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## **BEST Switch™ Tech Reimagines Access Control**

### *Switch™ Core Solution Digitizes the Mechanical Core*

**Indianapolis, IN – January 31, 2020** – Until now, security directors had to make tradeoffs when choosing which doors would incorporate electronic access control in their facility. They digitally controlled only the doors with the most pressing security needs and highest use. Today, an affordable digital solution makes it easy to control who gains entry, and to know what they've done, giving greater access visibility and control. Even better? It does not require replacement of installed door hardware.

The BEST Switch™ Tech platform extends electronic access control to applications previously not practical by offering a digital replacement for mechanical small format interchangeable cores, commonly referred to as SFICS. Its initial product, Switch™ Core, will work wherever SFICs do, including cylindrical, mortise and other locks by BEST, Sargent, Yale, Corbin Russwin, Schlage and more. It is ideal for retrofitting electronic control into existing doors on interior rooms, closets, cabinets and cases.

“Switch Core operates using secure Bluetooth® technology,” says Phillip Bradney senior vice president, sales for dormakaba AS AMER. “Users simply unlock the core using their smartphones or fobs, instead of a mechanical key. What’s more, Switch Tech devices and software seamlessly integrate into both Lenel and Genetec access control software systems to enable digital auditing of access and use.”

Switch Core offers both time and cost efficiencies:

- Eliminates need for physical rekeying
- Reduces overhead time to manage overall access control and protection
- Reduces long-term costs of ownership by eliminating mechanical keys
- Priced to enable rapid scalability

“The installation process for Switch Core is as simple as removing the existing SCIF and replacing with Switch Core,” says Edward Horst, product manager. “Once installed, it is managed by our cloud-based Switch™ Deck software where you can create accounts, manage credentials, configure the system and run diagnostics.”

Over 100 years ago, BEST founder Frank Best invented what would become the defacto standard mechanical lock in the door hardware industry. There are an estimated 100 million SCIF cores in use today in storage rooms, file and display cabinets, equipment cages, locker rooms and many more. BEST’s Switch Tech platform continues that commitment to innovation by thinking past the door to create a whole new level of opportunities for improved, affordable access control.

## **About BEST**

BEST pioneered the development of the small format interchangeable core and sets the standard for door hardware. BEST door hardware products are engineered to fit institutional applications and outlast expectations in even the most demanding and complex of projects. A member of the dormakaba family, BEST brand products include a wide range of locks, exits, closers, hinges and more. Further information at [bestaccess.com](http://bestaccess.com).

## **About dormakaba**

dormakaba is one of the top three companies in the global market for access and security solutions. With strong brands such as Dorma and Kaba in our portfolio, we are a single source for products, solutions, and services related to doors and secure access to buildings and rooms. With around 16,000 employees and numerous cooperation partners, we are active in over 130 countries. dormakaba is headquartered in Rümlang (Zurich/Switzerland) and generates an annual turnover of over CHF 2 billion.

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