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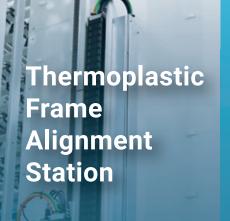




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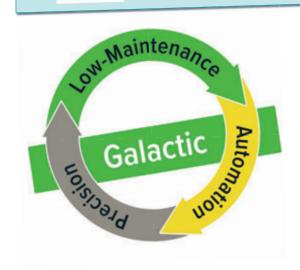
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Glasstec 2024: Focus on digital innovations and automation

igital technologies and automation were among the top topics at glasstec 2024. From October 22-25, 2024, visitors had the opportunity to learn more about A+W Software's innovations in glass processing. There were also numerous new features to discover at the A+W Software booth. The innovation corner was bustling with activity, offering visitors the chance to explore some special highlights. On large touch-screens, visitors could marvel at and even try out A+W Glass Lab – a 3D factory that explains the workings of the A+W Smart Factory in great detail.



With A+W Glass Lab, A+W aims to analyze and improve the benefits of its products. Furthermore, there is the opportunity to expand the model to eventually use it as a digital twin for customer productions. Many visitors also saw the potential of using it as a training tool to explain glass processing in detail.

Another visitor magnet was the design prototype of A+W Smart Companion Dispatch. Developed in collaboration with customers, this app promises to simplify the shipping process and will enter development in early 2025.

Here racks can be packed and sent off without accompanying physical paperwork. To demonstrate this concept, A+W presented a model to facilitate understanding, which stimulated visitor excitement and questions.

The entire A+W Smart Companion product family can expect not only new features in 2025, but also a complete redesign, including a dark mode or high contrast mode. With the next update, users will have optimal visibility even in difficult lighting conditions, allowing for less eye strain.

In addition to the new products, there was also significant interest in existing products, such as A+W Business, A+W Production, and A+W iShape – a digitalization solution for templates. Visitors could also test the webshop (a.k.a. e-commerce) solution A+W iQuote at a terminal. Similar to the A+W Smart Companion, this A+W Clarity product will undergo a comprehensive redesign in 2025.

"Overall, we are satisfied with the trade fair. The visitors gave us fantastic feedback on our innovations, which is a clear sign for us that our developments are future oriented and customer focused," said Sebastian Dick, Manager A+W Clarity Innovations.

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Acquisition of UW Solutions

pogee Enterprises recently announced that it has completed the previously reported acquisition of UW Interco, LLC ("UW Solutions"), a vertically integrated manufacturer of high-performance coated substrates used in graphic arts, building products and other applications, for USD 242M in cash.

Ty R. Silberhorn, Apogee's Chief Executive Officer, said: "I am excited to welcome the UW Solutions team to Apogee. This acquisition expands the capabilities and market opportunity of our Large-Scale Optical segment, leveraging the combined strengths of both businesses to create a new engine for growth."

In fiscal year 2025, the company expects the acquisition

to contribute incremental net sales of approximately USD 30M and a decrease in adjusted diluted EPS of approximately USD 0.10, primarily due to increased interest and amortization expense. In fiscal year 2026, the acquisition is expected to be accretive to adjusted diluted EPS, contributing approximately USD 100M of revenue with an adjusted EBITDA margin of approximately 20 percent.

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Forvet merger



he transaction to incorporate Forvet into Bavelloni -both companies are part of the Biesse Group- is underway and the merger deed is expected to be signed in December 2024. In consideration of this, the merger will take effect from January 1, 2025. Therefore, starting from this date, every document, correspondence, delivery note, invoice, collection, payment, etc. is being made with the incorporating company Bavelloni, which will take over all the rights and obligations, active and passive relationships of the incorporated company Forvet.

In the period prior to the signing of the deed, suppliers may already receive orders from the company Bavelloni with delivery to the

Volvera, Turin, Italy plant of the company Forvet.

Up to the date of signing of the deed customers will receive the documentation in the name of Forvet. After the signing and therefore from January 1, 2025 all open orders with Forvet will be transferred and consequently processed by Bavelloni.

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3rd Glass in **Architecture edition** at Glasstec

SG Pilkington, part of the NSG Group, released the third edition of its prestigious Glass in Architecture book at this year's Glasstec trade fair, October 22 to 25 in Dusseldorf.



The book, originally launched in 2011, showcases some of the most prestigious architectural projects worldwide, from public buildings to private homes. It is inspired by the most creative uses of glass in buildings today and focuses

on those where architects have combined functionality and sustainability with design.

All of the projects in this edition are unique. They range from La Terrazza in the heart of Milan, an exceptional terrace of extraordinary all-round beauty, where the architect created a completely transparent, minimalist-style home - seemingly in the open air - one that allows allround enjoyment of its unique character and surroundings, to the Mirror Ball at the Blackpool Promenade in the UK. Here, the corrosion-resistant mirror glass scatters rays of sunshine or floodlight across the beach front at any time of day.

Glass in Architecture also features several public spaces, where glass has been used to create welcoming environments for visitors. From the K11 Art & Cultural Centre in Hong Kong to the La Samaritaine in Paris, France. In each situation, the glass incorporated into the architect's design serves a variety of functions that help enhance the aesthetics of the building, as well as its overall sustainable performance.

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Insulating glass sorted continuously and in sequence

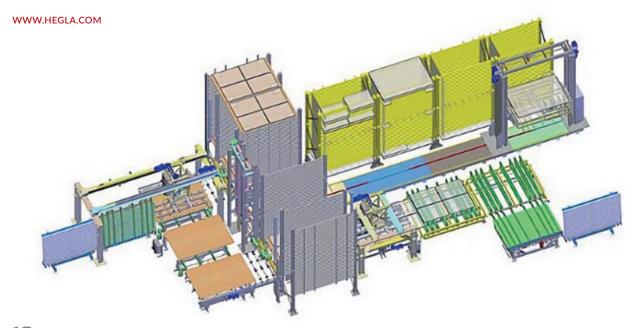
n order is only transferred to the racks when all IGUs are ready in the sorting system. Consolidation and continuous provision of insulating glass units in shipping order is at the centre of a sorting system that **Hegla** presented for the first time at Glasstec 2024. The new concept simplifies the introduction and post-production of missing or damaged units. In addition, the strict dependency between dispatch and production is resolved. This pushes a previous principle of production to its limits and opens up additional opportunities for optimisation: the dispatch sequence is no longer the dominant factor for IGU production. The order batch is usually organized in descending order from large to small formats so that the units can be transferred to the available A or L racks in shipping order and without restacking. If post-production is then required, for example due to scratches in the glass, this sometimes leads to the dispatch process being cancelled and the glass racks are positioned in another area of the hall, which is both time-consuming and labour-intensive. Alternatively, the subsequent units are placed on additional racks, so that the desired order has to be restored later by employees.

The compact solution consists of combined drying and sorting compartments for finished insulating glass units

By buffering the manufactured insulating glass units, the new SortJet IG sorting system decouples the processes between production and dispatch, reducing direct dependency: the loading of the racks only begins when all units of an order have been produced. To achieve this, up to four insulating glass units are automatically transferred to a transfer plate immediately after completion on the line and stored in a drying tower. Depending on the configuration, they are removed after curing and transferred to a horizontal sorting store.

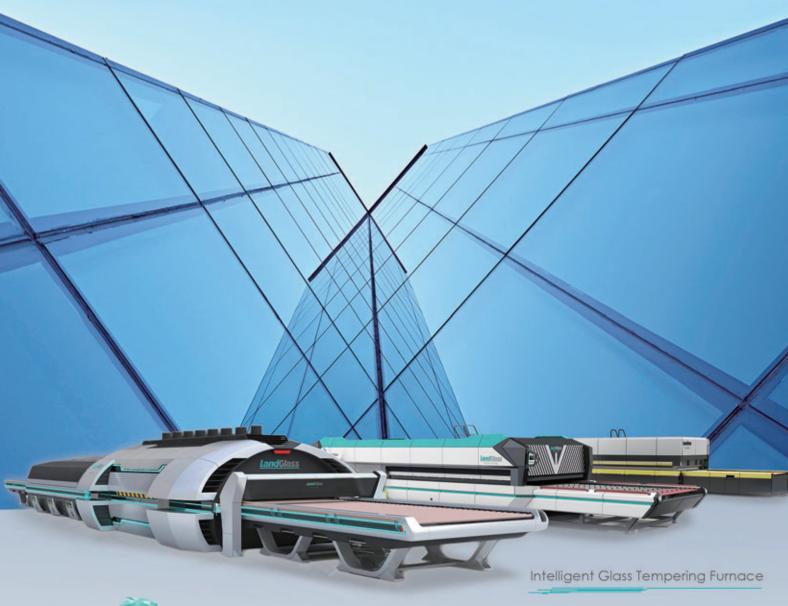
Once a customer batch is complete and ready for dispatch, the operator or the software triggers the provisioning process and all panes are ejected in the required sequence. Finally, intermediate storage and optimized merging also create a reliable glass transfer in sequence, which makes the use of robots possible as a further expansion step to relieve personnel.

Once the production requirements between the insulating glass line and the dispatch provision have been relaxed, there is further potential for optimisation. Depending on the customized equipment of the insulating glass line, for example, it is advantageous in terms of set-up times to produce single-variety double or triple glazing. Furthermore, batches with the same gas filling or sealing compound can also lead to improved processing times.



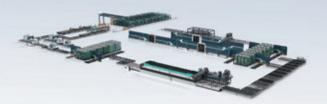


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New FPM-Smart system presented at glasstec

SRA VISION presented its new "all-in-one" surface inspection system "FPM-Smart" at glasstec 2024, which enables complete optical defect detection and classification at line speed. The non-contact conveying of the glass ensures speed. Because the compact system combines a large number of inspection channels and measures light deflection in transmission and reflection, as well as inspecting in light and dark field, it can detect and classify defects more precisely and draw valuable conclusions for the continuous optimization of production.

FPM-Smart is an "all-in-one" inspection system that has been specially developed for the inspection of finished or prefabricated parts such as ultra-thin cover glasses, UTG folding glasses and highly developed transparent films. Glass or film structures consisting of several layers can also be inspected and even viewed separately.

Algorithms also enable the inspection of free-form surfaces and intelligent multi-zone inspection. An ultrasonic sonotrode, which vibrates at 35,000 Hz, generates a standing wave and thus creates an overpressure that causes the glass to float at a controllable height of between 10 and 100 micrometres - 10 micrometres is one hundredth of a millimetre.

The camera structure of the compact system uses a large number of inspection channels: In the TBF (Transmission Bright Field), the inspection beam is set so that the camera looks into the light source - defects appear dark. In the RBF (Reflection Bright Field), the new ISRA VISION system also inspects light deflection for the first time.

Compact and powerful

FPM-Smart combines the different systems in one compact system measuring just 1,300 mm long x 844 mm wide and 1832 mm high. It reliably detects all defects such as scratches, spot and etching defects, inclusions, bubbles, edge chipping, fingerprints, dirt, dents and dings. The conveying speed is 2.5 to 9 metres per minute, depending on the translucency of the glass to be tested. Test specimens with a light transmission of 80 percent or higher benefit from the maximum speed; darker variants, which are used as backsheets, for example, require a little more time. ISRA VISION is already working on a future extension: additional superstructures (FPM-SmartEdge) will allow the edges of the glass to be viewed again at a much higher resolution in order to detect micro-scratches, for example.

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Termofrost® Inmotion improves performance of supermarket chillers

nabling an ideal view of good, easy installation and reduced energy consumption thanks to full glazing, narrow gaps, and wide doors, the new SCHOTT Termofrost® Inmotion door system reduces the energy consumption of chiller cabinets and is easy to install. Developed by SCHOTT, a patent-pending hinge makes a new generation of glass door systems possible. SCHOTT Termo-

frost® Inmotion has significantly smaller gaps than previous solutions, resulting in wider doors and a larger insulation area. It also offers an improved gasket design. Together, these features provide up to 35 percent better energy efficiency compared to conventional chiller door solutions. But that's not all: With three-axis adjustability, the hinge simplifies installation and customization while also providing greater safety preventing collisions. The new product was on display for the first time at Chillventa, the world's leading trade show for refrigeration technology, from October 8 to 10, in Nuremberg, Hall 9, Stand 308. As the name suggests, the new hinge for the SCHOTT Termofrost® Inmotion door solution brings movement and performance to glass door systems for chiller cabinets. The mechanism developed by SCHOTT ensures that - the doors close gently and automatically, with self-regulating closing force and door stops - and that the gaps between the doors on both the hinge and handle sides are significantly reduced. The technology allows the use of better sealing solutions and wider glass doors, resulting in a clearer view of the stored goods. Narrow gaps and a new sealing concept improve the energy performance of chiller cabinets.

Specially designed for best performance

The main benefit of the SCHOTT hinge and door system is a significantly improved energy performance. Chiller cabinets equipped with SCHOTT Termofrost® Inmotion consume 10 percent less electricity than conventional solutions with sealing lips and around 35 percent less than doors without sealing lips. In a comparative test with a four-door refrigerator, the innovation from SCHOTT consumed 10.26 kilowatt hours per day, compared to the 11.3 kWh of a typical door system with conventional sealing lips. Addi-



tional features show that the improvements are not limited to energy efficiency. For example, the glass door can be adjusted along three axes to ensure it is always perfectly aligned with the cabinet, and to compensate for unfavourable geometric conditions. Termofrost Inmotion will be available in various designs and for heavy duty or high humidity environments.

