

## SOMFY-AUTOMATED HELIOSCREEN VARIOSCREENS

CONTROL THE SUN WITH THE CONVENIENCE OF SOMFY AUTOMATION AND THE STYLE OF HELIOSCREEN SUNSHADES



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“Style”, “luxury” and “elegance” are just three of the words that are regularly used to describe the Star of the Sea apartment complex, which is located on the Haven Headland at Terrigal Beach on the New South Wales Central Coast.

The Star of the Sea complex, built by Multiplex and designed by Thrum Architects, comprises four separate buildings. The apartments are spacious and exquisitely detailed, and offer panoramic ocean views. The view of a classic Australian sandy beach extends all the way to the Norah Head Lighthouse, 20 km away.

Star of the Sea’s innovative design incorporates automated sun protection on its balconies. 55 Helioscreen Varioscreens, fully automated by Somfy, have been installed throughout the complex, providing sun protection, style and a sense of individuality to the relaxed environment. The Varioscreens add a perfect extension to the apartments’ outdoor settings. Expert advice was provided by Viva Sunscreens, who also installed the Helioscreen Varioscreens.

In seeking to enhance the outdoor-oriented seaside lifestyle, the architects chose Somfy-automated Helioscreen Varioscreens as they offer a structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing alternative to traditional awnings.

The design and operation of automated Varioscreens allows natural light through to the inside living areas but eliminates the associated glare and “hothouse effect”. Furthermore, it achieves this without compromising the views of the occupants. Thanks to the fully automated Somfy system, the Varioscreens can be programmed to extend or retract according to particular sun or wind conditions. However, occupants also have the capacity to control the position of the Varioscreens via remote control.

Somfy’s automation systems are discreet in appearance and whisper-quiet in operation. The tubular motor, placed inside the tube on which the fabric is rolled, is fully concealed. Somfy motors incorporate world-leading radio technology that minimizes wiring requirements while ensuring that the fabric is always tensioned when open and correctly rolled when closed.

Helioscreen Australia provides a three-year warranty for all the hardware and fabric in their Varioscreens, and Somfy provides a five-year warranty for all motors and automation components. For further information, call Somfy on 02 9638 0744 or Helioscreen on 02 8426 1300, or visit their websites ([www.somfy.com.au](http://www.somfy.com.au) and [www.helioscreen.com.au](http://www.helioscreen.com.au)).

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