## PRODUCT focus

# Smarter Storage & Greater Freedom

## panel storage solutions from Jacks

For many New Zealand joiners, managing large volumes of panel material has become a daily challenge—both in terms of space and labour. Enter Barbaric, a world leader in panel storage and handling systems, and a solution proudly offered in New Zealand by Jacks.

Manufactured in Austria, Barbaric's panel storage systems are built to bring efficiency, accuracy, and intelligence to your factory floor. These systems automatically store and retrieve sheets, feeding them directly to processing machines—significantly reducing material handling time and operator workload. But the real strength of Barbaric lies not just in its smarts - it's in its flexibility.

#### Machine-independence

Unlike many storage systems that are built to work exclusively with a single brand of machinery, Barbaric takes a different approach. It's designed from the ground up to work with any brand of CNC or beamsaw. That means manufacturers can upgrade their machinery without being locked into one supplier, preserving their freedom of choice.

Even better, Barbaric systems can also be connected to your existing machines. You don't need to overhaul your production line to benefit from automation - Barbaric integrates with what you already have, making it a highly accessible upgrade for joiners wanting to boost efficiency without starting from scratch.

"That open compatibility is one of the biggest advantages Barbaric offers our customers," says Dylan Staples, Sales Manager at Jacks. "You're not committing to one machine brand for the next 10 or 15 years. With Barbaric, the storage system is the smart hub and you can change the machinery around it as your business evolves."

For businesses looking to futureproof their investment, that flexibility is key. Barbaric also scales well - from smaller entrylevel systems to fully automated warehouses - so companies can start small and grow over time.

### Reducing waste and boosting efficiency

Barbaric systems do more than just move sheets. They manage offcuts, optimise sheet usage, and significantly reduce the risk of damage to material. With automated storage, panels are handled gently, tracked digitally, and retrieved efficiently minimising waste and maximising output.

"When labour is expensive and material costs are high, you want to make the most of every sheet," says Dylan. "Barbaric helps achieve that while also making the factory floor a safer, less physically demanding place to work."

The future is smart and affordable While many see automated storage and handling as the exclusive domain of high-end European machines, Jacks is working to break that assumption. Jacks is currently working on integrating KDT machinery - known for its exceptional value with Barbaric systems. It's an exciting development, combining the smarts and efficiency of Barbaric with the economy and performance of KDT.

"It's still early days, but we're already seeing strong interest from forward-thinking manufacturers looking to bring automation into their workshops without the usual high price tag associated with the traditional European machinery manufacturers," Dylan says.



To learn more about Barbaric panel storage solutions from Jacks, visit www.jacks.co.nz or call 0800 522 577 to get in touch with your local Jacks Technical Sales Consultant.