

## **MARLITE AND NUDO PRODUCTS EXPAND WALL PANEL OFFERINGS FOR HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY**

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (August 1, 2016) – Leading wall and ceiling panel manufacturers, Nudo Products (headquartered in Springfield, IL) and its sister company, Marlite, Inc. (headquartered in Dover, OH), have introduced the ultimate in wall protection systems to combat damaged and unsafe surfaces in today's healthcare spaces. Allure and Induro FRP decorative wall panels are the simplest, most affordable way of applying laminate to walls. With virtually zero replacement/repair costs, the life cycle expenditures of Allure and Induro FRP are a fraction of the cost of painted drywall and flat rigid plastic panels.

**Nudo Allure** is a decorative wall panel with a recycled composite core sandwiched between two aluminum sheets and topped with a layer of high-pressure laminate or prefinished veneer face. The well-balanced panel is moisture-proof and offers outstanding impact, scratch and stain resistant properties that outperform painted drywall and rigid plastic panels.

**Marlite's Induro FRP** decorative wall panel is an exceptionally wear resistant panel created through an exclusive process where impregnated surfacing materials are thermally bonded directly to a fiberglass core. Induro FRP is superior to painted drywall and rigid plastic panels in impact, scratch and stain resistance.

To create a complete wall protection system, both Allure and Induro FRP wall panels are supplemented with complementary designer trims, hand rails, corner guards and wall guards that provide added durability and enhanced convenience. The hand rails, corner guards, and wall guards are offered in both PVC and non-PVC material.

Few walls are subjected to more potential abuse than vertical surfaces in healthcare. Carts, beds and mobile medical equipment are just a few of the potential wall hazards creating problems for hospitals, senior living facilities and clinics. Painted drywall and rigid plastic panels simply fail to withstand the constant barrage of damaging impact, scratches and stains common in semi-critical and critical care spaces. Damaged walls are not only unsightly, but they also increase the risk of Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) and cost thousands of dollars to repair/replace and repaint.

The development of the Induro FRP and Allure wall protection systems is a true testament to both Nudo and Marlite's commitment to providing wall and ceiling products that deliver on performance and aesthetics for the healthcare industry. To learn more, please visit [www.marlite.com](http://www.marlite.com) and [www.nudo.com](http://www.nudo.com)

### **About Nudo Products, Inc.**

Nudo was founded in 1954, with headquarters in Springfield, IL, and was acquired in 2015 by Grupo Verzatec, an international company with headquarters in Monterrey, Mexico. Grupo Verzatec is one of the largest suppliers of laminated wall and ceiling panels for the commercial construction market, including both interior and exterior architectural panels. Nudo's building products sector consists of ceiling, wall, floor and exterior architectural panels. Their focus on responsiveness and consistency has earned Nudo a leadership position in producing panel products with a variety of substrates, such as plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), gypsum, composites and finishes, such as aluminum, high-pressure laminate (HPL), Fiberglass (FRP) and high-density polyethylene (HDPE). Over the years, Nudo has grown to become one of the largest laminators in the United States. For more information on Nudo's products, please visit [www.nudo.com](http://www.nudo.com)

### **About Marlite Inc.**

Marlite is a provider of innovative interior panel solutions for commercial markets. Founded in 1932, the company is headquartered in Dover, Ohio and maintains showrooms and service centers in Arlington, Texas and Santa Fe Springs, California. Along with its sister company Nudo Products, Marlite was acquired in 2015 by Grupo Verzatec (headquartered in Monterrey, Mexico), one of the largest suppliers of laminated wall and ceiling panels for the

commercial construction market, including both interior and exterior architectural panels. Marlite is a provider of innovative interior panel solutions for commercial markets. Marlite's strategically located manufacturing centers and national network of distributors ensure the most cost effective solution with unmatched service, reliability and on time delivery. With a wide range of decorative options and durability levels, as well as economic value and ease of installation, Marlite is one of the most specified brands for interior spaces. For more information, visit [www.marlite.com](http://www.marlite.com)

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