

LPF Groupe subsidiary Maison Lack by Roure Dorure installs Scodix Ultra 6000 Powered by SHD

Growing demand for digital finishing solutions

Scodix, the leading provider of digital embellishment solutions, announces that Maison Lack by Roure Dorure, a major player in printed embellishment for luxury brands, has acquired a Scodix Ultra 6000 with SHD technology.

The acquisition of the Scodix press represents an important milestone for Maison Lack by Roure Dorure and LPF Groupe, signalling its dedication to innovation and excellence in the ever-changing world of print finishing for its diverse customer base - spanning the publishing, luxury and events sectors.

The integration of the Scodix Ultra 6000, powered by SHD installed at LPF Groupe subsidiary Maison Lack by Roure Dorure, enables the company to produce multiple high-quality



Standing Left to Right: LPF Operation Director Mikael Pierre, CEO Mickael Kalaydjian, President Scodix EMEA, Franz Repp, Scodix Regional Manager, Xavier Bastie

embellishments from a single Scodix press in its production workshop.

Mickael Kalaydjian, CEO of LPF Groupe, says: „With the addition of the Scodix Ultra 6000 SHD to our portfolio, we are taking advantage of digital versatility in finishing, saving time and waste during make-ready. This investment reflects our commitment to providing our customers with innovative and more sustainable solutions to enhance their brands and captivate their audiences.”

The Scodix Ultra 6000 SHD has a proven track record of superior quality and now opens the doors for Maison Lack by Roure Dorure and LPF Group customers to provide a wide range of embellishments that complement the traditional hot foil solutions for which LPF Groupe, and its subsidiary Maison Lack by Roure Dorure are renowned. According to Franz Repp, President of Scodix EMEA: „LPF Groupe’s ad-

option of the Scodix Ultra 6000 SHD underlines the growing demand for digital finishing solutions that deliver outstanding results. Having a machine at Maison Lack by Roure Dorure testifies to Scodix’s lead in this fast-moving market.”

Kodak releases its 2023 Sustainability Report

At Kodak, shaping a sustainable future for the company, its customers and the planet is a top priority on the corporate agenda. This is substantiated by the release of the company’s 2023 Sustainability Report entitled One World, One Kodak. The report covers Kodak’s global business activities in 2022 and through to Q1 2023 and provides an overview of sustainability programs in place. The 40-page report outlines Kodak’s progress on its priority sustainability initiatives, specifically on reducing waste and increasing energy efficiencies, reducing green-

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house gas (GHG) and other emissions, conserving water and improving employee and community engagement. In addition to Kodak's latest sustainability accomplishments, the report outlines the company's sustainability strategy as well as environmental and social goals through 2025. The publication also underlines how innovative Kodak products and technologies are enabling customers in the worldwide printing industry to become more sustainable by reducing energy, water and chemical consumption and eliminating waste.

The new edition of the report contains a Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Content Index, which is used to report on sustainability within a standardized, internationally recognized framework. Defined by GRI standards, the index enhances the transparency and comparability of reporting and aims to provide Kodak customers and partners with relevant information for their own sustainability initiatives.

„Our 2023 Sustainability Report shows that we at Kodak continue to step up our efforts to be responsible stewards of the environment we leave for the next generation,“ commented Jim Continenza, Kodak's Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. „As we move into the future, we will continue to focus on sustainability by investing in technologies and processes that reduce our environmental footprint and help our customers reduce theirs.“

X-Rite appoints Jeff McKee as President

X-Rite Incorporated, a global leader in color science and technology, proudly announced the appointment of Jeff McKee from Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to the role of President. The strategic promotion reflects McKee's 20 years of unwavering dedication to X-Rite and his commitment to customer excellence. In his new role, McKee will lead the company into the future of digital color management, automation, and 3D visualization.

X-Rite is an operating company in Veralto's (NYSE: VLTO) Product Quality and Innovation segment, which helps customers safeguard everyday essentials by protecting the food supply chain, enabling the delivery of verified pharmaceuticals, and ensuring product quality, freshness, and consistency.

Throughout his tenure at X-Rite, McKee has demonstrated leadership across various roles, and his insights have been instrumental in shaping X-Rite's long-term success. He has overseen the finance, information technologies, and global services businesses, including inside sales, order entry, product management, and service centers. In addition, he played a pivotal role in facilitating the company's M&A strategy through several strategic acquisitions.

„It couldn't be a more exciting and important time to be leading X-Rite, as customers face new business challenges and make moves to create more sustainable manufacturing processes,“ said McKee. „Our company is fueled by an incredible team of talented associates, and I look forward to working with them as we expand and innovate our portfolio of solutions and continue to deliver world-class service.“

„As we look ahead, Jeff's vision for the color science and technology market aligns seamlessly with Veralto's mission to create a safer, cleaner, more vibrant future,“ said Mattias Byström, Senior Vice President, Product Quality and Innovation, Veralto. „Under his leadership, X-Rite will continue to innovate across hardware, software, and services, delivering digital workflow solutions that help customers meet their sustainability goals.“

Special Papers, Fedrigoni acquires certain assets of US-based company Mohawk

The Fedrigoni Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of special papers, self-adhesive mate-

rials, and RFID solutions, announces the acquisition of certain assets of Mohawk Fine Papers, Inc., the company it entered into an industrial partnership with last September 2022 to strengthen the distribution of specialty fine papers in the North American market. The transaction was finalized through a NewCo incorporated by Fedrigoni to acquire Mohawk's assets in a sale process initiated by a financial institution, following a period of significant financial distress that affected the U.S.-based company in the past months. The transaction entirely cleared the new company from existing indebtedness, allowing it to preserve the majority of existing jobs, industrial activities and customer relationships.