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Teknik Elmas steals the spotlight at Glasstec

esir Makine captivated the global glass industry at Glasstec 2024, held from October 22 to 25, by unveiling its latest advancements in glass processing technology.

In the vibrant halls of Düsseldorf, Tesir Makine brought innovation to life, showcasing its industry-renowned vertical seaming, grinding and polishing machines and introducing its powerful new vertical CNC machine. The live demos drew impressive crowds, offering attendees an up-close look at Tesir Makine's technological precision, speed and versatility—all essential for meeting today's complex glass processing demands.

Interest soared from the first day of the fair, and the Vertical CNC machine quickly became a star attraction. Designed to perform an array of operations, including seaming, grinding, polishing, drilling, milling and chamfering, this CNC innovation exemplifies the company's commitment to pushing boundaries. Tesir Makine expressed great satisfaction with the overwhelming interest shown by partners, distributors and customers from around the world.

Alongside these state-of-the-art machines, Tesir Makine also displayed a comprehensive tooling line-up under the Teknik Elmas brand, showcasing high-tech diamond tools that embody durability and precision. Teknik Elmas tools are critical to enhancing machine performance, and they drew attention from companies across industries, reinforcing Tesir Makine's status as a complete glass processing solution provider.

Visitors from Europe, North and South America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa were welcomed to Tesir Makine's dynamic booth, where the company fostered promising new partnerships and engaged with industry leaders.



Beyond generating exciting new business and collaboration opportunities, Tesir Makine strengthened its existing relationships, solidifying its role as a global leader in glass processing technology.

As Glasstec 2024 concluded, Tesir Makine looked ahead with optimism, eager to bring even greater innovations to the world of glass processing.

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Success at Düsseldorf

Satinal, a leading innovator in the glass processing industry, has announced a resounding success at the recent Glasstec exhibition in Düsseldorf. The event provided a platform for the Company to showcase its latest advancements and connect with industry peers.

A particular highlight of Satinal's presence at Glasstec was the overwhelming interest in the new STRATO® EVA Colour Collection, as well as in the

sustainable STRATO® Carbonlight™ product range, 100 percent Made in Italy interlayers for safety glass lamination.

Visitors were drawn to the innovative design and versatility of this latest product line. The collection generated significant buzz and fostered numerous discussions with potential customers and partners.

In addition to the STRATO® product range, TK Lamijet 02 lamination oven showcased garnered considerable attention. The cutting-edge Italian technology and superior performance of TK Lamijet 02 oven for glass lamination captivated industry experts and generated a high level of interest among attendees.

The Glasstec exhibition reinforced Satinal's position as a frontrunner in the glass processing industry. The Company is excited to build upon this momentum and continue delivering innovative solutions to its customers worldwide.

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SAINT-GOBAIN

Start of cold repair at Barevka plant

The existing furnace for manufacturing patterned glass in Barevka, Czech Republic, has been halted for scheduled cold repair. The line will undergo major revamping to accommodate brand-new furnace design, aiming to reduce direct CO2 emissions by 75 percent. As announced in 2023, in the frame of this joint development project, **Saint-Gobain Glass** and AGC have combined their best available complementary technologies to design the best possible hybrid furnace of the future for flat glass manufacturing. This innovative technology will be tested in Barevka, Czech Republic, and aims to create a high-performing, state-of-the-art production line that is 50 percent electrified and 50 percent powered by a combination of oxygen and gas.

The plant designated for the project is currently undergoing a significant revamping to host the new technologies. Most of the studies and procurement processes have already been completed, and the team is actively coordinating the various professionals working on-site

to construct the new furnace.

While the revamp continues, preparations for production start-up are in progress. This includes a comprehensive and detailed commissioning and testing plan for all equipment and process components to ensure the proper start-up of the new furnace. Additionally, it involves thorough training for the production team, who will be operating an entirely new industrial tool.

The new furnace is expected to be operational by early 2025.

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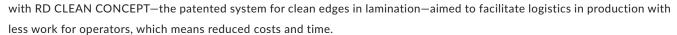
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A satisfying Glasstec event

With Glasstec now over, RCN Solutions has since reported results that have proven above and beyond its expectations. Four days of intense work in which the RCN team was busy welcoming all visitors, willing to give their utmost attention to everyone who crowded the booth, signalling a great opportunity to listen and talk about machines, construction choices and philosophy in lamination as well as to explain the company's flexibility in meeting a customer's requirements.

The two-shelf semi-automatic glass laminating machines displayed at glasstec, with an active size of 3600 by 2100 millimetres, equipped with RD CLEAN CONCEPT, met with great approval, and the audience was impressed by the system. Visitors appreciated the possibility to verify the strength, durability and performance that differentiate all of RCN's machines.

RCN's world-wide reputation has grown throughout the years, thanks to its commercial policies involving new products and the project, started in 2021

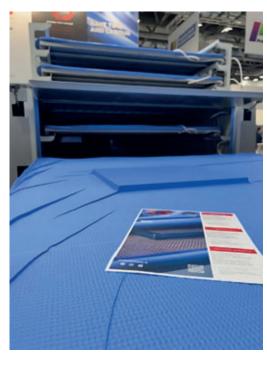


Moreover, RCN's customer-centric programme has been awarded with a wide audience and great interest in its products. Companies came to visit RCN's stand submitting their projects and expecting solutions involving quality products and assistance, which are two aspects RCN fervently cultivates.

Visitors understood RCN is working hard to keep the promise of a reliable partnership. The portfolio of orders the company brought back from Glasstec is the response to the work made before and during the show, based on professional explanations, demonstrations and significant teamwork: professional, empathic, committed and working in harmony.

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Leadership in shaping the future of the glass industry

Sisecam introduced its Plant of the Future platform at Glasstec 2024. The platform is established with a vision of digitalization and sustainability at the core. Bringing together Sisecam's nearly 90 years of expertise with the competencies of suppliers and technology providers, the initiative aims to foster collaboration and innovation in the industry. Operating under a call-based open innovation model, the Plant of the Future will generate tangible solutions from innovative ideas.

Şişecam CEO Görkem Elverici shared his thoughts on the Plant of the Future platform: "Our industry has many suppliers offer-



ing innovative solutions. Being the only global glass player that is active in all segments of glass production with almost 60 furnaces, we believe that in order to envision, design, discover, innovate and implement the solutions of the future, we must move forward together. In our rapidly changing world, industries that rely on traditional/conventional methods must adapt to this transformation. We believe that Plant of the Future will not only transform Şişecam's production operations and processes but also offer significant opportunities for advancing the industry. With contributions from our business partners, we aim to build a future-ready industry, which can even be extended to a "as-a-service" model in the upcoming future. As we progress toward our goals of operational excellence, optimization, digitalization and sustainability, this platform will generate practical, well-designed and innovative solutions. In doing so, it will create an ecosystem where we envision together, design together, implement together, operate together and in return grow together, paving the way for collective development with all of our stakeholders.

"We are aware that tomorrow's needs must be addressed today, which is why we are committed to building the future of the glass industry now. I invite all our business partners to join us in this great transformation. We sincerely believe that the key to progress lies in the collaborations we establish."

Initially, the Plant of the Future platform will focus on glass packaging and flat glass production operations and processes. Şişecam will test development projects submitted in the identified focus areas at facilities where appropriate capacity can be created. It will then swiftly expand successful solutions across the entire production network

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AGC GLASS EUROPE

Saflex™ LiteCarbon™ to be used in Stratobel Glass

GC Glass Europe recently announced a new collaboration with Eastman to integrate the innovative Saflex™ LiteCarbon™ Clear interlayer into its low-carbon Stratobel laminated

safety glass. This collaboration underscores the growing interest in and recognized value of low-carbon products, which helps industries reduce their carbon footprint and support their sustainability objectives.

A step further in sustainability

The integration of Eastman's Saflex™ LiteCarbon™ Clear interlayer into AGC's Low-Carbon Stratobel Glass represents a significant step forward in reducing the embodied carbon of laminated glass →

roducts. This combined solution offers window manufacturers a high-performance sustainable option that does not compromise on quality or safety. The product ensures excellent transparency and meets stringent safety standards, making it suitable for residential windows and a wide range of applications.

Low-carbon Stratobel Glass offers a reduced global warming potential

Saflex™ LiteCarbon™ Clear is a 0.76 mm PVB interlayer with a reduced Global Warming Potential (GWP) of 2.4 kilograms CO2 equivalent per square metre. This aligns perfectly with AGC's Low-Carbon Glass, which features a GWP of 5.5 kg CO2 equivalent per square metre for 4 millimetre float glass. Together, these components create an ideal synergy, offering an option going further in the reduction of the carbon footprint of laminated glass solutions.



As the construction industry continues to prioritize carbon emissions reduction, this initiative provides a timely and effective solution for glazing manufacturers seeking to minimize their impact on climate change while maintaining high standards of performance and safety.

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Entry of MEC INSPECTOR quality control system

appi International, a global leader in the manufacturing of glass tempering furnaces, announced the launch of its innovative MEC IN-SPECTOR in partnership with Glass Inspector at Glasstec 2024. The MEC (MAPPI EDGE COMPUTING) INSPECTOR is an advanced quality control system designed to ensure optimal performance in Mappi's glass tempering plants.

The cutting-edge system results from a close collaboration between Mappi and Glass Inspector and represents a significant advancement in technological innovation and the quality of tempered glass. By integrating state-of-the-art visual inspection algorithms and real-time data analysis, MEC INSPECTOR provides a customized, exact solution for monitoring glass quality throughout the tempering process.

"We are excited to present the MEC INSPECTOR at Glasstec 2024. This new technology demonstrates our ongoing commitment to innovation and quality," said Nancy Mammaro, CEO of Mappi INTERNATIONAL. "The MEC INSPECTOR will enable our customers to implement stringent quality control measures, optimizing production processes and reducing waste, which leads to increased efficiency and sustainability."



Developed in collaboration with Glass Inspector, the MEC INSPECTOR delivers detailed and accurate glass inspections, identifying defects and imperfections in real time to ensure that every piece of tempered glass meets the highest quality standards. Leveraging MAPPI EDGE COMPUTING technology, data processing is performed locally, reducing response times and enhancing system reliability.

Mappi International and Glass Inspector have also signed a joint agreement for the global commercialization of the MEC INSPECTOR, offering an exclusive solution to the market. This collaboration between two industry leaders marks a significant breakthrough in the quality and efficiency of tempered glass production.

The MEC INSPECTOR was available for demonstration and official launch at Mappi International's booth during Glasstec 2024, the world's largest event dedicated to the glass industry, taking place in Düsseldorf from October 22 to 25.

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LANDGLASS

Cyclone glass tempering machine operating smoothly in India

andGlass recently announced that its Cyclone Series Flat and Bent Glass Tempering Machine, model A3060C60U, is now fully operational in India. This successful installation highlights the company's unwavering commitment to delivering cutting-edge solutions that meet the highest industry standards.



The Cyclone Series machine represents the peak of precision processing and offers a range of advanced features designed for both flat and bent glass tempering. Here are some of the key benefits it brings to the market:

- Superior quality: built to meet the strictest requirements in glass tempering with exceptional precision.
- Advanced technology: packed with innovative features to temper both flat and bent glass with unmatched efficiency.
- Reliable performance: designed for consistent operation, ensuring optimal results for a wide range of client needs.

 LandGlass has extended its sincere gratitude to its customers in India for their ongoing trust and support, reporting that their confidence fuels the company's continuous pursuit of innovation and excellence. As LandGlass moves forward, the company has reported that it remains dedicated to offering industry-leading glass tempering solutions while fostering strong relationships with its partners across the globe.

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DOW **Glasstec**

Expansion of technology portfolio for insulating glass

Exhibiting at Glasstec 2024, **Dow** presented an expanded range of organic technologies to address the performance, productivity and quality needs of the façade and window segments. The new materials complement the company's highly successful portfolio of structural glazing, insulating glass, weatherproofing and fire safety bonding options for building façades.



"For over five decades, silicone sealants from Dow have helped inspire unique architectural possibilities for glass façades," said Jean-Paul Hautekeer, Global Strategic Marketing Director, Building & Infrastructure at Dow.

"Dow is excited to announce an expansion of its technology range with DOWSIL™ Organics for Insulating Glass to offer a comprehensive edge-sealing solution consisting of silicone and organics. This introduction underpins our position as a leading global materials science supplier and will allow customers to conveniently secure their sealing requirements from one source.

"This development also reinforces Dow, a backward integrated company, as a reliable supplier for formulated products with increasing requirements on circular and low carbon feed-stock."

Highlights

At Glasstec Dow spotlighted the following technology sealant options that address key needs in façade applications:

• DOWSIL™ 336 Soft Butyl Sealant, for primary sealing of insulating glass units manufactured with flexible spacers.

- DOWSIL™ 250 Polysulfide Insulating Glass Sealant for secondary edge sealing
- DOWSIL™ 993 Structural Glazing Repair Kit for factory and on-site bonding
- DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding for securing frameless glass balustrades
- DOWSIL™ PanelFix System, now approved by the German Institute for Building Technology (DIBt)

Dow's carbon-neutral silicones service for structural glazing, insulating glass and weather sealing projects for high-performance facades were also featured.

