



# ENHANCED VRF SYSTEM

## VRF + ZEPHIR<sup>3</sup> UNIFIED CONTROL

# Enhanced VRF System – Introduction

The heart of the System is the thermodynamic heat recovery technology for centralized **primary air** applications as an alternative to traditional direct expansion air handling units.

Main **advantages** of Zephir<sup>3</sup> in combination with VRF:

- **Simple**: primary air by a single **stand-alone** system
- **Quick**: no need of **pipng connections** on field
- **Slim**: unit **compactness** and possible **indoor installation**
- **Flexible**: Possible both as **centralized** and **local** solution
- **Savings**: High **efficiency** thermodynamic heat recovery technology
- **Effective**: Precise **regulation** of **supply** air conditions
- **Differentiating**: Maximum **quality** of **air** supplied



# Enhanced VRF System – Comfort application

## Needs:

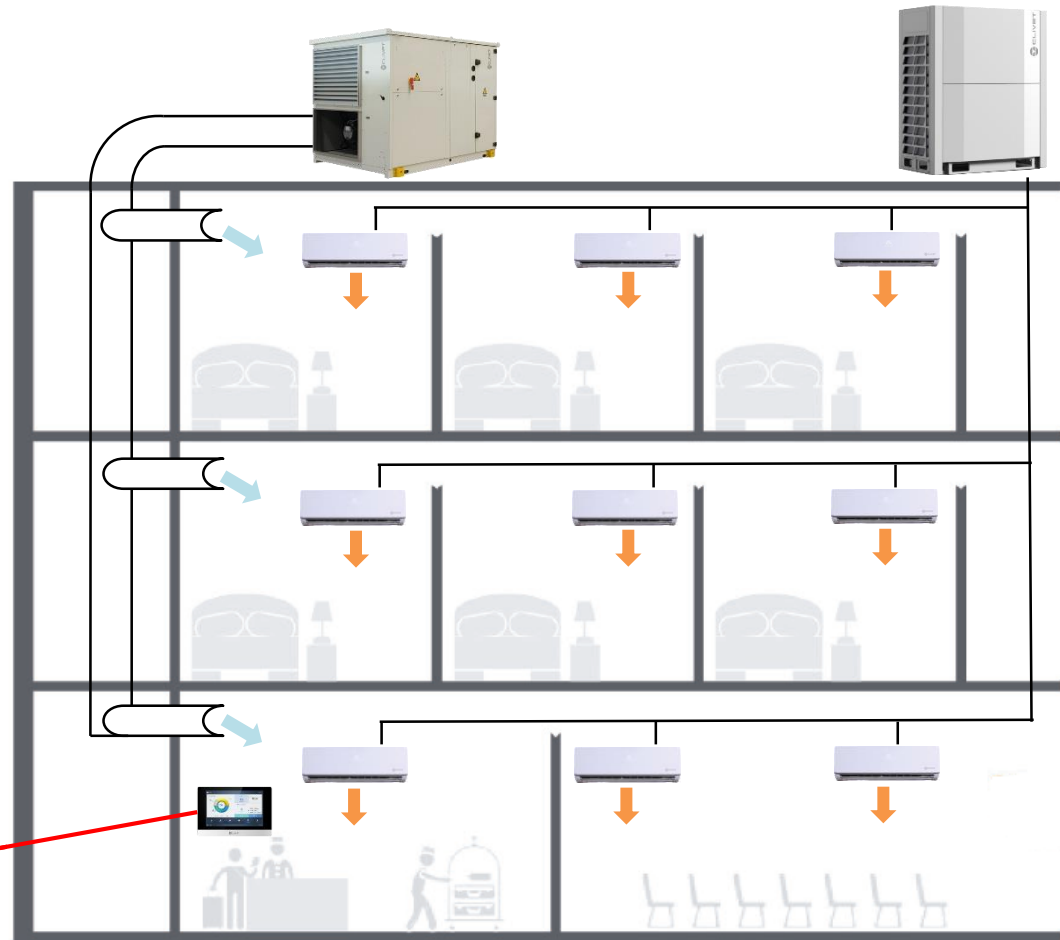
- Air conditioning
- Primary air



# Enhanced VRF System – Comfort application

## Solution:

- Air conditioning → VRF
