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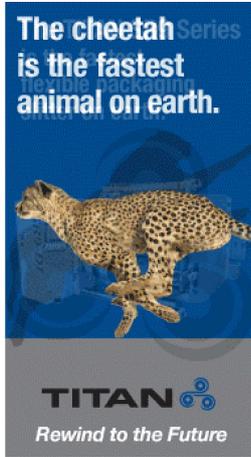
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**Nordmeccanica NA dedicates NY facility, demonstrates high-tech barrier solventless laminating**

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With about 120 industry professionals on hand, converting-machinery maker Nordmeccanica N.A., Ltd., officially dedicated its new Hauppauge, NY (Long Island), facility on Tuesday. The company also took the opportunity of its grand-opening event to offer technical presentations and system demonstrations of solventless laminating of metallized webs and ultra-thin foil in a "Focus on Innovation" program.



"The grand opening of our new location in North America marks a milestone in the history of our company, and I am particularly proud of it," said Antonio Cerciello, president of Nordmeccanica Group, in a letter to attendees. He was unable to participate due to a medical issue. "We owe our growth to our valued customers. I try to comply with my duties by continuing investing to guarantee unsurpassed quality, technological innovation and state-of-the-art after-sales service. This is what this new investment is all about: a center of excellence for coating and laminating technology; inventory of parts and improved services for our customers."

Nordmeccanica has more than 15 years of experience in the North American market, says Nordmeccanica N.A. president Vincenzo Cerciello. Nordmeccanica NA is responsible for sales and after sales service in the US and Canada and extends territory responsibility to Mexico through a qualified agency. The growing number of machines installed required the company to move into a new location with larger inventory for spare parts and expanded office space to better serve and support its customers. Over the years, the company has achieved a 65% global market share for coating and laminating machinery and a 95% market share in the US, he adds. The Hauppauge facility houses more than \$500,000 in spare parts inventory.

"Safety and solventless laminating are big demands of regional customers," he says. "Innovation and know-how are firsts with them. All our machinery is built and tested in Italy prior to shipment."

The supplier has a total of 280 employees worldwide; 210 in Italy, adds Nordmeccanica Group finance director Alfredo Cerciello. Established in 1978, it has seven plants globally and reached about US\$115 million in sales in 2014. Roughly 2,700 Nordmeccanica machines have been installed worldwide since the company's founding.

Following a ribbon-cutting and luncheon, the "Focus on Innovation" program included technical presentations by Vincenzo Cerciello, Dr. Duncan Darby of Clemson University, and Dr. Giancarlo Caimmi, commercial director of Nordmeccanica N.A. Participants included representatives from a large number of companies served by Nordmeccanica in North America. The program featured a demonstration of the superior technical capabilities of Nordmeccanica technology with the lamination of a structure that included the thinnest aluminum foil ever converted in adhesive lamination.

Demonstrations on the Super Simplex SL solventless laminator showed attendees the converting of PET/metallized AlOx PET/patterned metallized PET, as well as adhesive laminating of ultra-thin, 5-micron foil to PET film at speeds up to 1,000 fpm. Caimmi summed up the requirements for achieving such high speeds with such a fragile substrate: High-quality foil, a strong yet low-viscosity adhesive, and the available settings on a standard Simplex laminator. The equipment shown has been sold to Marco Harbor Group (Benton Harbor, MI).

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