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Packaging Valley at FACHPACK 2022

Concentrated innovative strength in change

On September 27, the time has come again: The FACHPACK Nuremberg trade fair opens its doors and Packaging Valley is right in the middle of it. Three days of concentrated expertise, inspiring keynote speeches at the TECHBOX forum, sustainable and resource-efficient solutions and personal discussions - this is what visitors can expect at FACHPACK and the Packaging Valley joint stand with 16 co-exhibitors in Hall 3C.

This year's FACHPACK (27-29.09.2022) will be held under the guiding theme "Transition in Packaging" and will reflect what the European packaging industry is moving and experiencing along the entire value chain. The packaging industry is more dynamic than ever, and the changes currently taking place mean that the issues surrounding sustainability, resource efficiency, digitalization and new business models are coming into even sharper focus.

We make the future. This is the slogan of FACHPACK 2022 and it is intended to inspire exhibitors and visitors alike to enter into dialog and actively shape change in the industry. How and where does "transition" permeate the cluster and its companies? And what changes and challenges are emerging for the future?

Martin Buchwitz (Managing Director Packaging Valley Germany e.V.) observes the current trends very closely and sees that the packaging industry is in a constant state of change, which is currently accelerating massively due to topics such as sustainability, digitalization and challenges in the supply chain. "As a competence center for packaging machinery manufacturing, we are helping to shape this change, providing impetus and creating opportunities for our member companies. One very important measure is participation at our joint stand at FACHPACK, one of the most important events for our members and the entire industry."

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In addition to the FACHPACK exhibition area, the program also includes topics related to competitiveness, growth and the working world of tomorrow. As part of the TECHBOX forum, Packaging Valley will be contributing to the main topic of "New business models in packaging machine manufacturing/ Attracting and securing skilled workers/ Workforce" and providing answers to the questions: What do we stand for as a company from Packaging Valley? How does it feel to work for us? What makes us stand out as an employer? How do we deal with the working world of tomorrow and hasn't New Work already become reality?

Dr. Marc Funk, one of the managing directors of Packaging Valley Germany e.V., is convinced: "The future is taking place in Packaging Valley. Our member companies are not only leaders in innovation and technology. Packaging Valley stands for the concentrated competence of packaging machinery manufacturing. If you work for one of our world market leaders and hidden champions, you can quickly climb the career ladder. Flexible working hours, desk sharing, agile working, smart work. Not just buzzwords in Packaging Valley, but real-life practice. That this is the case is demonstrated at the TECHBOX forum under the title "NEW Work in the middle! The valley is ripe with career opportunities for top talent - How Packaging Valley companies are already attracting tomorrow's skilled workers today!"

Visitors to the Packaging Valley joint stand can experience live exactly how Packaging Valley is helping to shape the current changes in the packaging industry. Of the now more than 100 member companies, visitors will have the opportunity to meet 36 of them at FACHPACK.

In Hall 3C, the approximately 800m² joint stand with 16 members will give visitors a warm welcome. Plant manufacturers, component manufacturers, automation companies and service providers will be presenting themselves in the inviting, open look & feel of the network.

From automation technology to (digital) twin

SMC Germany is a leading manufacturer, partner and solution provider for pneumatic and electric automation technology. From vacuum technology for safe transfer to cooling and temperature control units for stable process temperatures to e-drives for precise positioning: SMC convinces with comprehensive product and system solutions for the packaging industry - across all solutions also in terms of energy saving for CO₂ reduction and compliance with ISO 13849 for machine safety.

Efficient sensor applications for increasing plant availability come from **Leuze**. Among other things, visitors will learn all about the world's first combination fork sensor for labeling machines, which compactly combines the advantages of the two detection principles of light and ultrasound in one housing.

In addition to hardware and software components, **Jetter AG** will be showing digital solutions for resource-efficient production. At the booth, visitors can find out about the ProData cloud solution and current programming environments.

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Ishida presents multihead weighers and quality control solutions - tailored for users in the food and non-food industries. The CCW-RV-228W multihead weigher, for example, processes multi-mixes of up to four components with high performance, and multiple ejections are also possible. The Ishida AirScan inline system provides fully automated leak detection for MAP packaging, and the IX-EN-5592 X-ray inspection system finds foreign objects in large and heavy products or collection containers.

The exact filling and dosing of sophisticated products of any consistency is **Optima Consumer's** expertise. Visitors can find out about all filling and packaging systems for the food, cosmetics & beauty care, and chemical industries in the high and medium output range. With the OPTIMA CFR, the company will be showing a machine for filling and sealing capsules that enables a particularly fast market entry. Also in focus: the new sustainability strategy. With its investment in the special machine manufacturer Weyhmüller, Optima is comprehensively expanding its solution portfolio in the field of sustainable packaging solutions. The result is holistic and sustainable turnkey solutions - from packaging development, through inline production of sustainable paper packaging, packaging and sealing, to resource-saving operation of the systems.

"Rethink Manufacturing" - This topic is in focus at **Omron** and means sustainable and flexible production with a simultaneous shortage of skilled workers. The focus is on collaborative developments as well as industrial robots for production solutions, for the safe processing of sustainable packaging materials, the material flow with autonomously acting mobile robots, collaborative robotics in the repack area, product tracking, quality inspection solutions and data tracking up to the cloud.

With the competence field labeling technology, the company **HERMA** covers another field in the field of packaging. For this purpose, they present the HERMA 500 labeler. With the HERMA 500, the company sets a benchmark for labelers in terms of integration capability, connectivity, flexibility and ease of use.