- Primary air → Zephyr<sup>3</sup>



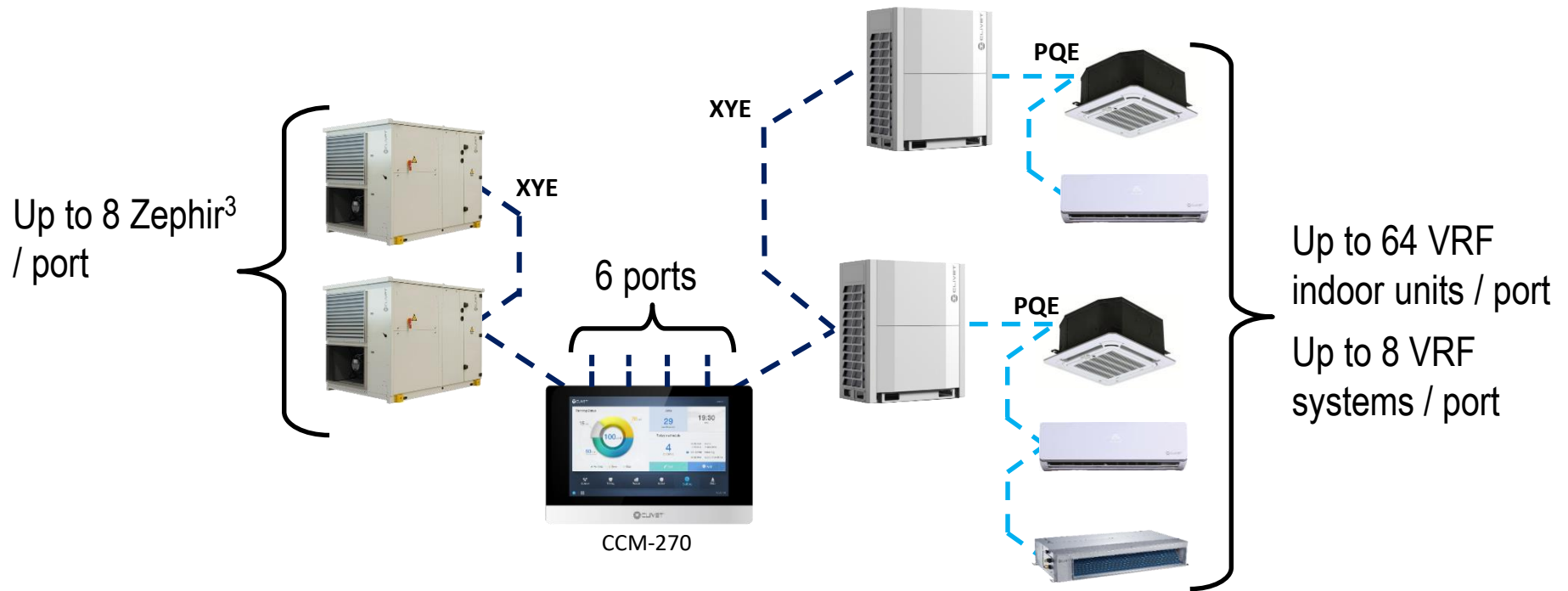
Unified system control

# Enhanced VRF System – Components

- Control → **Touchscreen 10" centralized controller CCM-270**
- Air conditioning → **VRF system**
- Primary air → **Zephyr<sup>3</sup> + «VRF gateway» option**



# Enhanced VRF System – Units controllable



One CCM-270 can manage:

- VRF → Max 64 IDU or 8 systems per port / Max 384 IDU or 48 systems per CCM-270
- Zephir<sup>3</sup> → Max 8 Zephir<sup>3</sup> per port / Max 48 Zephir<sup>3</sup> per CCM-270

# Enhanced VRF System – Functions

Zephir<sup>3</sup> functions available on CCM-270:

- **ON/OFF**
- Change  $\pm 4^{\circ}\text{C}$  on supply air temperature target
- **Hour and weekly schedule**
- Set **auto/fan mode**
- **Alarm** monitoring

Other parameters of Zephir<sup>3</sup> can be set by display on unit

In addition to VRF management with all functions available by CCM-270: indoor units commands, weekly schedule, lock of remote controls functions, errors and parameters monitoring, etc.