Live dialogues

With four live dialogue sessions at its booth, Dow's experienced specialists discussed all these hot topics at glasstec. Of these, two took place daily on October 23 and 24 at 11:00 and 15:00, respectively entitled "Silicones & their role in sustainability explained" and "Expanded technologies & advanced engineering expertise."

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NSG

Halt to production at float line in Gladbeck, Germany

SG Group has announced the decision to cease production at one of its two float glass lines at Gladbeck, Germany, from January 2025. This decision is a direct consequence of a review of the current and medium-term weak demand situation in the German and wider European glass



market, and adds to the previous announcement, made in March this year, notifying the early closure of one of the Group's float lines in Weiherhammer, Germany.

The Group is confident the European markets will recover over the medium-to-long term, however the exact timing of a potential restart of the line will be decided at a later date.

This measure will result in a reduction of the workforce at the site of more than 100 employees. The Group's subsidiary in Germany, Pilkington Deutschland, is in continuous contact with employee representatives to implement this process in a fair and transparent manner.

As a result of this decision, the Group expects to record an exceptional cost of approximately JPY 1.7 billion for the financial year ending 31 March 2025, representing redundancy and other one-off costs. The Group's full-year forecast for the financial year ending 31 March 2025, including this exceptional cost together with the positive resulting impact of an improved level of capacity utilization, will be disclosed after review.

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Innovative software solutions presented at Glasstec



eneTech presented its innovative software solutions for the glass processing industry at this year's Glasstec in Düsseldorf. FeneTech's cuttingedge technology helps glass industry professionals streamline production processes and enhance business efficiency.

Product presentations of the FeneVision software

FeneVision is a comprehensive software package developed specifically for the glass, window and door industry. The software helps companies to optimize their business and production processes, reduce costs and increase efficiency, covering the entire process chain - from configuration and quotation creation to order, material and production management, invoicing, shipping and supplier management. Attendees at Glasstec could discover firsthand how this system addresses current market challenges like incomplete material deliveries or delays. Indeed FeneTech's solutions help eliminate order entry issues and efficiently manage multiple incomplete orders in a single price.

Presentation of the new product Storefront Designer

StorefrontDesigner streamlines the planning and ordering of shop windows and interior partitions, saving you valuable time. This innovative software automates CAD drawings and price calculations for maximum efficiency and precision. The flexibility of a personalized design tool can be used to customize any type of system - whether for top brands or your own designs. Thanks to dynamic parts lists and customizable tools for fittings and movements, users can have every opportunity to tailor their projects perfectly to their customers' needs, optimizing the ordering process while inspiring their customers at the same time.

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Orders for automotive pre-processing lines from **Fuyao Group**

laston has received orders from Fuyao Group in China. The orders include several Glaston CHAMP EVO automotive glass pre-processing lines, and are booked in Glaston's Q3 and Q4 2024 order book. The CHAMP EVO lines will be delivered in the second and third quarters of 2025.

Fuyao Group ranks among the top companies in the global automotive industry and the company continuously develops production automation, intelligent manufacturing and quality. Fuyao's products are used and highly rated by the world's leading automotive manufacturers and OEMs.

The customer will use Glaston's CHAMP EVO pre-processing lines for cutting and grinding automotive wind-shields and sidelites. Also, some of the lines for sidelite production include the drilling function.

In addition to grinding quality, high efficiency and precision in cutting, short changeover times between glass batches and a high degree of repetition accuracy were capabilities the customer was looking for. The ordered Glaston pre-processing lines will add new production capacity for Fuayo Group's factory sites in the Anhui and Fujian provinces. Fuyao Group's new plant in Anhui is considered to be one of the largest automotive safety glass processing plants in the world. "We have worked a long time with Fuyao and are happy that our products support their position as a high-quality automotive glass processor. These orders also demonstrate that providing locally produced machines close to customers in the growing mobility market is well received and will support our strategic growth plans in the mobility market," said José Yepes, SVP Mobility, Display & Solar at

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HomeComfort range introduced at Glasstec 2024

nown for its **Pilkington** glass products, **NSG Group** introduced its new HomeComfort range at Glasstec 2024. At the fair these products, designed to enhance home comfort, were highlighted alongside NSG Group's ongoing makechange™ sustainability initiatives.

Balancing sustainability with comfort

As pioneers of the float glass process, NSG Group is committed to improving both the sustainability of its products and the comfort of living and working environments.

HeatComfort: Sustainable heating solution

One of the key products in the HomeComfort range is HeatComfort, a heated insulating glass solution featuring the electrically conductive NSG TEC^{TM} coating.

During colder months, HeatComfort not only minimizes heat loss but also ensures a more stable and comfortable indoor climate. While it doesn't alter the U-value, this technology can boost a home's energy efficiency, combining comfort with sustainability.

LuxComfort: integrated sun protection

Another product in the HomeComfort range is LuxComfort, which integrates blinds within the glass panes. This solution protects against solar heat and light, making it suitable for energy-efficient building projects. In warmer months, LuxComfort blocks sunlight to prevent overheating, while in colder periods, the integrated blinds can be raised to allow more sunlight in, reducing heating costs by utilizing natural solar heat.

Year-round climate control with HomeComfort

The HomeComfort range offers year-round climate control that is easy to manage, whether at home or on the go. When paired with HubComfort, users can control their products remotely.

The purpose behind HomeComfort

"As remote working becomes more common, creating a home environment that balances comfort and efficiency has never been more important," said Alderlan Vitalino, Global VA and Marketing Director Europe Architectural Glass SBU. "HomeComfort was developed to meet this need, offering glass solutions that make living and working spaces more comfortable, energy-efficient, and adaptable."

NSG Group plans to expand the HomeComfort range in the future, further enhancing living comfort with a focus on sustainability.

Other Innovations

In addition to the HomeComfort range, NSG Group showcased other products at Glasstec 2024, where visitors could explore Pilkington Mirai™, the lowest embodied carbon glass in the market, and Pilkington AviSafe™, designed to improve bird safety while maintaining visibility.

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Innovation and success define TUROMAS's Glasstec comeback

Tristar Glass, a leading architectural glass manufacturer in the U.S., has strengthened its production capacity at its Dallas plant by acquiring smart machinery from Spanish manufacturer, Turomas. This strategic partnership, driven by high demand and the need to improve operational efficiency, includes the installation of two RUBI 517C cutting tables and an SR-07 storage system.

USSELDORF SUCCESS

This year Turomas returned to Glasstec, the premier trade fair for the flat glass industry. The event provided the perfect stage for presenting the

latest innovations in glass storage, loading and cutting machinery. As such it gathered together 1,257 exhibitors from 50 countries and welcomed nearly 32,000 visitors from 121 nationalities who came to experience the latest trends

innovations across the entire glass production and processing value chain. With a 600 m² stand in Hall 15 - B24, Turomas made its own impressive impact by showcasing a comprehensive range of state-of-the-art machinery, automation systems and intelligent glass-cutting solutions that captivated visitors. The blend of advanced technology, live demonstrations and direct interaction with company experts contributed to a highly successful event for the company. In addition to highlighting cuttingedge developments, innovations and trends, Turomas strengthened valuable business relationships.

AN EXPERT TEAM COMMITTED TO CUSTOMER SERVICE

Representing Turomas were key figures: Miguel Tomás, President; Álvaro Tomás, CEO; José Luis Escriche, COO; and Antonio Ortega, CFO. Regional sales were handled by Álvaro Doñate, area manager for Spain and Portugal;

Oriol Llorens, area manager for Europe; Santiago Blasco, area manager for Africa and the Middle East; Eduardo Nieto, head of the Chile and Argentina delegation; Juan Dávila, head of the Colombia delegation; Bonifacio Cuadros, head of the Mexico delegation; Teresa Catalán, marketing head; and Teresa Salvador, after-sales service. On the technical side, Miguel Ángel Guillén, R&D Manager; Ángel Silva, Software Manager; José Solsona, Prototyping Manager; and Daniel Gimeno, Technical Office Manager were all in attendance. 2024 also marked the first Glasstec participation of Alfonso Lafaja, General Manager of Distecglass, a Turomas group company specialising in distributing and advising on products and consumables for glass processing, such as those used in IGU manufacturing, light façades, glass fittings and glassware tools. With Glasstec now over, Turomas and Distecglass are all set to appear at Veteco 2024 in Madrid from

November 5 to 8, at stand #10E08, for which they have jointly extended their gratitude to the dedicated Turomas sales and distribution network, which has contributed to a strong team presence - offering personalised and enhanced customer service throughout the fair.

Turomas's 26-year history at this event. It has not only created new business opportunities and commercial alliances. It has also solidified significant agreements with leading companies on five continents. Glasstec 2024 has, without a doubt, marked a turning point for Turomas."





Impressions of TUROMAS' management

Here follow some useful takeaways from various key members of the Turomas booth team at Glasstec:

Álvaro Tomás, CEO

"With Glasstec behind us, we can now confidently state that this has been one of the best editions in

José Luis Escriche, COO

"The standout feature for me was the enthusiastic response from customers worldwide to our solutions on display -, including cutting tables for laminated and monolithic glass, new software applications and automation for storage and

scrap management. Hundreds of visitors came to our stand, attended to by nearly 30 members of our sales network, in our typical professional and personalised style. Given the positive outcomes, we are optimistic about seeing the results of our efforts at Glasstec 2024 unfold in the coming weeks."

Miguel Ángel Guillén, **R&D Director**

"Returning from Glasstec, we are filled with satisfaction and excitement, having shared these days with the industry, our customers, the commercial network and our team. After 26 years of participation, we proudly regard this as one of Turomas's most successful editions."

Teresa Catalán, **Marketing Manager**

"A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who made this event possible: customers, suppliers, the sales network and especially the incredible Turomas team across production, R&D, software, after-sales, administration, marketing, sales and management. Each person's hard work and passion were essential to our success. Thank you!"

Álvaro Doñate, Spain and Portugal Area Manager

"This was the most intense fair I've experienced in my 20 years at Turomas, reflecting our investment

and yielding results beyond expectations. I'd like to extend thanks to all the customers and friends who visited, especially those from Spain and Portugal, who support us in establishing Turomas as a market reference."

Oriol Llorens, Europe Area Manager

"The event was a resounding success for the European market, drawing numerous familiar customers and resulting in highly productive meetings that further solidified our position and prestige."

CUTTING-EDGE MACHINERY UNVEILED

At Glasstec, Turomas introduced its main technological advancements in smart storage, loading and automatic glass cutting, along with its new software suite. Live demonstrations were customised for each customer, ensuring a unique and close experience.

LR-07

This automatic glass loader boasts a patented Turomas arc loading system that greatly increases production efficiency over traditional loaders. It handles both standard and Jumbo glass of varying heights, low-emission layers and thicknesses from 1.8 mm to 25 mm. Configured for integration with the SG - SaveGlass system,



it features a grid that facilitates 90° remnant entry and exit. Every component in contact with the glass is chosen to prevent damage, designed with advanced technology for autonomous operation on both standard and Jumbo sheets.

SG-06

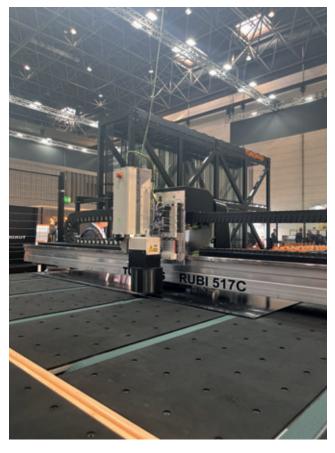
The SaveGlass system allows remnant storage risk, without damage providing exact location, measurements and glass type for later use. It operates independently or integrates seamlessly into any Turomas storage system (SR or LA) and its flexible design can be customised to fit the client's space and needs.

RUBI 517C

This high-performance monolithic glass cutting line employs magnetic linear motor technology introduced by Turomas nearly 20 years ago. It achieves a maximum speed of 310 m/min and an acceleration of 19 m/s². Equipped with the 4-Tool system for an adaptable, perfect cut on various glass thicknesses, this table is also integrated with the ACR advanced stripping system, a patented feature that removes Low-E coatings and plastic protections in a single pass. The system includes innovations to enhance stripping, such as a cooling system and a twostage process that prevents

peeling. Additionally, a high-flow vacuum removes all residues from the surface. A laser marking system allows identification and traceability of each glass piece, offering highspeed, precision marking within an engraving area of 100x100 mm.

cycle time by 10 seconds and heating the butyral improves cut quality. The fully automated process from loading to unloading, aided by MCC belts and a specially designed measuring trolley, maximises efficiency. An advanced system facilitates







LAM 405

This cutting line for laminated glass, with a versatile, automatic design, cuts glass from 2+2 to 10+10 in thickness, featuring a 4.7 m cutting length and 3.3 m system length. Turomas's new cutting and separation system reduces

quick, precise positioning, particularly for laminated safety glass cutting. Additionally, Turomas set up a dedicated totem for its software applications, where visitors interacted with digital tools like StockGlass, Cutting TV and SmartGlass, show-





casing the transformative power of digitalization and automation in the glass industry.

SALES AND VISITOR INTERACTION

Throughout the fair, Turomas's stand saw a continu-

ous influx of visitors from Europe, Latin America, Australia and the Middle East, resulting in significant deals in countries like Portugal, Argentina, Mexico, South Africa and Saudi Arabia. Feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, underscoring not only the technical quality of the machinery but also Turomas's dedication to innovation and after-sales support. These interactions bolstered the company's reputation as a reliable and high-quality provider, drawing both long standing customers and new potential clients.

