





Strategic Partnerships 2023/24

What is a strategic partnership?

A collaboration between 2 or more entities that pool resources, technology, relationships, expertise and/or finances to achieve mutual success.

Why do we need strategic partners?

- To expand geographical reach
- To increase brand exposure
- To gain experience and knowledge of "local" markets
- To offer customized products on demand (in the case of blending partners)

Key factors in creating and sustaining a strategic partnership.

- Executive support
- Trust
- Structure
- Communication
- Regular evaluations



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New Products 2023/24

Narrow Web Flexo

- Full range of dual-cure UV LED inks
- Maintained the same shade & density as standard UV inks
 - Extra strength (XS) process colors
- For special low ink deposit anilox rollers
 - Dual-cure UV LED metallic silver
 - High matt effect UV and LED lacquer
- Challenging development had to overcome settling and kick out on press during long runs
 - LED cold foil adhesive

- Universal screen medium converts a flexo Z-base ink to a rotary screen ink
- In collaboration with Ink Systems Thailand

 Final stage for a 1 pack UV metallic gold ink
- o 24 month project!
 - Final stage for a 1 pack UV VMP silver ink
- o To compete with Siegwerk
 - Single hit drip-effect UV lacquer
- o Thank you to Ink Systems Thailand!
 - Double hit drip-effect UV lacquer
- Request from CCL Dubai



Machinery & Lab Equipment

Installed & commissioned 2 new three roll mills

- 260 mm diameter rollers
- o A 3rd new mill is on the way
 - Installed & commissioned a 500L steel mixing / heating vessel
- Used to blend photoinitiator packs
- Major reduction in blending time previously 180 kg batch took 8 hours now 500 kg batch takes 2 hours
 - Installed & commissioned 2 new mixers
- o 37.5 kW / can mix up to 1,500 kg batches

Installed a new IGT C1 offset proofer

- Thank you Marc Molder!
 - Installed a new xenon-arc chamber
- For lightfast testing
 - Expected to install a new semi-automatic pot and part washer (May 2024)
- Uses a water-based solution (solvent-free!)
- Part of our new sustainability program plan to collect, wash and re-use flexo ink buckets
- More details next year!



