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We R.SIGNS invests in Acuity Ultra

An expert in large format signage production and outdoor advertising, We R.SIGNS employs over 500 members of staff and is one of the largest companies servicing the outdoor and indoor print markets in Russia.

Moscow-based We R.SIGNS, which confirmed its investment just prior to FESPA 2019, has become the second Russian company to invest in Fujifilm’s superwide format Acuity Ultra. In order to continue developing its product portfolio, which includes banners, posters and billboards, We R.SIGNS has invested in Fujifilm’s ground-breaking superwide printer, the Acuity Ultra. “The quality of the print work produced on the Acuity Ultra was one of the main reasons for our decision to invest,” says Andrey Nikulin, Vice President at We R.SIGNS. “It fits in perfectly with our large format and outdoor advertising product offering, and its versatility is key to us providing our customers with a variety of high quality printed work. “The Acuity Ultra will also be an essential part of our presence at exhibitions, as it will allow us to demonstrate to potential customers the high standard of print work that we can achieve.”

Nikulin explains how the company’s positive relationship with Fujifilm was also a decisive factor: “We have used Fujifilm products in the past, including Onset and Uvistar platforms, which have helped us to enter new markets. The company’s expert sales and technical teams have always been a pleasure to work with too.”

Nils Gottfried, Wide Format Inkjet Product Manager, Fujifilm Graphic Systems EMEA, says: “We’re delighted to see the Acuity Ultra continuing to make a significant impact in the superwide format graphics sector. With eleven international sales confirmed since its launch last year, it is clear that the Acuity Ultra’s capabilities are being recognised and we’re determined to continue pushing its outstanding quality into the market.”

Lombardi consolidates its structural presence in Spain

The representation agreement signed between Lombardi Converting Machinery and Lapeyra & Taltavull, confirms the entry of the Italian company into the global world of big converters manufacturers. The leap towards globalization continues for Lombardi Converting Machinery, worldwide leader in manufacturing of modular narrow-band flexographic and hybrid printing machines. The agreement was signed with Lapeyra & Taltavull, the most important graphic representation company in Spain. Founded 80 years ago to represent industrial machinery and facilities manufacturers, all of them as leaders in their sectors, Lapeyra & Taltavull repre-
sents leading manufacturers in the label, flexible packaging, folding carton and corrugated board markets, including Codimag, Graphtronic and Windmoller & Hölscher and, in the past, the giant Swiss Gallus.

The Spanish company, with main offices in Barcelona and Madrid, focuses its activity in the sectors of printing and manufacturing of packaging (flexible, labels, folding carton and corrugated board) and its use in the pharmacy industries, chemistry, cosmetics and food.

The philosophy of Lapeyra & Taltavull is mainly based on providing and contributing to our market, taking part of the best existing technologies in the world of packaging and graphic communication. For this reason it has now wanted to include Lombardi Converting Machinery in its portfolio.

„A choice - said Xavier Heredia president of Lapeyra & Taltavull - which we shared after evaluating the high technology and reliability of Lombardi machines, which are already well present in the Spanish market.”

„It is a source of pride for us - said Claudio Lombardi, president and founder of the Italian company - to have found such a prestigious partner in Lapeyra & Taltavull, which will allow us to turn to the large printing companies of the territory with our technology machines. advanced modular. „

Among the points in favor of the Brescia company is the modularity of the machines. This modularity allows the converter to have a wide range of options, such as hybrid flexo and digital printing, rotogravure, screen printing, embossing and hot stamping modules. In addition the in-line finishing systems, which allow printers to complete their lines according to the needs even in later times.

With this agreement Lombardi Converting Machinery once again demonstrates its international vocation, not with simply agents, but through strong representative companies consolidated in its own sector and in their own countries.

HP Indigo Digital Print Certified for Compostable Packaging

Ahead of the next Dscoop Edge conference where PSPs, partners and brands converge, HP Inc. announced HP Indigo digital printing inks are now certified for compostability in home and industrial. This is the latest in sustainability achievements allowing converters and brands to print smaller quantities, while helping to reduce inventory waste and improve their overall environmental impact.

TVU Austria awarded the „OK Compost Home“ and „OK Compost Industrial“ marks to HP, verifying HP Indigo Electroninks can be used as printing inks for packaging recoverable through composting and biodegradation in accordance with leading standards, such as EU regulation EN 13432.

According to Grandview Market research, the „green packaging“ market is poised to reach $237.8 billion by 2024, registering 5.7% CAGR during the forecast period. „Demand for sustainable packaging solutions is driving converters to digital printing, allowing converters and brands to help significantly lower the environmental impact of printing,” said Alon Bar-Shany, general manager, HP Indigo. „HP Indigo printing eliminates the need for plates or cylinders and offers the freedom to print smaller quantities, while helping reduce waste during production and unused inventory.”