THE FUTURE AFTER GLASSTEC 2024

Glasstec 2024 has reinforced Turomas's position as a leading global player in glass industry technol-

ogy. With new business agreements and encouraging feedback, the company looks to the future with optimism. Glasstec has always been a vital platform for Turomas, underscoring the importance of anticipating market needs as the industry evolves. Going forward, Turomas remains committed to innovation, aiming to develop more efficient and sustainable solutions aligned with industry demands.

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Triumph at KERAGLASS after a winning Düsseldorf event



KERAGLASS has reported great satisfaction following its recent participation at Glasstec 2024, at which the company saw its industry leadership reinforced. The event attracted numerous professionals, partners and potential customers who were able to view live demonstrations that fostered productive interactions - all paving the way for future growth and new market opportunities.

articipation at this year's Glasstec turned out to be a great success for Keraglass in late October - providing yet another confirmation of the company's industry protagonism. Its stand welcomed a large number of visitors - all drawn by the company's innovative solutions and the high quality of the products on show. Attendees to the event displayed a significant level of interest. A large number of glass sector experts visited the stand, keen to take a look at the latest developments and receive more information on the possibilities offered by Keraglass's technologies.

ANSWERING UNMET NEEDS

Interactions with potential customers proceeded very smoothly, thanks to an open and constructive dialogue that afforded the team a chance to have a

comprehensive understanding of the needs out there while proposing tailored solutions. Visitors were particularly attentive to the company's latest developments, with new products receiving considerable interest. Its live demonstrations proved especially popular, giving visitors a real-time look at the flexibility, precision and quality of Keraglass products and technological solutions. These interactive sessions gave attendees a close-up view of the benefits of our solutions, resulting in an engaging and extremely informative experience for all. Many of the company's existing customers dropped in to try out products and hold direct discussions with the stand team. The interac-







tive sessions that ensued, as well as practical demonstrations and detailed presentations all attracted a high level of interest, engendering even greater trust in Keraglass's offering. There was no shortage of positive feedback from customers, who clearly understood the benefits and capabilities of the solutions on offer - opening the way towards new opportunities for mutual collaboration.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

The excellent customer service available from the company's team proved to be a key aspect of its success at the exhibition. Indeed its proactive approach, backed by solid expertise and readiness to answer visitor questions all produced a positive and professional atmosphere on the stand. This attention to detail meant the team was not only able to meet customer expectations, but also to gain a fuller understanding of their needs - resulting in full-spectrum conversations on how Keraglass' solutions can best match their requirements. The event closed on a note of absolute enthusiasm, with extremely promising outlooks for the future. With interest generated

and contacts collected at the exhibition, the team now feels fully justified in adopting an optimistic view of the future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Keraglass has since expressed its commitment to continue working in close contact with customers to understand their needs more completely - offering tailored solutions and building enduring business relationships. Here the company's participation at Glasstec acts as a springboard to strengthen its relations with customers, also allowing it to explore new market opportunities. Indeed thanks to Keraglass's high quality products, innovative approach and customer-service focus, it has laid solid foundations for the continuous growth and consolidation of its leadership role in the sector. Enthusiastic for all that the future may hold, Keraglass now looks forward to continuing this path of growth side by side with businesses.





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Designed for precision and efficiency, BSOLUTION's machines optimize glass finishing processes - delivering fast, safe results of optimum quality. No surprise, therefore, that the company team greatly impressed booth attendees at Glasstec in October exhibiting Speed Edge's innovative suction technology, which ensures stability, alongside Speed Arris, which boosts productivity in pretempering applications.



Solution was delighted again to participate in October at Glasstec - the leading global event for the glass industry, which was held in Düsseldorf. With its wide range of glass arrising and grinding machines, the company stands as a trusted partner for companies seeking efficiency, precision and reliability in their production processes.





It showcased its flagship products, including Speed Arris, the high-productivity edging/grinding machine and Speed Edge, the vertical edger that's designed to meet current industry demands with advanced technology that improves efficiency while reducing processing times. Crafted to the most elevated technological standards, both machines offer tailored solutions for high-performance glass production,

optimizing quality and speed.

INNOVATION AND QUALITY: POLISHED EDGE GLASS AND SPEED EDGE TECHNOLOGY

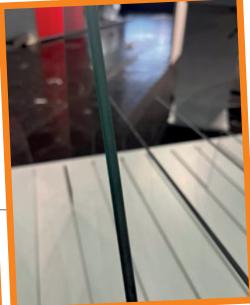
In the world of glass processing, obtaining high quality finishes is essential on an ever-more demanding market. Here polished edge glass is one of the most sought-after finishes as it merges great aesthetics and outstanding

safety on a single product. B Solution understands the importance of this process, which is why it offers such edge processing solutions has the Speed Edge vertical glass edging machine - all to ensure optimum results.

SPEED EDGE PLUS

An innovative system, its suction cups allow it to lock the entire plate that must be worked - thereby ensuring a higher working speed than













traditional machines, an absence of vibrations, precision in squaring and respect for the dimensions of the glass that's being worked. Indeed the Speed Edge machine is designed to be applied either to existing glass processing lines or to work independently. Here the compact system integrates loading and unloading with additional space reduction in a single solution.

ADVANTAGES OF USING SPEED EDGE FOR POLISHED GLASS

More specifically, the Speed Edge vertical glass edging machine gives customers the following advantages:

- Shorter processing times, thanks to a high-speed grinding system
- Uniform, high-quality finishes that meet rigorous safety and aesthetic standards
- Flexible control of glass size/thickness, ensuring outstanding versatility

Investing in the right technology is an essential competitiveness factor in the glass processing industry. The Speed Edge vertical glass edging machine is an excellent example of how innovation can transform manufacturing, raising both output capacity and customer satisfaction.

B SOLUTION'S SPEED ARRIS TECHNOLOGY

The Speed Arris machine is dedicated to both arrising and rough-grinding,

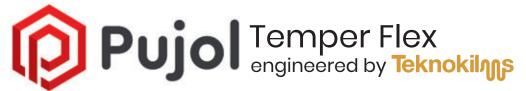
thus illustrating two fundamental glass-working processes. The machine combines these two essential techniques to optimize the glass production process enhancing both efficiency and safety. Designed using state-of-the-art technology, the company's solutions ensure precision arrising and effective rough grinding, reducing processing times and extending the lifespan of finished products. In particular, arrissed glass represents one of BSolution's specialties. Through refined techniques, the sharp edges of the glass are removed, transforming them into elegant, safe edges. This process not only enhances the aesthetic appearance of the glass but also increases its impact resistance, significantly reducing the risk of breakage. By delivering high productivity in vertical arrissing, high productivity in vertical rough-grinding and seamless integration into IGU lines, Speed Arris arrissing/rough-grinding machine will optimize the pre-tempering process - for enhanced safety and efficiency.



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Winning products have **PUJOL and EVALAM** making their mark at Glasstec

Showcasing its industry leadership in an impressive, 420-square-metre exhibition space, PUJOL presented its extensive range of solutions for the safety glass sector at Dusseldorf this year - meeting diverse market demands while demonstrating the company's commitment, jointly with EVALAM, to advancing its innovative offer to the industry.



lasstec 2024 saw Temper Flex being numbered among the groundbreaking technologies displayed by Pujol. It's the first glass tempering oven on the market with high productivity and high installed power. Temper Flex can work at a double range of installed power and at a double speed "ECO" or "PRO". This innovative system can adjust its power consumption to align with customer needs and enable precise energy control for varying production requirements, overall consumption.

More specifically, the Temper Flex offers the following unique benefits:







- High production flexibility: designed to adapt to fluctuating production needs.
- Superior product quality: delivers high-quality finishes with exceptional flatness and minimal anisotropy.
- Cost savings and profitability: reduces energy costs per square meter and provides a rapid return on investment.
- Low maintenance requirements: minimizes downtime and maintenance expenses, maximizing operational efficiency.

Pujol also introduced the Pujol 100 PVB+, an oven tailored for the efficient lamination of PVB glass without the need for costly air-conditioned facilities, additional calendering equipment, or accessories for humidity control. This disruptive technology has proven its value, with 52 units already installed across 28 countries over the past 11 years.

KEY ADVANTAGES OF THE PUJOL 100 PVB+INCLUDE

- Versatile lamination: capable of processing PVB, EVA, and ionoplast (SGP) interlayers.
- Humidity and temperature independence: no climate control is required, reducing operational costs.
- Elimination of pre-laminating requirements: operates without a calendaring system or high-power compressors.
- Energy efficiency: achieves up to 70 percent energy savings compared to traditional autoclave systems.
- High thickness capacity: supports up to 40 mm in a single tray or up to 60 mm in smaller glass units.
- Uniform heating: uses a dual-sided heating plate system for consistent temperature distribution.
- Space optimization and productivity: while one load is processed, the oth-





er is prepped, optimizing cycle times.

• High output with minimal staffing: enables efficient high-volume production with a reduced labor footprint.

Also on display was the LAM-PRO series, designed for companies seeking high performance with lower investment. This series balances quality with efficiency, making it ideal for firms

aiming to maintain topnotch results without compromising on budget.

ADVANTAGES OF THE LAM-PRO **SERIES**

- Production flexibility: independent, isolated working chambers.
- Eco-friendly design: minimizes environmental impact.
- High productivity: features an automatic rapid cooling

system.

- Industry 4.0 compatibility: equipped with Pujol's e-Connect technology for advanced connectivity (model dependent).
- Uniform heating: features a double-layer radiation system with air homogenization.
- Quality control: the vacuum bag in Omega enhances glass quality.
- User-friendly software: includes customizable pro-

gramming functions.

• Ergonomic design: built to improve productivity and reduce operator fatigue.

Pujol Additionally, troduced Talgo Bending - ARKTK, a specialized oven for producing 5x3x1.2metre curved gravitational glass. This technology allows for the creation of large, distortion-free curved glass, expanding possibilities in architectural applications. Evalam, a division of the Pujol Group, highlighted its expertise in EVA and other interlayers for architectural and decorative glass, showcasing products that have cemented Evalam's reputation as a global leader in interlayer solutions. Products featured by Evalam included:

EVALAM VISUAL

Distinguished by its superior transparency, unmatched adhesion, excellent acoustic insulation, and a high crosslinking index, Evalam Visual is the ideal choice for projects where optical clarity and durability are paramount. Evalam Visual provides numerous benefits:

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- Edge stability: maintains integrity at open edges.
- UV filtering
- Strong adhesion
- Acoustic insulation
- Safety protection
- Fire resistance

EVALAM COLOR

Designed for architects and interior designers, Evalam Color offers durability, colour uniformity, and an expanded palette. With recent additions like caribbean blue, cement grey, copper and bronze, this product line meets the demand for vibrant, lasting colours. Evalam Color is engineered for durability under high temperatures, without tonal

degradation, thereby ensuring vibrant colour longevity.

Key advantages of Evalam Color include:

Temperature tolerance:

- Operates up to 120°C without colour loss.
- Extended longevity: maintains colour quality over time, outperforming other
- Certified for outdoor use: four shades of white and one black meet European outdoor standards.
- Vast colour range: offers over 300 colour variations for customized solutions.

AB-AR

Evalam also introduced AB-AR, a structural interlayer developed for highsafety applications in public spaces or areas requiring support under high linear loads. AB-AR provides a higher degree of postbreakage safety, essential for tempered glass installations in high-traffic environments.

Advantages of AB-AR include:

- Post-breakage performance: ensures structural stability after glass breakage.
- Impact resistance: withstands forceful impacts in crowded areas.
- Temperature resilience: performs reliably above 50°C.

- UV protection
- Enhanced safety
- No air-conditioning needed: reduces maintenance complexity.

I-ON BY PUJOL

Another highlight from the Pujol Group was I-ON, a PDLC laminated solution allowing seamless transitions between transparent and private glass, fully integrable with home automation systems. This technology offers broad applicability in residential and commercial settings, providing flexible privacy control with aesthetic appeal. Pujol and Evalam's continued innovation, evident at Glasstec 2024, reflects their commitment to pushing the boundaries of glass technology. From energy-efficient laminating solutions to vibrant interlayer options and privacyenhancing systems, Pujol Group's offerings address the evolving needs of the architectural glass sector. This year's exhibition solidified Pujol's position as a leader in glass processing technology, underscoring the company's dedication to sustainable, high-performance solutions for global markets.





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An essential dimension of sustainable building: EDGETECH's Super Spacer®

OF BIGS MOST RECENT PROJECTS

Renowned Danish architect Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) believes there is

no single answer to what sustainable buildings of the future will look like. The eye-catching new BIG headquarters in the port of Copenhagen is largely made of CO₂-reduced concrete, though the group chose cross-laminated timber when designing Skypark Business Centre at Luxembourg Airport. At first glance this may seem contradictory, yet the two buildings share some common qualities - high standards of sustainability, resource conservation and energy efficiency, and both feature insulating glazing with Super Spacer® spacers.



Copenhagen has completely overhauled the former harbour area of Nordhavn, transforming it into a sustainable urban district - a connected area for 40,000 people and a testing ground for cutting-edge green technologies. When BIG presented plans for its new headquarters at the top of Sundmolenpier in Nordhavn, they were initially rejected by the city council. Decision makers considered the proposed 27-metre-high concrete



Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) has integrated flexible warm-edge technology from Edgetech's Super Spacer® in recent projects, so it's hardly surprising that its concrete-centric Copenhagen HQ and its timber Skypark Business Centre in Luxembourg both use the advanced spacers to enhance insulation, energy efficiency and durability.

