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Durst Group invests 20 million in Durst Como

New hub for digital textile printing

Durst Group has officially launched the Durst Como project, a new industrial and technology hub dedicated to digital textile printing in the heart of the Como textile district. Representing an investment of approximately 20 million in buildings and infrastructure, the project aims to create a highly specialized production center in Lombardy, focused on the development of inkjet technologies, software, applied research, and advanced solutions for industrial digital textile printing.

The Durst Como technology and industrial hub dedicated to textile printing

"Como has been printing the world's textiles for generations. We are not here to pass through. We are here to stay," said Christoph Gamper, CEO and Co-Owner of Durst Group. "Durst Como is a long-term commitment: European technology, built here, for the world."

The investment in Durst Como is part of a growth path that Durst Group has pursued in the textile sector for more than a decade. Over the past 12 years, the Group has invested more than €50 million in its textile business, with initiatives focused on developing international markets, enhancing laboratory infrastructure, and strengthening its sites in Brixen/Bressanone and Kufstein (AT). With revenues of €430+ million, Durst Group is now aiming to double its revenue over the next five years, supported also by the further consolidation of its role in technologies for industrial textile printing.

Durst Como stems from the acquisition of Aleph, a company specialized in the design and development of advanced inkjet solutions for direct-to-fabric and paper printing. The acquisition was initiated in 2023 and completed in 2025; Aleph has since been fully merged into Durst Group S.p.A. Durst Group has been active in textiles for more than a decade, anchored by its hub in Kufstein, and the integration of Aleph now extends this presence into Como, the heartland of the global textile industry, strengthening the Group's position in digital textile printing and building on the expertise of the Como area, internationally recognized for its know-how across the textile supply chain, fashion and high value-added applications.

Durst Como will become the Group's third development and production site, with R&D capabilities, after Brixen/Bressanone and Lienz. The hub will play a strategic role in the development and production of inkjet technologies for digital textile printing, with a particular focus on fashion and home textiles. Over time, the site will also grow into a center for customer collaboration and for textile-related automation and software. Alongside Como, Kufstein (AT) remains the Group's textile hub for superwide and special developments, including drying solutions for superwide textile and graphics applications. Together, these complementary sites form the backbone of Durst's international footprint in digital textile printing.

"This project represents a key milestone in our growth journey," commented Alessandro Manes, Director Global Sales Industrial Textile, Durst Group. "Our objective is to create in Como a highly specialized technology and production hub, capable of attracting expertise, developing new professional skills, and generating new opportunities for the local area."

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Durst Como's new HQ will be designed in line with Durst Group's industrial and technological standards, with a particular focus on innovation, efficiency, and integration with the local area. The project will be developed within an existing building, thereby avoiding new land consumption and further soil sealing, and will follow energy redevelopment criteria geared toward the use of 100% non-fossil energy. Planned measures include installing heat pumps to replace the current gas heating systems and, in the first phase of the project, creating an approximately 600 kWp photovoltaic system to generate 100% green electricity. In line with initiatives already implemented at the Group's other sites, Durst Como will also host a bee colony as an additional measure supporting biodiversity and the local ecosystem.

Durst Como forms part of a broader industrial vision aimed at strengthening Durst Group's production and innovation capabilities in Italy, while enhancing its connection with the Como textile district and the expertise of the textile supply chain. The project represents a clear commitment to the local area, translating into tangible employment opportunities, real value creation and further industrial development.

Fujifilm Business Innovation launches Revoria Press PC2120

Fujifilm Business Innovation announces the launch of Revoria Press PC2120 , the new flagship model in its Revoria Press series for high-end professional printing. The PC2120 introduces advanced AI-driven automation, an expanded colour gamut, featuring a newly developed green toner, and ultra-reliable one-pass six-colour printing using CMYK plus two speciality toners.

Fujifilm's expanded speciality toner lineup now comprises seven toners, including existing options like gold, silver, pink and white - helping to cater to diverse customer needs and foster greater creative expression. This enables vivid colour reproduction, getting much closer to the RGB colour palette designers see on screen.

Following the successful launch and widespread recognition of the Revoria PC1120 across Japan, Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America, the Revoria PC2120 was developed as the next generation model. It enhances the established strengths of the Revoria PC1120 in terms of high image quality and productivity by incorporating expanded automation functions and a broader printable colour gamut.

The Revoria PC2120 simplifies complex workflows with proprietary AI features. In pre-press, a new Substrate Profiler analyses loaded paper and automatically recommends optimal settings, reducing setup time and improving operational efficiency. The Revoria Flow print server uses AI to scan documents and automatically recommends the best image quality enhancements - such as sharpening text or fine lines. The AI system also detects scenes within photos or images - such as people or landscapes - and applies appropriate corrections for consistent high-quality output regardless of operator experience. During printing, even when using specialty toners, the Smart Monitoring Gate*2 continuously detects paper colour variations and registration misalignments, automatically correcting them in real time without affecting print speed. This allows the machine to maintain stable, high quality output without requiring specialised expertise.

To deliver more impactful prints, the Revoria PC2120 introduces a newly developed green speciality toner alongside the existing pink toner. Together, they expand the printable colour gamut to achieve 93% of Pantone spot colours. The new green toner, when combined with pink, produces exceptionally vivid colours that closely match the RGB colours designers see on screens. Furthermore, the Revoria PC2120 simplifies wide-gamut speciality colour printing with features like automatic colour separation, converting RGB data into CMYK layers plus green and pink specialty layers – significantly reducing the time complexity of prepress editing.

Other key features include:

• In addition to CMYK, the press can accommodate two speciality toner colours. It also offers robust support features for easily utilising speciality colours.