# Enhanced VRF System – Functions

The screenshot displays a control interface for an 8-unit VRF system. The interface includes a sidebar with 'Group', 'Sys.', and 'Map' options, and a main area showing unit status cards. The units are arranged in two rows of six. The second unit in the second row, 'idu-1-0-01', is highlighted with a red box and labeled as Zephir3. A red arrow points from this unit to a larger, detailed view of the same unit on the right. The detailed view shows the unit is in 'Fan' mode with a target temperature of 'TO 25.5°C'. The interface also shows a 'Control' title, '8 units' status, and a '4:17 AM' timestamp.

Control

8 units

Group Sys. Map

Ungrouped

OFF °C RT 31°C idu-0-0-00

Heat 28°C RT 26°C idu-0-0-01

OFF °C RT 24°C idu-0-0-02

OFF °C RT 40°C idu-0-0-03

OFF °C RT 26°C idu-0-0-04

OFF °C RT 24°C idu-0-0-05

OFF °C RT 31°C idu-0-0-06

Fan °C TO 25.5°C idu-1-0-01

Display of Zephir<sup>3</sup>  
among other VRF units

°C TO 25.5°C idu-1-0-01

4:17 AM



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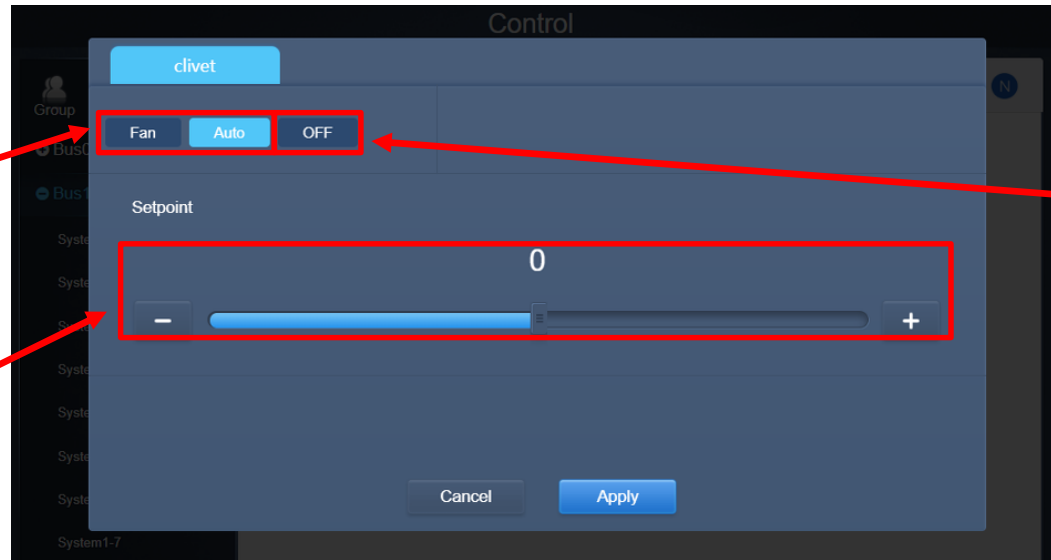
Set auto/fan mode