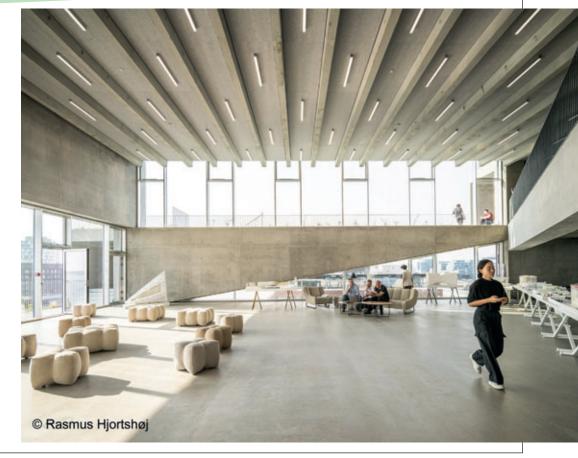
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Eiler Thomsen Alufacader manufactured the mullion-transom glass façade from extruded raw aluminium. Glaseksperten A/S supplied approximately 500 units, up to 2.8 metres high, for the floor-to-ceiling triple glazing, as well as a threemetre high glass sliding door and glass fire doors. The U value of the façade is 0.18 W/(m²K), the Ug

value of the glazing is 0.6 and the Uw value of the windows is 0.8 W/(m2K). The Pilkington Suncool 70/40 used in the insulating glass units is a high performance coated glass that combines excellent thermal insulation with solar control and high light transmittance - important properties for the low light Scandinavian winters and long sunny summer days. The glazing experts chose Edgetech's Super Spacer® T-SpacerTM Premium Plus as the project's warm edge spacer. Marketing Manager Louise Præstholm comments: 'The Super Spacer is very efficient

tower too unattractive for the green showcase city, which aims to be carbon neutral by 2050. At first glance, the neo-brutalist aesthetic -marked here by massive exposed concrete beams- appears to honour an environmentally high-impact material rather than sustainable design. With no plaster or cladding, the structure highlights the pure contrast of concrete supports and floor-to-ceiling glass. From roof to pier, each story ends in a diagonal balcony connected by a circular staircase, offering unique views of the Öresund. Yet, closer inspection reveals the high performance components making this a sustainable construction project.





in production due to its flexible, metal-free composition, which simplifies installation and reduces the need for manual labour. Its structural flexibility also allows for an extremely precise fit, reducing the stress on the glass. Super Spacer also contributes to the energy efficiency and durability of the end product by improving thermal performance and minimising condensation.'

70 PERCENT OF CONCRETE MADE WITH REDUCED CO² CONTENT

After the building application was rejected, BIG entered into discussions to explain the sustainability concept in detail. In order to achieve the best possible lifecycle carbon footprint as part of the DGNB Gold certification, around 70 percent of the concrete used for Sundmolenpier was carbon-reduced. Since 2017, when the initial plans for the new headquarters were drawn up, the team had been in dialogue with Danish cement manufacturer Aalborg Portland, which was researching a CO₂-reduced cement. The resulting material, now marketed as FUTURECEM®, produces up to 30 percent less CO, emissions than conventional Portland cement, as 35 percent of the energy-intensive clinker is replaced with limestone and calcined clay. FUTURECEM® is more viscous than less sustainable alternatives, meaning special production and formwork procedures had to be developed in collaboration with the shell manufacturer LM Byg A/S and the concrete supplier Unicon to enable the walls to be cast in-situ. The beams, which are approximately 3.6 metres high and 20 metres long, are a sandwich construction of 500 millimetres of load-bearing reinforced concrete, 350 millimetres of insulation and 100 millimetres of fairfaced concrete. But why concrete and not timber? The location's harsh, salty environment is tough on any material, but the BIG team felt that challenges of corrosion and moisture would have been much more difficult to solve with a timber structure. In addition, the building had to accommodate materials from the surrounding port buildings. BIG headquarters is heated and cooled solely by concrete core activation and passive ventilation, taking full advantage of FUTURECEM®'s heat storage capacity to

regulate temperature. Energy piles are used as a heat source and the heat pump is supplied with electricity from the building's own photovoltaic system. There are reasons beyond aesthetics for leaving surfaces untreated. Over the years, exposed concrete can reabsorb climate-damaging CO, through carbonation. The carbon dioxide reacts with the calcium hydroxide in the concrete to form calcium carbonate, or limestone. This effect also has a small impact on the ecological balance.

SKYPARK BUSINESS CENTRE SOUTH WITH POWERFUL TIMBER HYBRID **CONSTRUCTION**

The Skypark Business Centre South at Luxembourg's Findel Airport, also designed by the Bjarke Ingels Group,



stands in stark contrast to the concrete minimalism of the BIG headquarters. While the underground areas of the low-energy building are mainly made of reinforced concrete, the 30.5-metre-high superstructure is one of the largest timber constructions in Europe. Instead of a single, elongated body, the building, which consists of two three-storey structures, meanders along the airfield over a length of 365 metres. The design not only optimises usable space, but the geometric zig-zag grid also creates separate, light-flooded courtyards for maximum daylighting. The upper structure is rotated 180 degrees, creating lush green roofs and terraces on three levels. The artificial biotopes provide space for flora and fauna, collect rainwa-

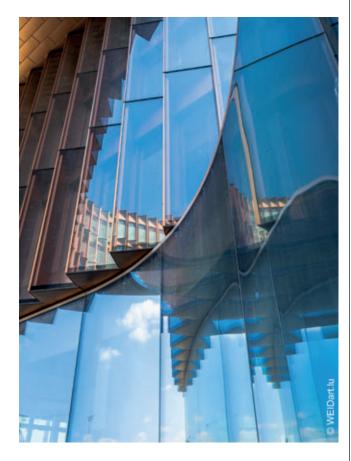
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ter, reduce the building's cooling load and improve the microclimate and air quality.

DOUBLE-GLAZED FAÇADE TO REDUCE HEAT, NOISE AND GLARE

Skypark has been de-

signed with a remarkefficient ably energy double-glazed façade. The outer layer consists of a zigzag of transparent and opaque elements to provide noise and wind protection. The inner triple-glazed mullioned face provides additional thermal insulation, and the space between the façades is fitted with individually controllable blinds. The ground floor has a structural glazing look and acts as a light, transparent base for the upper floors. As with the rest of the building, the edges of the ground floor are rounded to allow uninterrupted panoramic views. The storey-high, concave and convex curved insulating glass units for the corners of the glass façade were manufactured by Münsterland-based glass processor Finiglas on behalf of the façade constructor Kyotec Luxembourg. Each corner consists of four panes measuring 2999 x 4861 millimetres with a radius of 7698 millimetres. Installation specialist Heavydrive was on site



with its VSG 1300 KR vacuum suction system and Konter 3000 counterweight system to install the curved units under an overhang of 2602 millimetres. The required glass performance and a Ug value of less than 0.5 W/m2K could only be achieved with triple glazing and specific thermal and solar control coatings. The pane construction, using Guardian Ultra Clear as the base glass, consists of 13.52 millimetre laminated safety glass with various solar control coatings on the weather side, a thermal insulation

coating on the 6 millimetres thick centre pane and a 17.52 millimetres laminated safety glass pane, partly with an acoustic interlayer.

'The units are not inserted into a frame, but are fixed in the edge seal using the Siltal joint, which is common in the Benelux. The glass façade is actually designed as structural glazing, since the bonding is done through the edge seal and only the laminated safety glass pane on the interior side is mounted on the mullion,' says Mirko Heeringa, project manager at Finiglas.

THERMAL EFFICIENCY



PRODUCTION AND **PERFORMANCE AMONG SUPER** SPACER® BENEFITS

Although Finiglas production is designed for large formats, tripleglazed units are something special. Each of the more than 160 curved triple insulating glass units that Finiglas supplied to Luxembourg weighs more than 1300 kilograms. The requirements for reproducibility and handling were particularly high for this project. We had five individual panes, each weighing up

to 600 kilograms, hanging from the crane for the assembly of the 130 units, which had to be precisely laminated and insulated. Given the weight and size of the panels, we adapted our processes accordingly. For example, we designed special tools and handling equipment," Heeringa continues. Finiglas used the 16 mm Super Spacer® TriSeal™ Flex black' from Edgetech/Quanex as a spacer. 'The Flex has several advantages for us in insulating glass production,' confirms Heeringa, and continues: 'It is



a little stronger than the Super Spacer products we normally use, so it always remains stable and precisely in position when the second and third panes are placed.' Christoph Rubel, European Technical Manager at Edgetech Europe GmbH in Heinsberg, emphasises the properties of the

Super Spacer® within the insulating glass unit: 'Wind and climatic loads can work quite hard in a 16 millimetre gap between the panes. This is where a spacer made of structural silicone foam really comes into its own thanks to its flexibility and 100 percent resilience. The elastic silicone material



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keeps the edge seal intact and thus guarantees the energy efficiency and durability of the insulating glazing.'



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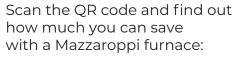
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Energy-saving technologies exhibited at Glasstec by MAZZAROPI



Against the backdrop of the glass industry's leading international trade fair for 2024, our editorial team took the occasion to speak in Düsseldorf to MAZZAROPPI CEO Antonio Mazzaroppi and company Marketing Manager Federico Mazzaroppi on the products they exhibited this year at the company stand.

TI: ANTONIO, HOW CAN YOU ENSURE UP TO 70 PERCENT LESS CONSUMPTION IN COMPARISON TO OTHER TEMPERING FURNACES OUT THERE?

Antonio Mazzaroppi: Mazzaroppi Engineering has brought a fully functional furnace here to Glasstec to demonstrate how easy it is to use its TP Compact

model. Indeed for an Italian company with sixty years of experience in glass tempering, Glasstec 2024 has signalled an opportunity for us to convince even the most sceptical onlooker of the performance of its highly efficient furnaces. Today, Mazzaroppi Engineering offers optimised energy-efficient solutions for glass tempering to the market. That commitment translates into furnaces that are affordable even for smaller glassworks,



which can quickly recoup their investment - all thanks to not only increased productivity but also significant energy cost savings.

GTI: Why did you choose to exhibit the TP Compact here at Glasstec?

AM: Designed to meet the needs of companies and small glassworks, this furnace is an important statement for us. This is because it allows glass to be tempered in-house, with reduced energy consumption - all in a limited space and even without the need for any brickwork or for extending the electrical cabinet. We know

that many people still find it difficult to believe that it's possible to achieve the kind of performance we guarantee. That's why we wanted to give a concrete demonstration here at the fair.

GTI: Federico, how exactly do you achieve energy savings of 70 percent compared to competing solutions? *FM:* To optimise the con-

FM: To optimise the consumption of our furnaces we are constantly innovating our technologies. If I had to sum up in three points how savings are generated for companies I would say that, firstly, Mazzaroppi furnaces reduce consumption dur-

ing production. Secondly, they eliminate unproductive consumption that's typically caused by leaving the oven on when it's not in use - for example, at night. Finally, they do not require extension of the electrical cabinet, which doesn't need to be replaced.

GTI: Here at the show you're also presenting the upgrade of two of your flagship technologies, namely M Efficiency 5.0 and M Opticonvection. Can you speak to these?

FM: Continuous technological development is essential to taking the perfor-

mance of our furnaces to the next level. In particular, these two proprietary technologies have been developed by our R&D team to allow maximum optimisation: M Efficiency 5.0 ensures the containment of energy peaks, and M Opticonvection allows hot air to be used only in the part of the furnace where the glass is located, adapting it to the percentage of space occupied in order to obtain a higher tempering quality with incredibly low consumption.

GTI: Any chance those who didn't see the TP Compact here will be able to view it live elsewhere?

FM: Sure. Those who weren't at the trade show can contact us anytime. We'd be delighted to arrange a meeting so they can view the furnace and answer any questions they may have about its performance, technology and consumption. Bear in mind that though Mazzaroppi's headquarters are in Italy, just outside Rome, the company's vocation has always been international, with agents all over the world.





Again this year at Düsseldorf, FILTRAGLASS rocks!

eturning from Düsseldorf some days ago with the satisfaction of knowing that their water treatment systems will enjoy a bright future in the glass industry, the show's Filtraglass booth team concluded this year's Glasstec presence charged with positivity. Being the world's reference trade show of the sector, Glasstec gathers thousands of visitors from every corner of the world at each successive edition, making it an essential event for industry professionals. Over its four day duration, the show surpassed the numbers of its previous edition, with over 32,000 visitors from 121 countries and 1,257 exhibitors from 50 different countries. Notably, 75 percent of the visitors came from other European countries, namely France, Poland, the Netherlands and Italy among others, as well as from the United States and China.