• Specialty toner lineup: Green, Pink, Gold, Silver, Clear, White, Textured Paper

• When using pink toner, a simple operation automatically separates part of the magenta plate into a pink plate and converts it, achieving vivid and bright colours. The skin texture also produces a smooth and beautiful finish on the printed material.

• The preview function allows operators to check the colour expression of speciality toners on the display. This reduces the time and effort required to check colours and minimises the number of test prints, enabling efficient design production. Furthermore, a viewer that can be incorporated into online printing sites allows you to check the finish of speciality toners before submitting print data.

• Achieves high quality printing with Super EA-Eco toner, featuring one of the industry's smallest toner particle sizes, and 2400 dpi high resolution, along with high-speed printing of up to 120 pages per minute.

• The Revoria Flow print server enables high quality image data generation through 1200 × 1200 dpi RIP processing. The Fiery print server is also available, and customers can choose from several print server options to best meet their needs.

• Equipped with the Air Suction Feeder Tray, which ensures reliable feeding even for coated papers that tend to adhere easily. Additionally, the Static Eliminator D1 removes static electricity from output sheets, preventing adhesion between sheets and allowing seamless transition to the next process - even when using film or metallic papers prone to static buildup.

• Supports a wide range of paper types, from thin paper (52 gsm) to thick paper (400 gsm), and paper sizes from postcard size (98 x 146 mm) to long sheets (up to 330 x 1,300 mm), enabling high-quality output for diverse printing jobs.

Data-Generated Nesting Reports to Boost Production Visibility

Ultimate Tech has announced Ultimate Impostrip 2026.1, introducing new data-generated nesting reports that give print providers clearer visibility into production performance, material usage, and operational efficiency. Designed to help teams make faster, more informed decisions, the new reporting capabilities support reduced waste, improved control, and stronger measurable results across every job.

Designed to give production teams clearer visibility into performance, the new data-generated nesting reports transform production data into actionable insights that support smarter decision-making on the shop floor. By making it easier to analyze material usage, throughput, repeatability, and overall production efficiency, these reports help print providers reduce waste, improve operational control, and demonstrate measurable value across every job.

"Production teams need more than automation alone—they need visibility into how that automation is performing," said Julie Watson, CEO of Ultimate Tech. "With these new data-generated nesting reports, we are giving print providers the clarity they need to measure efficiency, reduce waste, and continuously improve the way they produce every job."

Built for today's convergent production arena, Ultimate Impostrip helps print providers streamline and automate complex work across commercial print, direct mail, labels, digital packaging, wide format and more—all from a single, scalable platform. By bringing imposition, nesting, batching, marks, barcodes and finishing intelligence into one connected workflow, Ultimate Impostrip reduces manual touchpoints, improves repeatability, and helps operations move faster with greater control. For pure wide-format shops, dedicated automation capabilities make it easier to optimize media usage, simplify cutting and finishing preparation, and drive high-efficiency production with less waste and fewer bottlenecks.

Flint Group Web Offset expands European capabilities with 2 million Frankfurt investment

Flint Group Web Offset is pleased to announce that it has strengthened its European manufacturing network with a 2 million investment in its Frankfurt FrankfurtMain facility in Germany. Operational since January 2026, the upgraded site has been transformed into a state-of-the-art hybrid manufacturing platform designed to support multiple product streams and meet the evolving needs of the web offset market. This important investment includes a newly installed energy-efficient varnish plant, designed to enable more flexible production. The site is supported by a highly experienced, knowledgeable team with deep expertise in both heatset and coldset applications.

The Frankfurt facility complements Flint Group Web Offset's manufacturing site in the Netherlands, providing an agile and resilient supply network across Central and Eastern Europe. The dual-site approach strengthens logistics efficiency and ensures reliable, responsive service for customers throughout the region.

David Fotheringham, Vice President Sales & Service, Global Web Offset, said: "Our additional investment in Frankfurt represents another important step in our long-term strategy to strengthen Flint Group Web Offset's position across our key markets. By creating a future-ready, hybrid manufacturing platform, we are ensuring we can respond quickly to changing customer requirements while supporting the industry's shift toward more sustainable solutions, including the growing demand for mineral oil-free inks. Combined with our experienced team and strong customer focus, this additional investment ensures we are well equipped to support our customers with reliable products, technical expertise, and a consistently high level of service."

UPM delivers purpose-built adhesive solutions for demanding label applications

UPM is simplifying adhesive selection with purpose-built solutions designed for demanding label applications. UPM PharmaSure for pharmaceuticals, UPM Vetro for wine and spirits, and UPM Endurance for oil and industrial chemicals help customers choose the right adhesive performance for each end-use. All are part of the UPM Raflatac label material offering.

Demanding label applications place requirements on adhesives that general-purpose solutions cannot meet. Pharmaceutical packaging must maintain integrity through sterilization cycles, cold-chain storage and small-diameter vials. Wine and spirits labels face humidity, chilled display and ice bucket immersion. Industrial labels must hold on to challenging substrates under chemical exposure, mechanical strain and hot-fill conditions. Each of these environments carries its own technical requirements, regulatory context and consequences when a label fails.

UPM's adhesive formulations are built on decades of experience in these challenging applications and on a global innovation network. UPM PharmaSure, UPM Vetro and UPM Endurance address the range of conditions relevant to each respective industry and are supported by pre-assessed performance data and application documentation. This supports qualification and regulatory processes for converters and brand owners.

"With demanding label applications, adhesive selection is a critical decision. Our purpose-built adhesive solutions help our customers choose the right performance for their end-use," says Christian Szameit, Senior Vice President, Global Markets at UPM Adhesive Materials.

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