Change  $\pm 4^{\circ}\text{C}$  on supply air temperature target

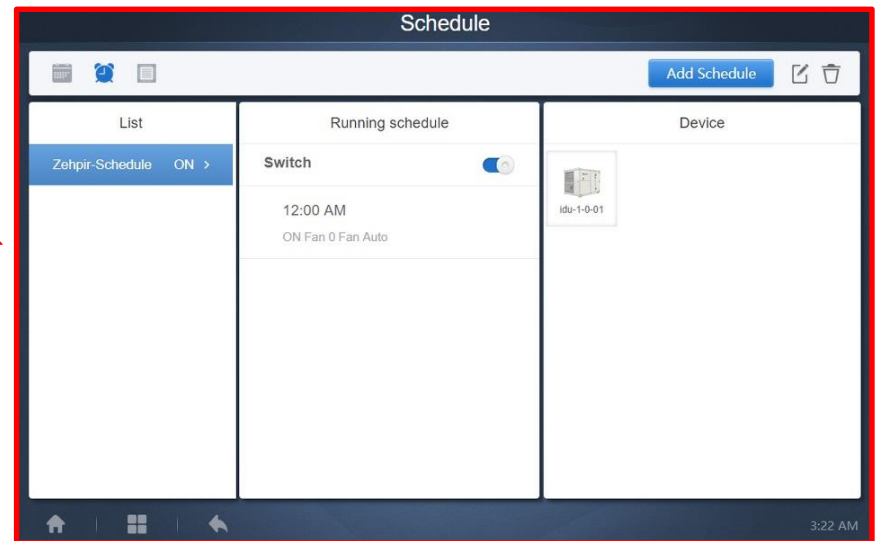
Hour and weekly schedule

Alarm monitoring

Other parameters of Zephir3 can be set by display on unit



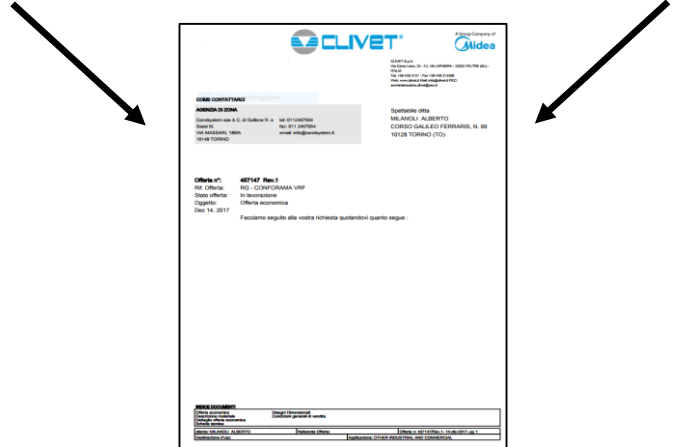
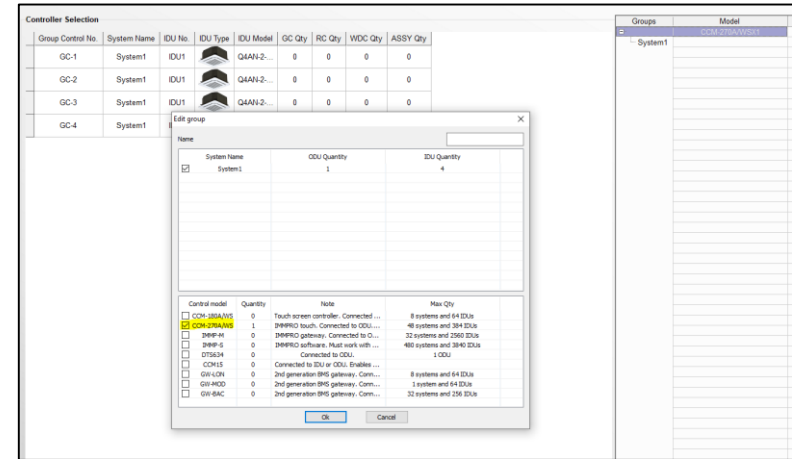
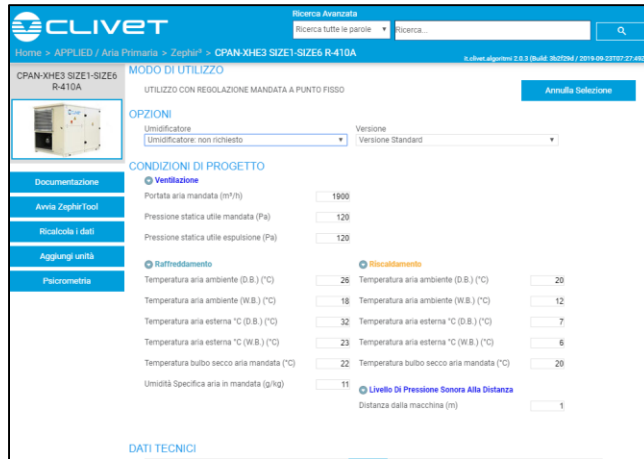
ON/OFF