SUSTAINABILITY AT CENTRE STAGE

Here Filtraglass made a strong commitment by presenting its highest flow rate Closing Glasstec 2024 with a bang last October after the company had showcased its high-capacity water filtration system XtremFlow 820, FILTRAGLASS garnered substantial interest for its sustainability-focused water recycling solutions, which offer reduced downtime and up to 85 percent water savings — all critical for a more eco-friendly glass industry.





water filtration system to date, the XtremFlow 820, and the result has been a major success. The company from Vilamalla (Girona) reported much delight at the warm reception its water recycling systems enjoyed, as well as the great interest shown by visitors to the booth. "Sustainability is a concern, and we've seen that over these days at Glasstec. Companies are looking for innovative solutions that help them improve productivity, become more efficient and sustainable, and most importantly, adapt to their needs. This is why our water recycling systems have generated so much interest," explains Filtraglass International Sales Manager Zoran Skoric. Glasstec has not only been the best showcase for Filtraglass's water treatment systems but has also become a space for reconnecting with clients, sales representatives and friends, replete with conversations about the future of the glass industry and the challenge of achieving a cleaner and more sustainable operation. "We are very happy with the success achieved these days. We want to thank everyone who visited us and showed interest in the solutions we offer. Their support and commitment to the environment is the best reward for our work. We are convinced that we have a long trajectory within the glass industry," said Alberto Medina, Commercial Director of Filtraglass.

AN EXPANDING **MARKET WITH INCREASING DEMAND FOR EFFICIENCY**

Market figures for the glass industry show an upward trend. In the last five years, the industry has doubled its value and a projected annual growth rate of 5.4 percent is expected until 2028, according to data from the Glass and Glass Products Global Market Report. This forecast is mainly attributed to initiatives in green building and increased interest in electric vehicles and energy-efficient solutions such as solar panels, among others. With these forecasts, it is logical that the glass industry seeks solutions that allow it to be more efficient and productive, and this is precisely what Filtraglass offers. Its water filtration systems stand out for key aspects such as reducing downtime in the production line and machine maintenance, saving up to 85 percent in water consumption and significantly improving the quality and appearance of the manufactured glass.





Installations by GPM **AUTOMATIÓN** at glass manufacturing leader FACILVITRUM

GPM AUTOMATION has elevated FACILVITRUM's laminated glass production in Badalona, Spain, by installing energy-efficient ovens and a precision press, which feature hybrid heating and servo-driven controls. This advanced technology reflects both companies' dedication to high-quality glass manufacturing.

adalona-based premier glass manufacturer Facilvitrum recently enhanced its laminated glass production line thanks to advanced ovens and a precision press from GPM Automation. Known for its commitment to high-quality laminated glass, the company undertook this upgrade last August with a view to increasing production speed and reducing energy consumption - all while maintaining exceptional quality.





ADVANCED HEATING TECHNOLOGY FOR OPTIMISED LAMINATION

As for the new GPM Automation equipment, it uses hybrid heating technology to meet the specialised demands of modern glass manufacturing. Indeed each oven module features top and bottom fans with a forced air convection system - providing uniform heating across various glass types, including soft-coated, reflective, painted and heavythickness glass panes. Infrared heating elements enable rapid adjustment during the lamination process, optimising results for clear and extra-clear glass of varying thicknesses.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCED PRESS PRECISION

Here a key benefit of GPM's advanced system is its energy efficiency. Thick insulation and the forced air convection system contribute to substantial energy savings, while also ensuring



ABOUT GPM AUTOMATION

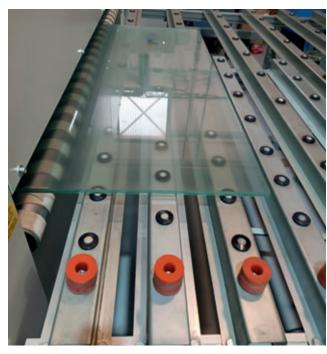
With a team backed by decades of experience, GPM Automation specialises in providing highly-customised, innovative solutions tailored to the specific needs of customers in the glass machinery industry. The company's product portfolio includes high-payload hydraulic loading and unloading tilting tables, with options for fully-automated systems using robotic or gantry loaders and unloaders. For glass assembly, GPM provides advanced solutions, including automatic glass squaring and PVB application, cutting and trimming. It also offers specialised PVB unwinders with overhead structures supporting up to 24 rolls, ideal for high-capacity operations. GPM's advanced ovens incorporate hybrid heating systems with infrared lamps and forced air convection, ensuring optimal heating efficiency through specifically designed airflow channels. Additionally, the company's shuttle systems streamline autoclave rack handling with automated loading and unloading options, significantly enhancing production workflow. GPM Automation stands out in the glass machinery industry through its commitment to quality, innovation and complete customization.





that all types of glass and interlayers are processed using the most efficient parameters. The newly installed press also represents a significant technological advancement. Powered by servo motors on an electric axis and guided by specialised software, the press continuously monitors the flatness of the top roll via servo-drives. This ensures precise and uniform pressure distribution across all glass sizes, thereby eliminating the need to centre glass pieces on the press bed. The system's

precision also allows for seamless processing of shaped glass, thus protecting delicate corners during pressing. Facilvitrum has already reported notable improvements in quality - particularly with stiff interlayers, as well as increased production speed and simplified parameter setup. The easy, accurate recipe management provided by GPM's system is an asset to consistent, high-quality production underscoring GPM Automation's commitment to innovation and customer-focused design in the flat glass industry.



ABOUT FACILVITRUM

A company specialised in the transformation, manufacturing and distribution of high-performance flat glass, Facilvitrum's seasoned professionals bring extensive experience in the glass sectorleveraging both expertise and innovation to deliver exceptional products. The company's business philosophy centres upon its commitment to offering glass solutions that stand out for their innovation, differentiation, quality and service. By its strong focus on personalised client support and a dedication to quality, Facilvitrum aims to be the top choice for all who see glass that truly makes a difference.



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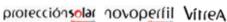
















New heights in glass drilling: the OMV VISMARA sensation



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OMV Vismara has once again unveiled remarkable advancements in glass drilling and milling at Glasstec 2024. This year's highlight was a cutting-edge drilling and milling machine that's designed to streamline and optimize every stage of the process. Featuring a rapid, automatic tool change and an eight-position revolver tool magazine installed on the spindle, the machine integrates a dedicated CAD-CAM system that's specifically tailored for glass drilling and milling - all via





a software that meticulously manages every detail of the workflow while significantly reducing manual intervention as it boosts both precision and operational efficiency.

ENHANCED FLEXIBILITY AND **AUTOMATION**

The machine can equipped with a wide variety of additional accessories, enhancing its versatility and efficiency yet further. Among these are glass washers, automatic loaders to streamline workflow and an automatic unloading system that's equipped with protective paper applicators - all tools selected according to the specific production requirements of each customer. With advanced automation technology, Vismara ensures high-quality, efficient results while supporting operators with an

intuitive, user-friendly programme that simplifies the entire process. This begins from a recognition of the critical need to optimize production processes while reducing the manual workload for operators. Thus, through automatic loading and unloading and the addition of washers, productivity is maximized, thereby minimizing the need for human intervention and achieving faster processing times. Here the goal is to provide solutions that make Vismara a trusted partner for all glass processing needs - ensuring top-tier quality standards and lasting durability.

CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS AND AFTER SALES SUPPORT

To that end, the company's internal design team is always available to create custom machine layouts - guaranteeing that each installation meets the client's spatial and operational requirements precisely. The offering includes high-tech products built for longevity, supported by an outstanding post-sale service that's available both remotely and on-site. Here Vismara's online assistance programme is a key asset - ensuring the seamless operation of the machinery by minimizing downtime and inefficiencies. Indeed the system enables continuous monitoring of the machine's status - allowing prompt interventions to optimize performance and reduce costs associated with unplanned halts.

COMMITMENT **TO INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE**

In sum, Vismara remains committed to supporting clients beyond the initial purchase, providing ongoing communication and solutions that are tailored to exceed client expectations. The company's deep industry experience allows it to best support enterprises - offering a comprehensive range of vertical and horizontal drilling and milling machines available in both single-head and multihead configurations. This variety ensures that it can meet the diverse production demands of its clients with maximum flexibility. The 2024 Glasstec fair provided the ideal venue for exploring all of Vismara's innovations and experiencing firsthand the potential it brings to those involved in glass processing. The booth team demonstrated how the company's technologies can significantly enhance operational efficiency, positioning it as an invaluable asset for companies in the flat glass sector. Here's why this year's Glasstec not only highlighted Vismara's advancements. Ιt strengthened its dedication to delivering cutting-edge solutions that continually support and empower the glass industry.



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Full Vision Glass from GLASS COMPANY sparks attention

Accentuating its technologies in full vision insulating and fire-resistant glass systems, GLASS COMPANY impressed its stand attendees at Glasstec 2024. Headed by Claudio Bernabucci, this year the Pesaro-based company showcased outstanding specialized machines - all tailored to niche applications that meet high demands for both quality and precision in modern architectural glass solutions.

XCEEDING EVERY EXPECTATION

Glass Company achieved remarkable success at Glasstec, captivating attendees with its innovative products. The Pesaro-based company showcased cutting-edge advancements, particularly in Full Vision insulating glass, fire-resistant glass machinery in classes E, EW, EI, and laser technology equipment. Said founder of Glass Company Claudio Bernabucci: "Our positive market feedback stems from meeting the needs of niche glassmakers who require specialized products rather than mass-market items. This is especially evident in our major 2024 innovation: the Full Vision insulating glass line with transparent glass spacers, developed for unique applications in refrigeration and to meet architects' demands for unobstructed views."

Glass Company manufactures its transparent glass spacer processing machine and dual-glazing assembly machine in Pesaro - and patent applications are

currently underway. The company's pioneering approach also addresses sectors that were traditionally niche or dominated by large manufacturers. A notable example is its fire-resistant glass solution, which is applicable for flat and curved glass alike. A turnkey solution, its Fire-Mek system encompasses both machinery and the specialized chemistry for producing ultra-transparent, silica-based intumescent dispersions. When surface processing, cutting or shaped drilling is required, Glass Company's LaserMek provides an op-







timum solution. The LaserMek technology is highly adaptable - designed for various operations that meet diverse industry demands.

PRODUCT RANGE

As Bernabucci explains, the laser product range is organized into the following key models:

- LaserMek Standard: This machine performs intricate surface designs, large-format engraving, Low-E coating removal for complete transparency and can also create heating glass. It can work on large glass surfaces, making it versatile for detailed artistic and functional applications.
- LaserMek All-in-One: Equipped with a single laser head, this model supports multiple operations, including sand-



blasting on both float and mirrored glass, ablation that renders silvered or painted glass fully transparent, and service drilling capable of producing various geometric hole shapes within an 80x80 mm area.

• LaserMek Drill: An advanced version focused solely on drilling, capable of creating geometric holes up to 150x150 mm in monolithic glass up to 25 mm thick. This precision ensures flexibility for architectural and struc-



tural glass applications.

• LaserMek Cut: Designed linear exclusively for and shaped cutting, this model employs filamentation technology to handle large glass sheets with efficiency and precision - addressing needs for large-scale architectural projects.

Though these flagship technologies were showcased at Glasstec, Glass Company offers far more. Indeed besides its primary products it supplies essential equipment that supports high-quality finished glass products. These include portable and digital polariscopes, glass and

insulating glass thickness gauges, as well as advanced digital spectrophotometers and microscopes with measurement grids. Such solutions are all technologically advanced, innovative and versatile - underscoring Glass Company's commitment to supporting glassmakers who seek excellence in finished products for demanding markets.





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An industry conversation between FLABEG, MARPOSS and OLYMPIAS - PART 3 -

Putting safety

With passenger safety being a paramount concern in modern automobile design, every aspect of vehicle construction today aims to minimise injuries during accidents. Here the Apillars (front pillars) play a crucial role in that they are essential for maintaining the structural integrity of the passenger cabin during collisions, housing airbags, and providing roof support. However, A-pillars can create blind spots, which can pose significant safety risks.

Introducing the **Panoramic Windshield** System (PWS)

The Panoramic Windshield System (PWS) is a technological breakthrough designed to eliminate the blind spots caused by A-pillars in passenger

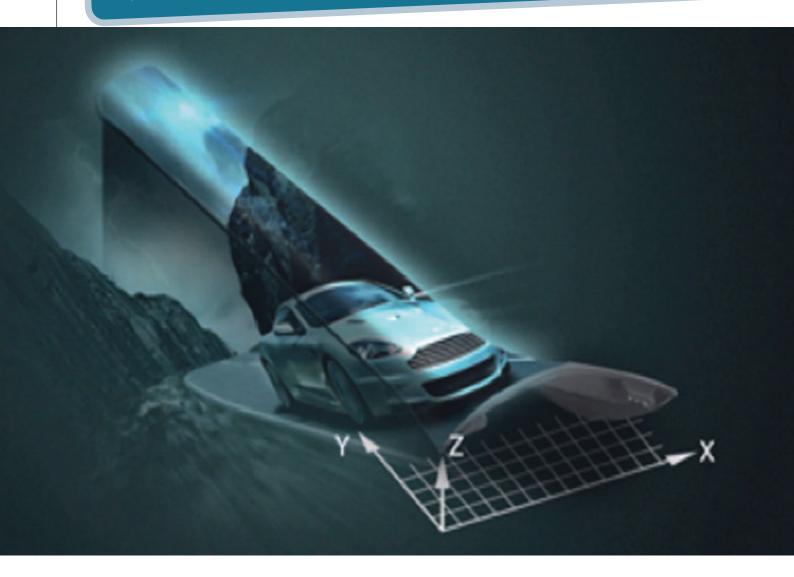
SMART GLASS

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Moderating on May 8 at the Automotive Smart Glass Forum at E-Tech Europe 2024 in Bologna, Glass Technology International was happy to hear key insights from Drs Matthias Schiller, CTO at FLABEG Germany, Luca Bruni, Automotive Glass, Group Industry Manager at MARPOSS and Agamemnon Varonos, CEO of OLYMPIAS as the trio discussed how their latest smart windshield innovations are impacting the automotive industry. In this third of our series of three parts dedicated to the event, we cover the presentation of Olympias's Dr Varonos.



vehicles. By making the A-pillars virtually transparent, the PWS significantly enhances road safety for both passengers and pedestrians. This innovation is not limited to conventional passenger vehicles but also benefits special-purpose vehicles like ambulances, taxis, and vans, by improving their safety features.