Founded in 1931, Mohawk is a family-owned company that produces some of the best-known specialty papers for designers, brands, and printers and that - like Fedrigoni - has strongly innovated in the field of digital printing and sustainability. The sharing of core values such as solid know-how and a focus on innovation and environmental impact reduction led to the acquisition of this firm, which became part of the Fedrigoni Special Papers division and represents an important piece in the group's overseas growth strategy.

„This is our third M&A this year (after SharpEnd in UK and Arjowiggins China), a relevant step forward to enhance our premium product offerings to customers in the U.S. in specialty papers for luxury packaging and fine digital printing“ comments Marco Nespolo, CEO at Fedrigoni Group. „Thanks to Mohawk's entry into our group we will now be able to produce and distribute to customers a wide range of Fedrigoni high value-added papers directly in North America, and conversely expand access to Mohawk specialty papers internationally. We will thus increasingly support the strategies of our customers who favor nearshoring models in place of the traditional global purchasing-oriented approach, to reduce their environmental impact and mi-

nimize the risks of supply chain disruption”.

Contiweb signs up for Dscoop Edge event

Contiweb, a specialist manufacturer of web-handling equipment and provider of integrated technical solutions for web offset printing, web inkjet printing and packaging production, is delighted to announce becoming one of the partners of the Dscoop Edge event in Indianapolis. Dscoop is the largest global community of HP Graphic Arts business owners and technical professionals, whose many events provide a platform for industry experts to form valuable connections. Contiweb will be exhibiting at the event on booth 2160, taking place between the 24th and 27th of March, to showcase its technology to the web inkjet printing industry. By partnering with, and sponsoring Dscoop's Indianapolis Edge event, Contiweb will help to contribute to its delivery, while also exhibiting at the event. Through continued commitment to networking with Dscoop members, Contiweb highlights its dedication to growing its already stellar reputation among other key industry stakeholders. At the show, Contiweb will be promoting to the Dscoop members its non-stop unwinding and non-stop rewinding equipment, as well as the DFA remoistener and the VC post-coater.

The latest agreement between Contiweb and the Dscoop Edge event comes as an addition to the recent Contiweb sponsorship of Dscoop, agreed in 2023. Rob Bosman, Sales Director of Contiweb, says: „We are extremely excited to be furthering our relationship with Dscoop as one of its partners at their latest event in Indianapolis.

„Our collaboration with this event highlights the strong dedication we have to the web inkjet printing sector. We seek to promote the exchange of industry expertise and help to cultivate a dynamic community that inspires innovation in the continually advancing web inkjet printing industry.”

Dscoop Executive Director, Peter van Teeseling, discussed the benefits of the partnership for Dscoop members ahead of the event: „Collaborating with Contiweb will make a welcome contribution to this event. Contiweb's attitude towards striving to be innovators in the field of web inkjet printing is a direct correlation of what drives the community in collaborative thinking and working together.

„It is a delight to have Contiweb on board in Indianapolis, both as one of our partners, and as exhibitors at the show. We are eager to harness their understanding of web inkjet printing and give our members access to their wealth of knowledge and insights. Support from prominent players in the sector such as Contiweb, allows our community to continue to innovate and deliver educational experiences to our members.”

Canon Solutions America enhances collaboration with Ultimate TechnoGraphics

Ultimate TechnoGraphics Inc. is proud to announce an enhanced collaboration with Canon Solution America by delivering Ultimate Imposition power and speed to its Canon ProStream series and Canon ColorStream series inkjet press installations. Ultimate Imposition is designed for connected automation of imposition PDF workflow for high-speed inkjet environments.

Canon Solutions America is the U.S. market share leader in high volume production print, selling and supporting an array of high-speed digital printing equipment including the popular ProStream and ColorStream series of inkjet presses. These inkjet platforms are designed to reliably serve the direct mail, commercial, book, and transactional print markets with high-speed output at impressive print quality. Canon's digital presses can combine with a fast, flexible, dynamic and reliable PDF imposition workflow to help meet the challenge of today's print production complexities, while processing massive volu-

mes of data seamlessly to help maximize the performance of the press. Canon Solutions America currently offers Ultimate TechnoGraphics' full portfolio to its customers and is pleased to offer this new package specifically to ProStream and ColorStream customers.

Ultimate Imposition is the package of choice when looking to run a successful digital printing workflow and tie in the various complexities of finishing for a solid, fully automated process. Ultimate Imposition Scalable is unique as it offers an extensive toolkit yet can be tailored to help meet a Print Service Provider's business and production needs.

„High speed digital printing technology is being leveraged in different segments for different types of applications. We deliver the flexibility to automate a wide range of applications in a robust and proven solution, that can scale to meet the needs of a growing digital production,” says Julie Watson, CEO at Ultimate TechnoGraphics. „And, combined with the Canon ProStream and ColorStream, Print Providers can truly harness the greatness of digital and manage a wide range of short run jobs automatically.”

„We are happy to offer Ultimate TechnoGraphics' software solutions to our customers as they provide a level of automation that can help our customer base streamline their production and grow their digital business with our continuous feed presses,” says Francis McMahon, executive vice president, Production Print Solutions, Canon Solutions America.

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