

Konica Minolta launches new AccurioLabel 400 label press

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Konica Minolta has revealed its new AccurioLabel 400 label press in a move that sees the company strengthen its presence in label, packaging, and embellishment sectors.

The press is fully upgradable for AccurioLabel 230 customers and features new developments such as the ability to expand applications with white toner. Available in either four- or five-colour options, the AccurioLabel 400 offers faster print speeds of up to 39.9m per minute, and running cost reductions.

Konica Minolta says that when used with its Intelligent Quality

Care and IQ-520, users of the new press can benefit from increased usability and automation and in turn, higher levels of control. This is due to the Intelligent Quality Care solution enabling real time control of white toner opacity, colour stability control, and automatic calibration, density adjustments, and profile creation.

Capable of printing onto paper widths of up to 3.3m or 2.5m, the press features multiple touch panel monitors in three different areas.

Carsten Bamberg, business development manager of Konica Minolta Europe's Professional Printing Group, says: "The digitisation

of the label industry will continue to accelerate with double-digit predicted growth annually. Opportunity is everywhere. It just takes a spark to make it happen.

"With an estimated 7,000-plus label converters in the mid- and high-volume markets, we feel confident of capturing significant market share with our AccurioLabel 400 that will have an extremely competitive total cost of ownership."

The news follows Konica Minolta's celebration of its 1000th installation of its AccurioLabel 230 toner digital printing press just seven years after entering the label sector.

The AccurioLabel 400 is Konica Minolta's latest label press



Guillotine gains "competitive edge"

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Paper converter Grantham Manufacturing (GML UK) has praised the impact of its new guillotine.

The company purchased a new Baumann Perfecta 132 guillotine from Friedheim International and took delivery of the device in May 2022.

Replacing a guillotine that had been installed in 2015, the Baumann caught the company's eye during a live demonstration at the Baumann factory via a video link.

GML UK invested in the previous guillotine after a fire destroyed its manufacturing base and it was forced to invest in replacement machinery. This kit worked well until recently



GML UK chose the Baumann Perfecta 132 guillotine from a shortlist of three

where it began to become unreliable and vulnerable due to parts shortages.

Martin Howitt, managing director of GML UK explains how the company had a shortlist of three manufacturers with each suiting the ideal cutting width of 132cm. However, it was the build quality of the Baumann

that Howitt says made it a clear winner.

"Our existing guillotine remains a functioning, albeit fallback, machine, but the Baumann is taking the full load of our production," Howitt explains.

"Its ease of use and programmable features have already brought smiles to the operators, and happy operators are good for production, and this is having a tangible impact on our production output."

As well as the build quality, Howitt says it was the Baumann's reliability, speed of operation, and accuracy of dimensions of sheets and efficiency of use yields cost savings which gave it the competitive edge.

Frugalpac sells first Frugal bottle assembly machine

UK-based sustainability packaging company Frugalpac has sold its first paper bottle machine.

The Frugal Bottle Assembly Machine (FBAM 1) is the only commercially available machine that produces wine, spirits and olive oil bottles made completely from recycled paper. The machine can produce more than 2.5 million Frugal bottles a year.

The first buyer was Canadian company KinsBrae Packaging. Based in Cambridge, Ontario, the company will aim to meet demand in Canada and the US out of the 120 million Frugal bottles enquiries received by Frugalpac globally.

Frugalpac says over 25 different drinks producers from across the globe have launched products in the Frugal bottle.

The Frugalpac Team in good spirits celebrating the sale of the first Frugal Bottle Assembly Machine



EFI installs its 800th VUTEK Q5r

Paris-based DécoAnder has invested in an EFI VUTEK Q5r, becoming the 800th company to install the machine.

Founded in 1972, DécoAnder already houses four EFI VUTEK UV LED machines on its 3,000sq m shop floor.

The newly installed Q5r can run at speeds of up to 672sq m per hour and is available with four colours plus optional light colours, white, and a new UltraClear Coat.

A unique horizontal roll-to-sheet cutter system is integrated within the printer which enables automatic media cutting on the X-axis on the fly.

DécoAnder produces a range of services and the machine enables it to achieve faster turnaround times and higher-volume orders.

DécoAnder was presented with a plaque commemorating the 800th installation