Cutting-Edge technology: OLCD and OLED displays

At the heart of the PWS is an embedded flexible screen utilising either Organic Liquid Crystal Display (OLCD) or Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED) technology. This advanced system renders the A-pillars on both the driver and passenger sides fully transparent, providing an unobstructed view behind the conventional blind spots. The PWS is built on a patented combination of a camera, processor, view controller and flexible display - all seamlessly integrated into the Apillar trim.

Panorasis: Driving innovation

As the company behind the PWS, Panorasis focuses on developing innovative solutions through sophisticated technology. By collaborating with tier-one part producers and car manufacturers, Panorasis aims to integrate the PWS into passenger cars. The com-

pany has already established initial contacts with renowned car manufacturers, which will be crucial for future commercialization of the product.

Patented technology

The PWS is backed by multiple patents, validating its methodology and scientific rationale. International patent references include EP3186109B1, WO2016103043A1, US9654687B2, and several others, all based on the robust US IP System. These patents provide extended claims and stronger IP protection, ensuring the unique aspects of the PWS are well-guarded.

Roadmap to commercialization

Panorasis has outlined several stages for the full commercialization and development of the PWS:

- Concept and Intellectual Property: Completed
- Prototype Development: In progress, targeted for completion around 2023
- Secured Financing: Ongoing
- Company Set-up: Ongoing
- Negotiations with Car Manufacturers, Material Vendors, and Major Part Manufacturers: Ongoing
- Definition of Product Standards: Ongoing
- Customization, Testing, and Licensing: Ongoing
 Currently, Panorasis is actively working on prototype development and



securing financing while identifying potential Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), Tier I Producers and vendors for collaboration.

Objectives of Panorasis

Panorasis aims to:

- Commercialise and sustainably develop the Panoramic Windshield System.
- Collaborate with OEMs, Tier I Suppliers, and vendors to meet business and technical criteria, quality requirements, testing and safety targets and achieve full production and commercialization of the PWS.
- Maximise shareholder portfolio value ensuring a return on investment and long-term growth.

A safer future for automotive industry

With its groundbreaking technology and unwavering commitment to passenger safety, Panorasis is set to revolutionise the automotive industry. The Panoramic Windshield System promises to create a safer and more enjoyable driving experience for all, thereby marking a significant advancement in automotive glass technology.



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Enter LUMESO: the software overhauling flat glass data



With sights on revolutionizing data exchange within the flat glass sector, software startup LUMESO was recently founded by Christian Kimmeswenger to automate communication between glass processors, suppliers and customers - all to streamline order processing, reduce errors and boost efficiency in the industry.

aking its debut Düsseldorf this year at Europe's largest glass trade fair, Glasstec, fledgeling company Lumeso took the stage before a sizable professional audience as a new player. Founded in summer 2023 by Christian Kimmeswenger, a seasoned industry expert with 25 years of experience,

its startup goal is that of improving data exchange in glass processing by an order of magnitude. Says Kimmeswenger: "I repeatedly see how challenging it is for glass processors to transfer data back and forth. Indeed it continues to be often either entered manually or exchanged via e-mail and phone. Just recently I even came across fax orders. Too often this

process leads to errors. Lumeso addresses this problem head-on: simply put, by ensuring that everything runs faster and more reliably."

SO WHAT DOES LUMESO DO?

A software developed specifically for companies in the flat glass sector, Lumeso aims to improve collaboration between glass processors, their suppliers, partner companies and customers. Its setup is straightforward, connecting to the company's existing order management system via an interface - usually within just a few hours. Once installed, the system uses artificial intelligence to align the master data of articles with a neutral and standardized data set. From this point forward, communication between the involved companies is automated. Inquiries, orders, and status updates are processed in realtime, allowing customers to check order statuses at any time - whether an order has been received, is being processed, or is delayed. And if a supplier is temporarily overwhelmed, other market participants can quickly help out.

BENEFITS FOR GLASS PROCESSORS

The new solution brings a trio of key advantages:



- 1. The manual effort for processing orders is significantly reduced, freeing up staff to focus on more important tasks.
- 2. Feedback is lightning fast, accelerating the entire process.
- 3. Misunderstandings and errors, such as incorrect data entries, are greatly minimized, reducing follow-up costs from issues like defective production.

Early users are already having positive experiences,

which accounts for the high interest at Glasstec not only from Europe but from countries like Australia, Brazil and the United States as well.

A WINNING TRADE FAIR **APPEARANCE**

Summing up the success at the fair, co-founder Georg Katzlinger-Söllradl said: "Here the interest in automated solutions has been overwhelming. We will now work step-by-step

through the list of interested parties to bring customers on board - always ensuring that the highest quality stays top of mind at every stage."





Five Years of GUARDIAN GLASS Hybrid Vacuum IGTM Success

Enhancing its solutions for energy efficiency and acoustic insulation, GUARDIAN GLASS has introduced its Hybrid Vacuum IG™ windows in the Boulder Community Health Center West Medical Building in Colorado. A pilot installation, it demonstrates the advanced performance of Vacuum IG technology, offering superior thermal insulation and noise reduction. Now, five years after installation, the windows have proven highly effective in supporting sustainability in healthcare construction.

ocated in the evolving area of East Boulder County, Boulder Community Health Center West Medical Building in Lafayette, Colorado is home to an eve clinic and surgical centre. Of these the latter consists of two operating rooms and an area for retinal laser procedures. The building can accommodate 4-5 medical practices. Hard at work attending to their patients, the occupants are likely unaware of the extent to which their professional space is a valuable location for an important advancement in building construction: Vacuum insulated glass (VIG) technology. Indeed it is Guardian Glass' collaboration with Boulder Associates that led the architecture firm to specify 318 Guardian Hybrid



Vacuum IGTM windows for the nearly 30,000 surface 1 facility. Completed in 2019, it was the first new construction project to install Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG windows, which combine the performance of Vacuum IG

and the additional benefits of a traditional insulating glass unit (IGU).

BRAVING A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

This area of Colorado is known for significant

temperature fluctuations and abundant sunshine. Combined with the architect's commitment to environmental stewardship, that meant Boulder Associates had a unique challenge to balance the two - making this project

an ideal test site for an innovative, energy-efficient design. To align with the client's goals of stable interior temperatures and year-round energy efficiency, the architect collaborated closely with the Guardian Glass team





during this pilot project for the energy-efficient glazing prototype.

HOW VIG WORKS

Standard Vacuum IGTM design seals two glass panes airtight, creating a vacuum in the space between the two panes.

Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG combines the performance of Vacuum IG with the additional benefits of a traditional IGU. With no air or gas between the panes, heat and cold have no medium by which to transfer, helping the unit deliver performance that exceeds a typical IGU2:

• Thermal:

While a double pane Vacuum IG unit with a second-surface low-E coating -also known as a Hybrid Vacuum IG- has an R-value of around R-4, Hybrid Vacuum IG that incorporates a second low-E coating boasts an impressive R-16 making its overall incomparable sulation to that of a wall.

• Acoustic:

Outdoor-indoor transmission class (OITC) is the typical measurement used to account for acoustic performance of an exterior facade as it emphasises acoustic performance in the low- to midfrequency ranges (i.e. noise from aircraft, trains or automobiles). The higher the OITC rating, the greater the sound resistance the glazing will offer. In a typical thermally broken aluminium window system, the OITC improves from 26 for a double pane IGU to 31 for the same window system with hybrid Vacuum IG.

IMPROVING SPACES **DESTINED TO HEALTHCARE**

architect specified Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG windows for the building because of the product's superior thermal insulation performance. Reducing the transfer of heat or cold through the glass helps deliver stable room temperatures and better energy efficiency to the building as compared with standard double IGU configurations. Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG units also deliver sound insulation to help contribute to a quiet indoor environment that remains unpolluted by external noise. The Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG units for the Boulder Community Health Center West Medical Building feature Guardian Sun-GuardTM SNX 62/27 low-E coating on surface 4. SunGuard SNX 62/27 low-E coated glass helps the building achieve energy-saving performance while balancing light transmission and reflectivity. The south, west and east elevation units also have SunGuard SNX 62/27 coating on surface 2 to further support the building's energy efficiency.

PROJECT DETAILS

Name: Boulder Community Health Center West Medical Building Location: Lafayette, Colorado

Companies

Architect: Boulder Associates Glazier: Steel City Glass LLC

Glazing Solution

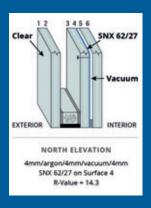
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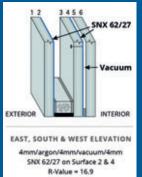
Footnotes

- 1. There are windows on the building that are not composed of Guardian Vacuum IG. That includes the corner windows that are butted together, glass doors and any window that were broken and replaced.
- 2. Typical IGU makeup: The commercial construction standard in North America is a 1" insulating glass unit that consists of two $\frac{1}{4}$ " lites of glass separated by a $\frac{1}{2}$ " Argon cavity.
- 3. Embodied carbon claims are based on comparing glass components of a 6mm/4mm/4mm Vacuum IG hybrid versus the glass components of a 6mm/6mm/6mm triple IG. A Vacuum IG with 4mm glass can be used in place of a triple IG with 6mm glass due to the Vacuum IG's enhanced mechanical strength.
- 4. Guardian Vacuum IG and Hybrid Vacuum IG units are certified by the Insulating Glass Certification Council (IGCC) confirming the long-term durability of both products. (IGCC #4909, #4910). Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG units for this project were produced in a Guardian Glass pilot facility.

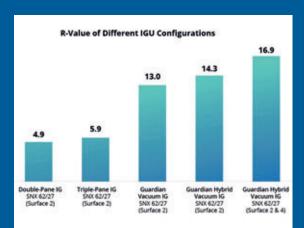
FIVE YEARS IN PEOPLE PREFER A WINDOW SEAT

Five years after installation, each window was evaluated with thermal imaging equipment. The Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG surface temperature was 5°F (2.8° C)

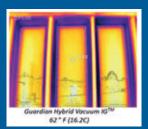




The IG configurations on the Boulder Community Health Center West Medical Building, featuring Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG™ windows with Guardian SunGuard™ SNX 62/27 low-E coating.



Thermal performance of Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG™ products compared to other glazing options for Guardian SunGuard™ SNX 62/27 low-E coating. Glass thickness for all options is 4mm. Double pane, triple pane and hybrid options include a 12.7mm spacer with argon.





Inside temperature of a Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IG™ unit and a traditional double pane unit installed after the original Hybrid Vacuum IG window was vandalised. Images taken at 6:30 am, overcast, 33°F (0.6°C) outside temperature. Inside temperature was 64°F (17.8° C) in unoccupied space.

warmer than the traditional IG (interior temperature of the building was 64°F). Analysis of all the windows in the building revealed that one of the Guardian Hybrid Vacuum IGTM units failed, giving the installation a 99.7 percent success rate (314/315), which is consistent with traditional IG installations. When analysed, the failed Vacuum IG had a diminished insulative performance comparable to the traditional IG but did not completely lose its vacuum.

Property manager and occupant interviews revealed the employees were very pleased with their comfort levels regarding temperature and acoustics:

- Employees noted their offices were remarkably quiet, despite the building's location adjacent to a busy road.
- Workstations by the windows were highly sought-after.
- The property manager had not received any complaints related to the performance of the windows, compared complaints from nearby buildings where draft affected occupant comfort
- No one commented on noticing the microspacers characteristic of vacuum insulated

Savs Guardian Advanced

IG Product Manager for the Americas, Jason Blush: "This building really showcases the combination of Guardian Low-E coatings to minimise thermal radiation and Vacuum IG for insulation performance in a high desert climate like Denver."

THE NEXT **FRONTIER: TEMPERED VIG**

"Having been available for over two decades, vacuum insulated glass has established its presence in the market; however, the advent of tempered VIG marks a revolutionary shift," says Blush. "The thermal performance of tempered VIG, offering R-values twice that of its non-tempered counterpart, coupled with its enhanced strength, paves the way for its application in the commercial sector. This technology is poised to help reduce energy consumption and concurrently diminish the operational and embodied carbon footprint of the built environment."



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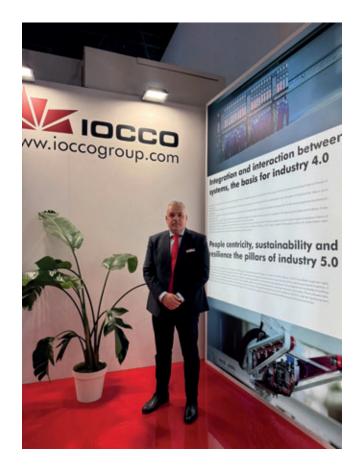
Massimiliano Iocco: MIocco is a family company founded 25 years ago by the initiative of my father after an experience of 17 years in Switzerland where he learnt construction techniques associated with steelworks. Upon returning to Italy his ambition was to create a company: in primis, he wanted one that served the local demand for spare parts - in the construction of spare parts. That was back in 1978.

