

## ■ BELGIUM

### Joining forces

**AGFA GRAPHICS** ■ A strategic alliance allows *Edale Ltd* to distribute the *:Dotrix* single-pass digital inkjet press to its traditional flexo customers. The two companies have been working together to build the *:Dotrix Modular* (single side solution) and the *:Dotrix Transcolor* (two-sided solution), both using *Agfa Graphics* UV curable inks. *Edale's* expertise in narrow-web flexo presses brings the industrial base with proven media transport to the digital press. *Agfa Dotrix* have integrated the single-pass inkjet colour engine (SPICE) into the *Edale* base unit. The SPICE contains the four inkjet head arrays to print CMYK in one pass with a maximum print width of 630 mm (24.8"). Thus the *:Dotrix* suits narrow and medium-web printing applications.

»The *Edale* industrial base brings proven printing flexo press technology into the digital press room,« said JAN SOENEN, Business Line Manager for the *:Dotrix* products at *Agfa Graphics*. »The reliable web transport in combination with the UV

## ■ GREAT BRITAIN

### Press upgrade

**BAKER SELF-ADHESIVE LABEL** ■ In a move towards improved energy efficiency and continuous quality improvement, the company has upgraded its *Nilpeter FA2500* flexo press with a VCP UV curing system and *e-Brick* electronic power supply from *GEW (EC) Ltd*.

»The previous UV system on this press was an ageing water-cooled system that took up a lot of space for the chiller and required continuous maintenance to repair leaks and burst pipes,« said PHIL BARTLETT, Production Supervisor at *Baker*. »Parts were becoming obsolete and the UV lamps tended to overheat causing downtime on the press.«

The VCP system has fully air-cooled lamp heads capable of curing a wide range of heat-sensitive substrates without the need for a chiller system making it compact and easy to maintain.

→ [www.bakerlabels.co.uk](http://www.bakerlabels.co.uk)  
→ [www.gew-uv.com](http://www.gew-uv.com)

curable inkjet technology offers a unique press that prints on the widest range of substrates from heavy 450gsm paper to the ultra thin 25 micron plastic material. Being digital, however, it is far more flexible and versatile than a traditional press.«

The companies plan to share the show floor at LABELEXPO EUROPE later this year. Like any *Edale* press, the *:Dotrix* can be configured to include inline coating flexo stations or post press finishing. »The strategic decision to build digital technology on an industrial base is the best guarantee for a well balanced investment for our customers,« said JAMES BOUGHTON, Managing Director of *Edale Ltd*. »Many of our customers are looking to add digital solutions to their traditional business. We are

## ■ UKRAINE

### Printing and stamping

**FOILCOM** ■ The company is the leading supplier of stamping foils in the country with headquarters in Lviv, and branches in Kiev/UA, Moscow/RU, Iasi/RO and Kishinev/MD. In addition to their stamping foil business, they own a number of printing machines (offset, letterpress, screen printing etc) for their printing business. The first machines were installed in May 2006. Today the company runs a six-colour *SPM-340LR* (shaftless full/intermittent rotary letterpress), a *SPM-340FT* (high-speed two-station hot stamping and die-cutting), *SPM-320STX* (fully automatic

extremely happy we will now offer this solution to our own customer base.«

→ [www.agfa.com](http://www.agfa.com)  
→ [www.edale.co.uk](http://www.edale.co.uk)

## ■ GERMANY

### Showcasing new technology

**SPARTANICS** ■ The two-day (February 18–19) *Spartanics-Systec* European Showcase event in Bielefeld drew dozens of attendees from seven countries for hands-on demonstrations of the laser cutting machine and servo drive/electronically controlled screen printing technology. This showcase was the first of three European events in 2009 where the *Finecut* and *Fineprint* technologies will be on public display.

→ [www.spartanics.com](http://www.spartanics.com)

their release and label paper manufacturing plants. Their units in La Gère/F, Jacari/BR and Torino/I also hold ISO 14001 and 9001 certificates.

→ [www.ahlstrom.com](http://www.ahlstrom.com)

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### Label buyout

**AJS LABELS** ■ ANDREW SCRIMGEOUR, the former European Managing Director of *AGI Media Europe*, has bought out the group's British label printing business and relaunched it as *AJS Labels*. *AJS Labels* has 50 staff and a turnover of around GBP 5 million.

→ [www.ajslabels.com](http://www.ajslabels.com)

## ■ FRANCE

### Office opened

**AB GRAPHIC** ■ The British label converting equipment manufacturer has opened a French office near Paris. As well as supplying its own range of products, the new company will also provide full sales, service and spare parts support in France for *Nilpeter* presses and *Newfoil* hot foil stamping equipment.

→ [www.abgint.com](http://www.abgint.com)

## ■ GREAT BRITAIN

### »Adding Value« award

**BAKER SELF-ADHESIVE LABELS** ■ In a competition run by »Digital Printer« that recognises achievements in



From left: Richard Shandala (Production Manager FoilCom Ltd), Alexander Dranov (President FoilCom Group), Jim Tien (Sales Manager Smooth Machinery) and Mr Eager (Factory Director FoilCom Ltd).