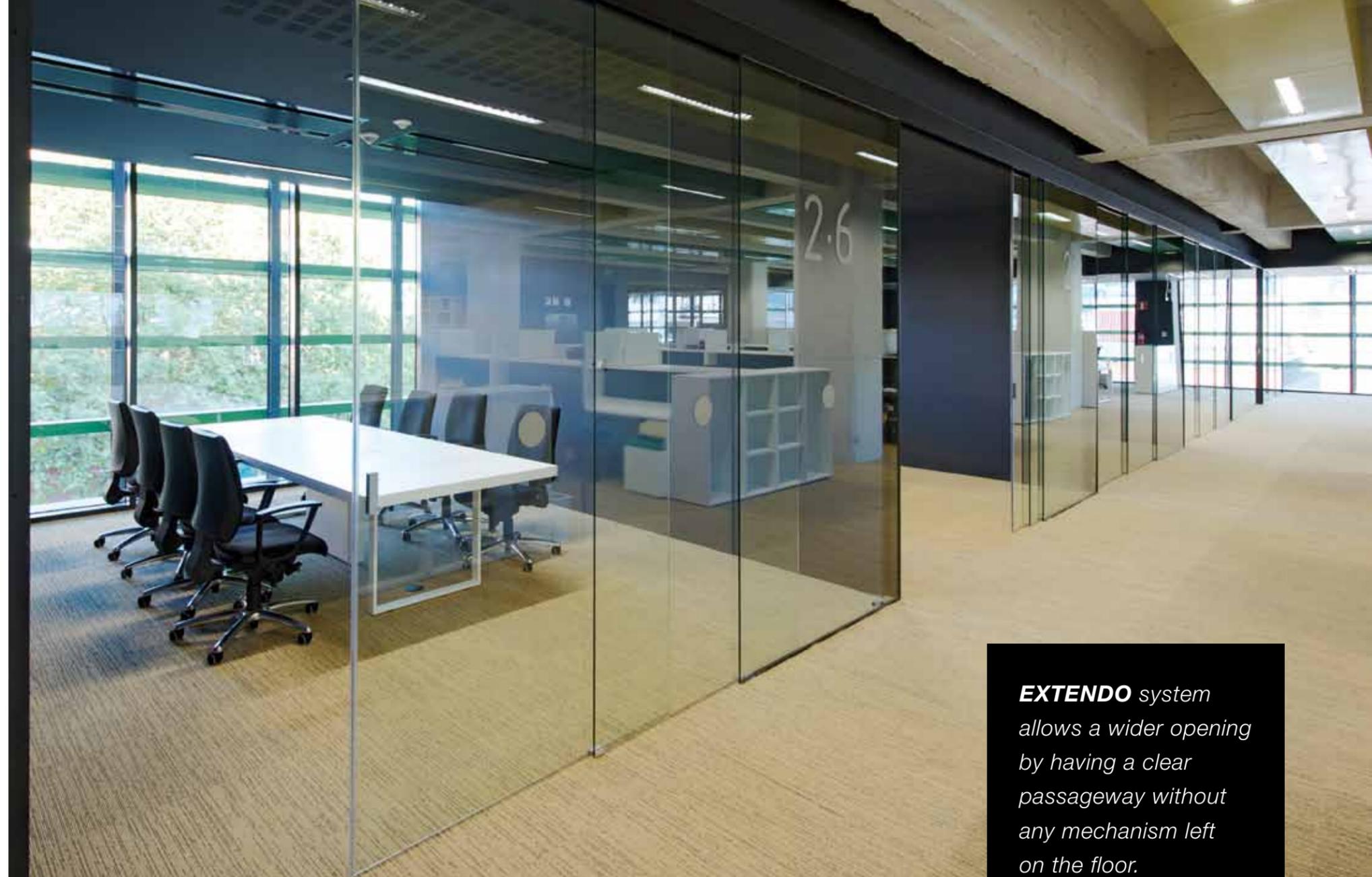
With the support of the young engineer Luis Olaortúa (*1932-2003*), Rafael Escolá turned Idom into a professional organization where people are driven by a spirit of cooperation, working together and sharing the company's values, willing to achieve a human and professional development as well as the best customer service.

At the time when engineers were mostly working as employees for big industrial companies, Rafael and Luis were real pioneers in offering independent engineering professional services.

The changing market and the changing customer's needs led Idom to be constantly growing both in terms of services and people and to become a leader and a multidisciplinary group where more than 2,500 people are working, located in 32 offices spread through fourteen countries and four continents.

New IDOM Group Headquarters in Bilbao, Spain The Project

The new IDOM Group headquarters are located in a former bonded warehouse (*a port bonded warehouse*) in the Deusto channel of the Bilbao's port. They include an area of over 40,000 square feet dedicated to offices, R&D areas like a laboratory, prototyping workshops and social areas. One of the most important goals of the project was to achieve a wide and an open-plan working space, with a great intra and inter departmental visual communication and without barriers between the different levels of duties and appointments within the IDOM company. In the centre of each floor there is a hall which may be used to create an area for secretaries in some instances or also may be used as an area to make phone calls without disturbing the other colleagues.



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An Innovative Meeting Place Implementation

In the widest working spaces, very few offices were planned to be built though it was planned to have many meeting rooms or team working areas. In order to avoid psychological barriers between the offices, the rooms and the open space, IDOM did not want to have a traditional front office glass door including a fixed glass and a swing door, but wanted instead a sliding door to remove those psychological barriers. The Klein telescopic and synchronized system,

EXTENDO, was the best one to integrate the different spaces and to reach the set goal.

Compared to other existing sliding doors systems available on the market, the EXTENDO system allows a wider opening by having a clear passageway without any mechanism left on the floor.

In order to keep the integrated concept and depending on the building needs, in some offices, either recessed tracks or exposed tracks were used with a special black anodized aluminum finish matching the dark ceiling. The 2-doors system allows to open all the panels with only the first one sliding along a fixed glass panel already inserted in the same track as the moving panels.



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