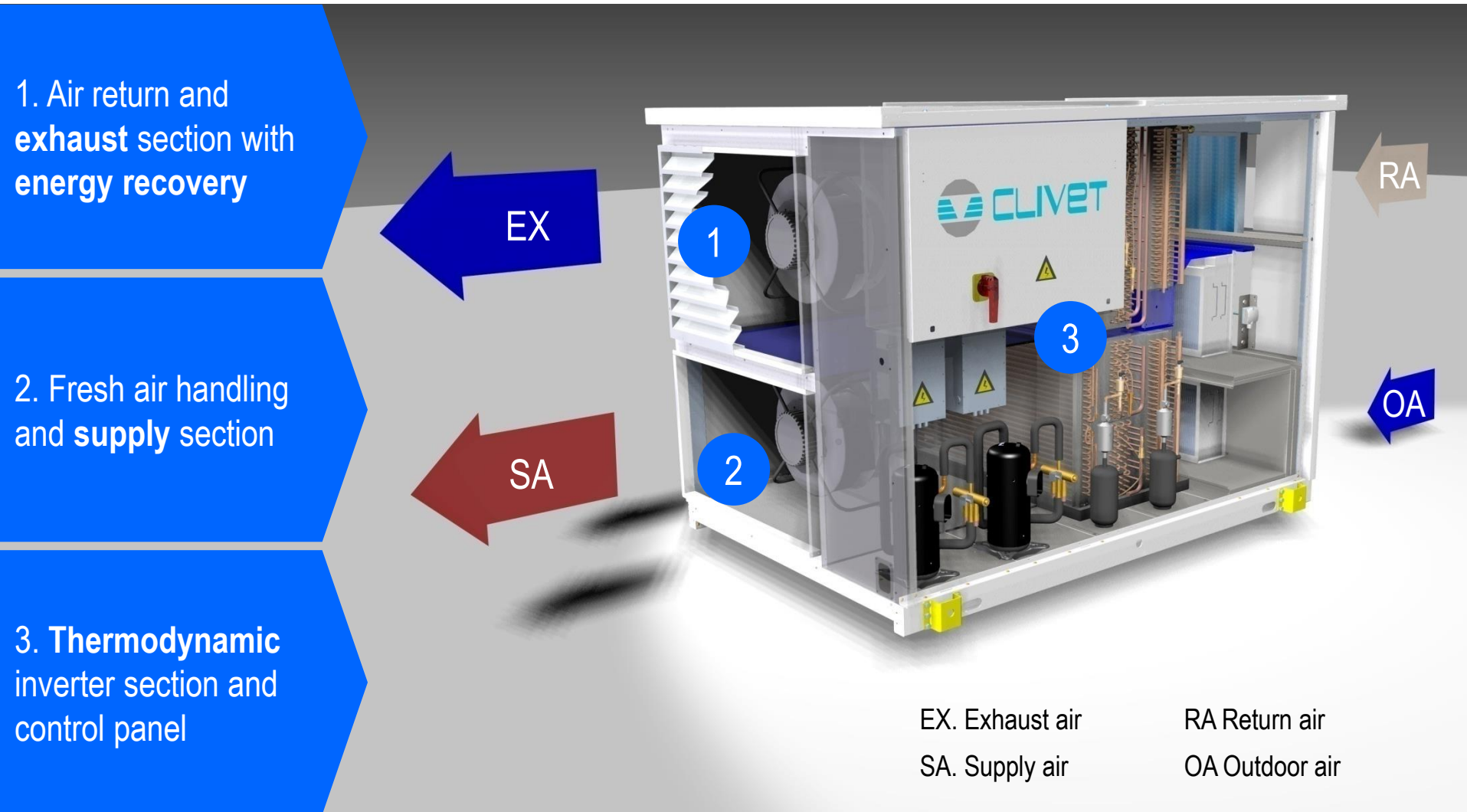
# Enhanced VRF System – How to Offer it?