GTI: How did the company start to work with automotive glass, and what led to the partnership with SIV?

MI: Already a few years before Società Italiana Vetro (SIV) was established which was the flagship company for automotive glass at the time, At Dusseldorf in mid-October, GTI Senior Editor Nick Fouché interviewed Engineer Massimiliano locco, Managing Director of 10000, on his company's history from nationwide Italian supplier to global leader in automotive glass technology. This followed its more recent journey towards Industry 5.0 principles - always accompanied by an unswerving commitment to energy-efficient solutions and human-centered technology.

a partnership was created whereby Iocco had become one of its main suppliers, SIV had sites in both Italy and Spain in those years. By supplying spare parts, Iocco slowly acquired the technology, as well as the ability to process automotive glass. Indeed the family tradition began as that technological knowhow was acquired. In that





first generation of my father -the founder of the company, which had another name at the time- we were able to supply these systems at global level to SIV - which would be known thereafter as Pilkington. So even then the family was able to build most of its systems globally.

GTI: How has the focus of Iocco evolved with the second generation?

MI: With this second generation, which I represent, the mentality has been a bit different. Of course that mono client comfort zone could no longer reflect where the market was going. So in 2009 I left the family business and

founded a new company under the name IOCCO, which was immediately ready to work with all the major glass makers worldwide. By that time the company had started to bear the family name Iocco. However, that consolidated global footprint, even back then, demonstrated the consequential technological know-how it had known right from the start. Within two years we began working with large groups - first at European level, then at global level.

GTI: Massimiliano, explain some of the latest innovations Iocco has developed for automotive glass, especially in terms of energy efficiency and

new technologies?

MI: Well, the innovations to which you refer have resulted directly from our initial response to a discerned need to develop an identity within the glass market. We began with float glass accessories, so that's ancillary equipment which is the entire part of temperature control and internal free float glass flow traction, right up till the finished auto glass installation. So we had capabilities for the entire glass process just as a distinct element was being requested by the market which Iocco could do where it has been most strong. Indeed that's precisely why we invested as much time and capital in developing reverse engineering for that 2012-dated technology when it seemed more interesting for our future prospects and that was the bag furnace - a technology founded for both glass de-airing and assemblage. That was one of the most critical processes in automotive glass production. At the time windshields were all the rage. Now it's windshields, laterals and roof. We also invested with an open innovation mentality, with the support of both Italian research centres and Italian universities, whereupon we were able to produce a machine which can make electric vehicle glass.

GTI: Can you speak to why electric vehicles made sense back then?

MI: At that time there was a need to reduce the weight of laminated glass and to shield UV rays inside the car. Being able to lighten the car would also allow an increase in range by reducing the energy of the air conditioners. People started to speak about extra thin high-performing glass, Gorilla Glass and the like. Whereas thickness had theretofore been at the measured minimum of 1,6 mm, one started hearing of a reduction to 0,7 mm. There was also greater demand for a more technological infrastructure coming from the market. That's PDLC-based technology: films that will turn the vehicle roof opaque. Other films such as XIR will block UV rays from entering the car while others allow for interior heating. So various technologies are now entering into the mix. Bear in mind here that UV rays are carcinogenic. Also, the car will be rendered







more efficient by internal thermal control because the aircon will be consuming less energy.

GTI: Tell us more about those car roof solutions Iocco is offering.

MI: Sure. In 2015, we leveraged an earlier technology that we were revisiting then with the goal of embracing the Industry 4.0 paradigm. I am referring to the interconnection of all the devices that make up the machinery. This innovation allowed easy interaction on a single software platform. Another major innovation in the last two years has been alignment with Industry 5.0 EU directives. This has a different mission. While it is concerned with compliance with current regulations to move the plant towards decarbonization, it also aims at the Industry 5.0 goal of putting human beings at centre. This latter point is achieved in two ways: either by retraining, namely educating users to understand these new technologies, or by simplifying the technology to make it easier. We have chosen the latter.

GTI: Can you develop that point further, especially in relation to Industry 5.0 and its impact upon end-con-

MI: We first thought of training users by leveraging neuroscience, which certainly vielded some satisfactory results after we created virtual manuals. All said, that probably wasn't the best choice for the area in which we operate. In time we decided instead to envision AI as an opportunity - essentially by putting it at the service of human beings. To that end we've created a furnace software which includes a digital twin of our system which will simulate perfect production conditions every time there's a production change in the line - all presented to the operator in real time. This furnace element brings two important aspects. Firstly, it trains the operator. Secondly, it allows operators -also those less technologically skilled- to

first start and then manage production. That also introduces the aspect of energy saving. Why? Because when the digital twin simulates the process it gives the best thermal conditions to produce that glass - thereby troubleshooting the risk of operators potentially producing defective glass by manually raising furnace temperatures.

GTI: In conclusion then, Massimiliano: What makes Iocco great?

MI: For me that's easy to answer. At Iocco, we have achieved two fundamental goals. First, we put the customer at the centre; we know how to listen and interpret their needs by aligning them with EU directives and new market trends. Second, we have achieved a level of expertise and a supporting network that allows us to develop highly innovative solutions with maximum attention to production costs. For us, working with an open

innovation mindset is an established practice. The interest of most of our customers is increasingly to purchase the best technologies to be able to produce technologically advanced automotive glass with a focus on power consumption, product circularity, and ease of use. They are basically asking for innovative technologies in line with the EU directives on Industry 5.0. Thanks to intensive R&D work, till now with our Bags Furnaces, we've managed to produce technologically advanced laminated automotive glass with an electricity saving of more than 30 percent - all while reducing the CO2 footprint by an average of 1096 Kilograms per day.















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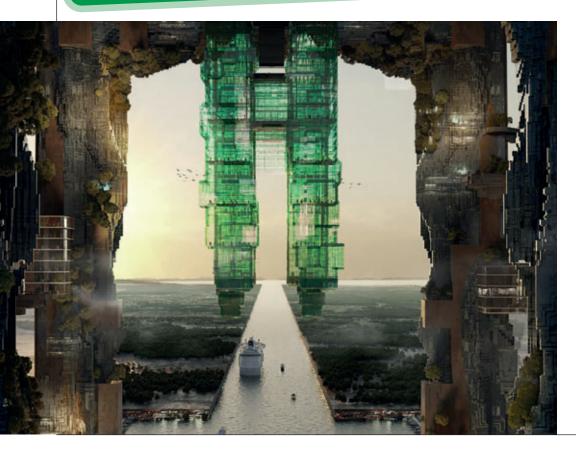






NEOM: A Lucrative Opportunity for The Glass Industry

Saudi Arabia's Neom development project presents potentially lucrative opportunities for glass producers. Part of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 plan, the Neom development spans an area the size of Belgium and includes the glass sided 500 metre tall smart city called The Line.



audi Arabia's Neom project offers a number of potentially lucrative business opportunities for producers of flat and hollow glass. The total area under development amounts to around 26,500 square kilometres (10,200 square miles) – approximately the same size as Belgium.

Makers of machinery for the glass industry could also stand to benefit from companies seeking to increase production capacity to meet the demands of this enormous project.

The Neom project is part of Saudi Vision 2030, a program launched by the Saudi Arabian government to prepare the nation economically, socially and culturally for the future.



While some might view Saudi Arabia as a desert kingdom, the south west of the nation has a more temperate climate with beaches and snowcapped mountains making the area ideal for tourism and even for industry. Indeed, Neom positions itself as a global hub for business and aims to set standards for livability too.

One of Neom's key projects is The Line, a glass sided linear smart city that will reach from the southern end of the Gulf of Agaba eastwards 170 kilometres into the desert. The Line is one of Neom's 16 large scale developments. On Google Maps today, it is possible today to see initial excavations for the structure's foundations.

A 2.4 kilometre first phase will provide living space for 300,000 people and is due for completion by 2030. Completion of the entire structure of The Line is expected by 2045.

Once complete, the Line will be able to house 9 million people. Residents in this smart city will never be more than 5 minutes away from local amenities. Travel from one end to the city to the other will only take 20 minutes via a high speed transit system.

The dimensions of the line, as well as its length, are striking. Not only will the main structure be 500 metres high, it will also be 200 metres wide. Quick calculations will reveal just how much glass is likely to be required for its external surfaces. Seeing as The Line is to be as energy efficient as possible, the glass panels are likely to be double, if not triple-glazed units.

Glass producers interested in supplying the project would do well to note that The Line project has generated some controversy. Indeed, companies considering involvement in the

supply of materials for the project should also pay attention to potential reputational risk issues.

All projects of this size carry risks but if there are doubts surrounding the Neom project, the completion in October 2024 of the Sindalah region should go some way towards allaying them.

The luxury resort of Sindalah, the first Neom Region to be completed, is situated on an 840,000 square metre (9 million sq ft) island in Saudi Arabia's Tabuk Province.

Clearly, the Neom series of construction projects will all require, to a greater and lesser extent, glass. In view of the location of Neom's regions, the range of glass products required will be extensive.

Less obviously perhaps, many of these developments will require decorative glassware as well as many other hollow glass products.

Find out more about the projects on the following websites.

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Deltamax Automazione **Helios Quartz** TK

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Miscellaneous

AUTOMATION

Easy Automation Horn IOCCO Group Marposs Tecnosens Torgauer Maschinenbau Zippe

AUTOMOTIVE GLASS APPROVAL SERVICES

Ayrox Marposs Softeco Tecnosens Teknik Elmas

AUTOMOTIVE GLASS QUALITY CONTROL

Ayrox **Bando Kiko** Cugher Glass

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IOCCO Group Marposs Softeco Tecnosens

CE MARKING - QUALITY CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR GLASS IN BUILDING

Ayrox Softeco

COLOURS & ENAMELS - OTHER **APPLICATIONS**

Ayrox

DEIONIZING AND WATER SOFTENING **EQUIPMENT**

Fenzi **Forel**

Glass Company

Idrotecnica Lisec Group Triulzi

DEIONIZING AND WATER SOFTENING EQUIPMENT

Immmes

DIAMOND ROUTER EQUIPMET - PORTABLE

Teknik Elmas Tesir Makine

FLAT GLASS QUALITY **CONTROL DEVICES**

Ayrox Deltamax Automazione **Forel IOCCO Group** Marposs

Softeco Tecnosens **FURNACES**

Glass Company

Horn Texpack

FURNACES / HYDROGEN GENERATORS (WATER ELECTROLYSERS)

Nel Hydrogen

GLASS COATING AND TINTING

Glass Company Rollmac division of GeMaTa

GLASS TREATMENT FILMS

Glass Company

HEATING EQUIPMENT-STANDARD (GAS FIRING, **BURNERS, AIR GAS MIXERS,** SAFETY DEVICES. **ELECTRICAL RESISTORS)**

Horn Keraglass Texpack

INSPECTION INSTRUMENTS & INTENSIMETERS

Marnoss Tecnosens

INFRARED TUBES

Helios Quartz Deltamax Automazione

Glass Company Keraglass Lisec Group

Tekno Kilns/Pujol TK Fenzi

METAL ACCESSORIES

Teknik Elmas Tesir Makine

METALLIC SECTIONS

Fenzi Tesir Makine

NUMERICAL CONTROL SYSTEM (CNC) **FOR ALL GLASS** PROCESSING MACHINES

Glass Company IOCCO Group Prodim

OPTICAL DISTORTION ANALYSERS FOR AUTOMOTIVE GLASS

IOCCO Group Keraglass Tecnosens

OPTICAL INFRARED THERMOMETERS

Optris

POWDER OR LIQUID APPLICATION SYSTEMS FOR PROTECTING FLOAT **GLASS**

Cugher Glass Glass Company

PUMPING AND APPLICATION SYSTEMS (AUTOMOTIVE GLASS)

IOCCO Group

PURIFIERS FOR REFLUENT

Dieffe Macchine **Immmes**

PUTTIES AND SEALANTS

Fenzi

QUARTZ EQUIPMENT

Helios Quartz

SHAPE CHECKING **DEVICES**

Easy Automation IOCCO Group

SHOWER ENCLOSURES

Vismara

SIC HEATERS

Helios Quartz

SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR PRODUCTION CONTROL

A+W Software CMS

Cugher Glass Deltamax Automazione Edgetech Europe

Forel Lisec Group Optima Prodim

SOLDERING **EQUIPMENT FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS FOR WINDSCREENS AND BACKLITES**

Ayrox Easy Automation Softeco

SORTING SYSTEMS

Glaston Group GPM Automation Lisec Group

SURFACE STRESS MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENT

Glass Company Tecnosens

WINDSCREEN STRESS **MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENT**

Tecnosens

WINDSCREEN **AND BACKLITES**

Marposs Tecnosens

TESTING FOR SOLDERINGS

Ayrox

Easy Automation

Softeco

TESTING DEVICES OF BACKLITES ELECTRICAL HEATING

Ayrox

Easy Automation Softeco

THERMAL IMAGING **SYSTEMS**

Glass Company

Easy Automation Optris

TIN FLOAT BATH FURNACES

Horn **IOCCO** Group

TIN FLOAT BATH SIDE DETECTION **DEVICES**

Tecnosens

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

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UV LAMPS

Helios Quartz

UV PORTABLE MACHINES

Helios Quartz

WATER REPELLENT SPRAY **COATING MACHINES**

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