Heinlein Plastik-Technik is a manufacturer of closures, dosing systems and application aids. The products are used worldwide for a wide range of solutions in the pharmaceutical and medical industry, for lifestyle products as well as in the food industry and in the segment of food supplements. The high technical standard of their production processes and certified quality standards are closely aligned to the requirements of the pharmaceutical market. Visitors can learn more about the new product Flipdropper®, CBD packaging and products made from alternative biomaterials at the booth.

Camozzi Automation's product portfolio includes drive technology components for all areas of the packaging process. Flexible, reliable solutions: Standard, customized, intelligent and optimized in terms of energy efficiency and resource conservation. A demo with electric drive shows live application possibilities in the diverse packaging process.

Maximum safety along the entire packaging process - **Euchner** offers a wide range of solutions for the protection of people, machines and production goods for packaging machine construction, which can be perfectly integrated into modular systems. The portfolio of the safety technology specialist includes interlocks, access management systems and door detection systems as well as door locking systems and operating devices. The highlights presented at FACHPACK include the new CKS2 safe key system,

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the new compact CTS guard locking with particularly high locking force, and the CTM safety switch, which can be installed almost invisibly in machines thanks to its small dimensions.

Afag has clever and smart solutions for the packaging industry in store for visitors. As a leading supplier, the Afag Group has been developing and producing components and innovative solutions for automation in the areas of feeding, handling and transport for over 65 years. One highlight in Nuremberg is Afag's concept study of a multi-track feeder (MTF). This system enables users to feed large quantities of parts in the correct position on several linear tracks. The company will also be showing a feeder station for small parts. With this, parts can be fed to the next production step in the correct position, precisely and at a high cycle rate.

You can gain interesting insights and exciting labeling and transport technology solutions at the **STAKO** booth. One highlight is a robot for inserting injection pens into a labeling machine.

Everything at the **HEITEC AG** booth revolves around collaborative robot applications, both in the pharmaceutical industry and in the entire packaging world. Under HEITEC 4.0, tools are offered that gradually and benefit-oriented increase the availability and productivity of machines and systems throughout the entire life cycle.

CHOCAL Packaging Solutions GmbH is the market leader in the development of sustainable molded packaging for, among other things, chocolate figures, drugstore articles, and takeaways. With CO2 neutral to climate positive packaging solutions, the company creates the packaging of the future together with its customers. CHOCAL is breaking new ground without green-washing with real, safe and sustainable materials. Visitors can find out more about new, modular packaging machines with AI-based assistance systems at the booth and enter into an exchange with the company.

Weighing specialist at our joint stand is **Wipotec-OCS GmbH**. High-performance, process- and customer-oriented weighing and inspection solutions that meet the highest requirements for precision and hygiene will be on display.

At **Schreyer**, visitors can expect an exhibition of two digital twins that can be operated completely via HMIs. Also on display: a bundle packer (binding stretcher) and a FlowWrap machine (horizontal form, fill and seal machine).

In addition to the 16 members on the Packaging Valley joint stand, 20 other companies from the packaging cluster will be showing their product diversity in the immediate vicinity. These include: A+V Automation und Verpackungstechnik GmbH, beck packautomaten GmbH & Co. KG, Breitner Abfüllanlagen GmbH, Christ Packing Systems GmbH & Co. KG, HO-MA GmbH, ILLIG Maschinenbau GmbH & Co. KG, Ima, KOCH Pac-Systeme GmbH, Lenze Vertrieb GmbH, Lenord, Bauer & Co. GmbH, Max Schlatterer GmbH & Co. KG, Mosca GmbH, Packservice Group, PCA Roboter- und Verpackungstechnik GmbH, Pilz GmbH & Co. KG, R. Weiss Packaging GmbH & Co. KG, SÜDPACK Verpackungen GmbH & Co. KG, Syntegon Technology GmbH, transnova-Ruf Verpackungs- und Palettieretechnik GmbH, Uhlmann Pac-Systeme GmbH & Co. KG.

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30.08.2022**About Packaging Valley Germany e. V.**

Founded in 2007 in Schwäbisch Hall, Packaging Valley Germany e. V. is the world's most innovative packaging industry cluster. It emerged from a merger of the Packaging Valley Germany and Packaging Excellence Region Stuttgart clusters. It networks over 100 companies with numerous experts from the packaging industry. These include manufacturers of packaging systems and packaging machines, providers of software and automation solutions, manufacturers of components, providers of services related to the packaging industry, and public institutions.

The companies in Packaging Valley offer the market the best technologies in the field of packaging machinery. With an export share of over 80%, the technology diversity from Packaging Valley is represented all over the world. International market leaders from the food, beverage, confectionery, pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors are among the customers.

Packaging Valley Germany e. V. is headquartered in Waiblingen, with another office in Schwäbisch Hall. A large proportion of the companies are based in southern Germany, with a focus on the Stuttgart and Hohenlohe regions. As part of the Stuttgart Region Competence Centers Initiative, PV is supported by Wirtschaftsförderung Region Stuttgart GmbH (WRS).

The Executive Board consists of:

Sabine Gauger (Optima) Chairperson, Markus Höfliger (Harro Höfliger) Deputy Chairperson, Uwe Herold (E+K), Dr. Johannes Rauschnabel (Syntegon), Christian Benz (Jetter), Ralf Bouffleur (Rommelag), Sebastian Wolf (City of Waiblingen), Daniel Bullinger (City of Schwäbisch Hall).

Information on further dates, activities and member companies of Packaging Valley Germany e. V. at: www.packaging-valley.com.

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