Zephyr<sup>3</sup> → from navigator by selecting «VRF gateway» option

VRF → from selection software by selecting CCM-270 centralized controller

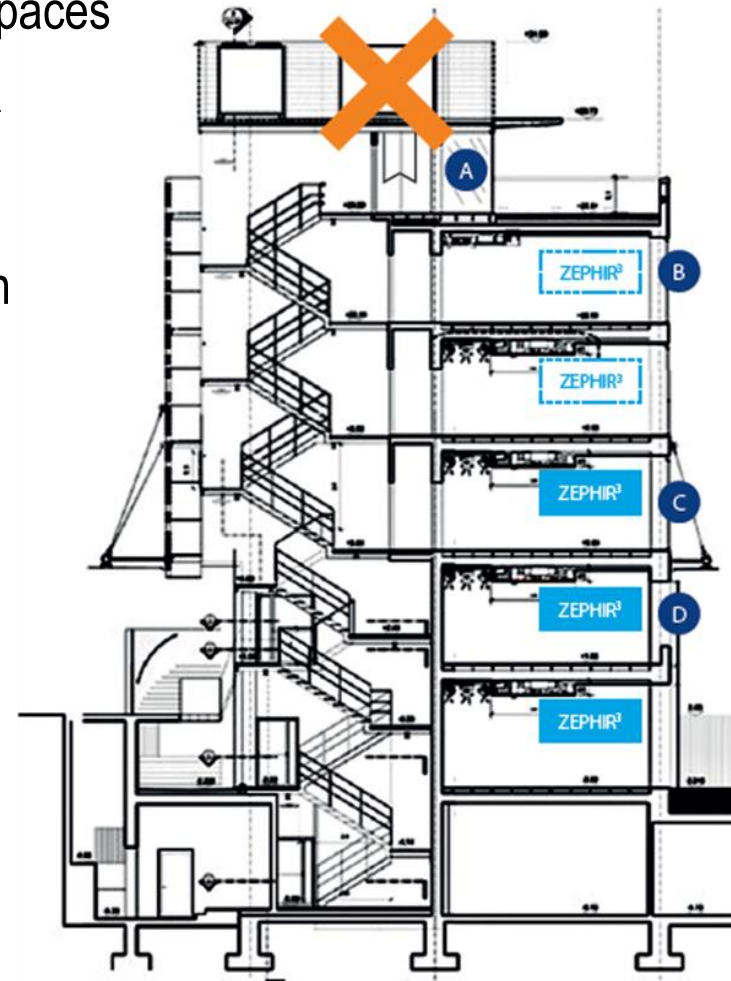


# Zephyr<sup>3</sup> – The whole Primary air plant in a single stand-alone System



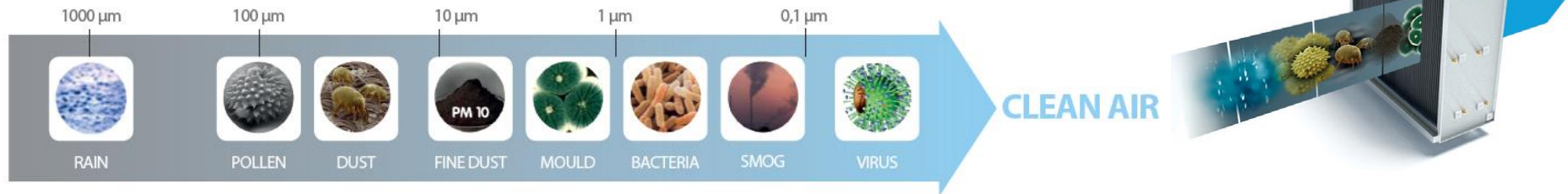
# Zephir<sup>3</sup> – Advantages in combination with VRF

- **Stand-alone** unit → no need of piping connections
- **Compactness** → perfect for installation in narrow spaces
- **Supply air temperature and HUMIDITY control** → maximum comfort
- Possible **indoor installation** → modular design with single zone control