At Dscoop Edge in PortAventura, Spain, June 19-21 and at Labelfexpo in Brussels, Belgium, Sept. 24-27, HP Indigo will present its portfolio of sustainable packaging solutions, certifications and samples.

HP Indigo supports packaging printing with its portfolio of presses including the HP Indigo 20000 Digital Press, HP Indigo 8000 and HP Indigo 6900 for flexible packaging. In addition to TUV certification, HP’s growing set of sustainability achievements includes:

• HP Indigo joined CEFLEX (Circular Economy for Flexible Packaging), as the first digital press provider for the flexible packaging market.

CEFLEX is a European consortium of companies collaborating to advance the performance of flexible packaging in a circular economy, throughout the entire value chain.

• Deinking tests conducted by Cadel Deinking of Spain verified that HP Indigo digitally printed flexible packaging, including coating, can be fully deinked. The results on a range of substrates open new ways for brands and service providers to work towards higher sustainability, where deinking is an essential stage in the recycling process.

• HP-certified Michelman primers for flexible packaging recently passed extensive testing for eco-toxicity, heavy metals and fluorine content and conforms to leading industry standards including EN 13432 (2000) and ASTM D6400 (2012) for use in compostable packaging.

Packaging customers around the world are moving to HP Indigo digital printing to drive new sustainable packaging businesses. Sustainable packaging produced by Foxpak of Ireland. ePac Flexible Packaging, an all-digital provider with locations across the US, is producing hi-barrier recyclable Polyethylene (PE) pouches on its HP Indigo 20000 Digital Press with solventless lamination. „ePac is also engaged in the testing of compostable films, and we expect to soon go to market with this as an added option,” said Jack Knott, ePac CEO.

ePac is expanding to Europe, scheduled to open its first site in the UK later this year. „Europe can benefit from higher sustainability, using digital printing for on-demand production of its volume of SKUs and using recyclable film in a more eco-friendly process compared with conventional printing,” said Johnny Hobeika, Managing Director of ePac Holdings Europe.

Foxpak of Ireland has reinvented its business around sustainability, recently opening a new manufacturing plant in Collon, Ireland, using the HP Indigo 20000 Digital Press.
Flexible packaging is the fastest growing sector of the consumer and industrial packaging market.

Ammeraal Beltech at ITMA
Ammeraal Beltech are showing their extensive range of conveyor belt solutions for the textile and garment technology industry at ITMA in Barcelona. Their globally-available products are recognised enablers for all the different processes involved in handling textiles - from fibre preparation to textile printing, garment fusing, and lamination - and are today to be found in almost every type of machine involved in textile production.

Today's textile processing industry is focussed very much on innovation in every end-use sector, from antibiotic surgical gowns to breathable fabrics for athletes and printed t-shirts. Ammeraal Beltech contribute to uniform, high-output, cost-effective results across the field with up-to-the-minute and wide-ranging belting solutions. Their process and conveyor belts - flat belts, modular belts, endless woven belts, timing belts, as well as specially-engineered belts - are a popular choice in the nonwovens sector in particular, where their smooth, antistatic surfaces and lateral stability properties are much appreciated. For yarn-spinning and finishing applications, the RAPPLON tangential belts and spindle tapes contribute high-performance results in terms of maximum output, extended lifetime and uniform yarn quality.

Offering good chemical and ageing resistance for an extended service life, Ammeraal Beltech's products are available from the company's One-Stop Belt Shop - which features a network of 25 operating companies around the world, with supporting service centres and distributors in 150 countries.

Scodix launches multiple digital enhancement systems for Shutterfly
Scodix has announced that Shutterfly deployed Scodix systems across a number of locations in the United States prior to the critical holiday peak in 2018. Scodix systems offer a broad range of beautiful and innovative personalization options, aligning with Shutterfly's focus on high-quality personalized products. Scodix presses provide a variety of nine distinct effects, all available on one platform. The Scodix Ultra presses have introduced new effects, such as Scodix Foil, to Shutterfly's customizable offering.

"Shutterfly has a long legacy of innovating on behalf of our customers," states Amnon Nachshon, Senior Director of Research and Development for Shutterfly. "Partnering with Scodix is a natural way for us to offer cutting edge digital embellishments technology to our customers. We were thrilled to launch customizable foil as part of our Holiday card offering during last year's critical Q4 season."

A significant advantage of the Scodix technology is the customization and availability it allows. "We're very pleased with how the Scodix systems have integrated seamlessly into our workflow," says Nachshon. "Scodix offers both speed and quality, delivering the wow effect our customers are looking for."

"Shutterfly is an important name in the world of web-to-print and it is exciting to see the company implement Scodix technology for its wide-range of customers," adds Jason Rollo, President of Scodix North America. "There is a growing awareness of the benefits Scodix enhancement can bring to businesses. Effectively, it is the perfect time to invest in the technology – adding great value to print, inexpensively - in a competitive market, and we’re delighted to partner with Shutterfly!"