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hubergroup launches sheet-fed offset ink series for direct food contact

Even more creative packaging and more space for information – hubergroup Print Solutions makes this possible with MGA CONTACT, its new sheet-fed offset ink. Thanks to raw materials which have been carefully selected, the ink series is suitable for safe printing on the inside of paper and cardboard food packaging. Together with the right hubergroup dispersion varnish, MGA CONTACT is approved for direct contact with food, meaning that no functional barriers are required. The colour gamut and light fastness of this ink series, which is now available across the globe, are comparable with those of conventional offset inks.

“With MGA CONTACT, brand owners and packaging designers now have twice as much space to display their messages and information. This way, packaging for fruit, vegetables or chocolates can feature a more attractive design,” explains Josef Sutter, Product Manager for Sheet-fed/UV Europe at hubergroup. This is possible as the ink specialist only uses ingredients which have been authorised for direct contact with food in accordance with EU guidelines and FDA criteria. Moreover, the ink series is produced in a separate production facility at hubergroup’s plant in Celle, Germany.

MGA CONTACT achieves the same process stability in printing as other MGA ink series, so printers do not need to make any adjustments. The ink series only needs to be coated with a dispersion varnish, which is also suitable for direct contact with food. For this, hubergroup recommends products of its ACRYLAC DFC (Direct Food Contact) range.

Manufacturers can give their creativity free rein when designing their packaging as MGA CONTACT has excellent light fastness and, as an ECG (Extended Colour Gamut) series, also covers a large colour gamut. Thanks to its sustainable formulation, the ink series is also well recyclable.

About hubergroup

hubergroup is a family business based in Germany with a 255-year history. The Print Solutions division produces and sells printing inks and printing aids for packaging printing and commercial printing. The security inks segment for international banknote and identity document producers is covered by the subsidiary Gleitsmann Security-Inks. The Chemicals Division markets raw materials such as pigments, resins and additives produced in India.

The company has always been focused on customer success. That is why hubergroup works on innovative solutions, technologies and services every day in order to optimise the value creation in the printing and chemistry industry and to allow their customers to achieve first-class results. In 2020, hubergroup generated an annual turnover of about €644 million and currently employs approximately 3,500 employees worldwide in over 30 countries.

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