# Zephir<sup>3</sup> – Advantages in combination with VRF

- **Electronic filters** → H10 equivalent and minimum pressure loss

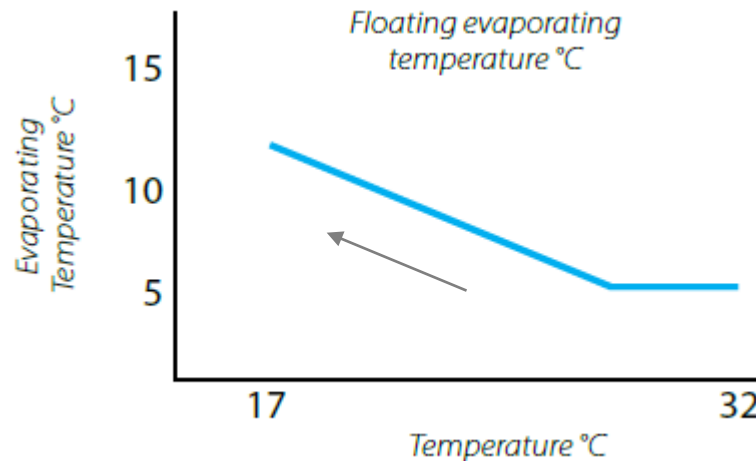


- **Thermodynamic heat recovery** → no pressure loss typical of passive heat recovery and no and air flows contamination
- **Constant or variable air flow** depending on actual crowding detected by the **CO<sub>2</sub>** probe



## Zephir<sup>3</sup> – Advantages in combination with VRF

- Particularly convenient **in combination with VRF MV6 series** having variable evaporating/condensing temperature (**EMS**) control.



By activating EMS function and using Zephir<sup>3</sup> for primary air control, VRF system modulate evaporating and condensing temperature depending on ambient conditions, ensuring the maximum **comfort** and **energy savings**.

# Enhanced VRF System – Case study



Application: Office building (8-20, 5/7), 4 floors

Primary air: 12000 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Total load, primary air + air conditioning: 260 kW

Air conditioning system: VRF with indoor units

## Centralized primary air ventilation - solutions:

No.	Aspect	System	Regulation	Humidity control	Air filtration
1		<b>VRF AHU (supply + exhaust flows, enthalpic heat recovery with 77% efficiency) connected to VRF outdoor unit</b>	Return T control	No	F7
2			Supply T control (electric post-heat)	Yes	F7
3		<b>Zephir<sup>3</sup></b>	Supply T control	Yes	Electronic (H10 eq.)

↑ comfort  
↑ Air quality

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## Capacity installed for each solution:

No.	Air conditioning VRF	Primary air
1	4 systems x 50 kW	AHU VRF standard 12000 m <sup>3</sup> /h VRF outdoor unit dedicated: 61 kW
2	4 systems x 40 kW	AHU VRF with electric post-heat 12000 m <sup>3</sup> /h VRF outdoor unit dedicated: 106 kW
3	4 systems x 40 kW	Zephir <sup>3</sup> Size 6 12000 m <sup>3</sup> /h (117 kW) VRF outdoor unit dedicated: NO



# Enhanced VRF System – Case study

## Technical/economical comparison – centralized systems:

No.	System	First investment (€)	Annual consumption (kWh)	Annual consumption (€)	Energy saving	Payback (year)
1	VRF + AHU VRF standard	145.000	69.500	10.400	Ref.	Ref.
2	VRF + AHU VRF with electric post-heat	154.000	74.200	11.100	+6%	NEVER
3	VRF + Zephir <sup>3</sup>	147.000	63.600	9.500	-9%	2,2

\*Total cost of units for air conditioning and primary air, installation included. Consumptions for outdoor units and primary air, cost for electric energy 0,15 €/kWh

## Conclusions

- Zephir<sup>3</sup> represents an **excellent alternative** to primary air systems based on **direct expansion AHU connected to VRF**

## Strengths:

- Stand-alone system ensuring a high level of comfort throughout the year
- Superior air quality and constant supply air temperature
- Payback in about 2 years compared to the alternative with standard AHU
- Lower first investment compared to AHU with electric post-heat, and lower consumptions thanks to high energy efficiency of the system

# Thank you



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