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1 **FLEXIBLE WALL SYSTEM**

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3 **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

4 **[0001]** The present invention relates to partitions.

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6 **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART**

7 **[0002]** Partitions are frequently used to subdivide spaces, or create more intimate spaces.  
8 Typically such partitions are rigid, or have rigid frames, or are formed from rigid interconnected  
9 panels and they are relatively large, heavy, and cumbersome, and therefore difficult to set-up,  
10 take down, store, and transport.

11 **[0003]** Moreover, the inherent rigidity of such partitions limits the extent to which they can  
12 be dynamically extended (or contracted) and reshaped to suit varying spaces and requirements.

13 **[0004]** Additionally, such partitions are typically formed from opaque panels which inhibit  
14 the transmission of light, therefore necessitating increased use of, or rearrangement of artificial  
15 lighting to restore adequate lighting levels.

16 **[0005]** In domestic, working, and public environments it is frequently desirable to be able to  
17 subdivide space on a temporary basis. For example, visitors may require a temporary sleeping  
18 area, office workers may need to convert an open plan area into temporary meeting space, trade  
19 show participants may need to demarcate a temporary display area, and designers may need to  
20 create a temporary backdrop for a designed area, such as in a window display in a retail setting,  
21 in a showroom, or in a theatrical setting. For these types of applications, a partition that is rigid,  
22 heavy, and/or cumbersome may be costly to transport, difficult to set up/take down, and may  
23 require significant storage space. A partition that is rigid will also place significant constraints  
24 on the ways in which a given space can be partitioned, limiting its functionality. A partition that  
25 is fully opaque will severely disturb natural lighting.

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