

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A new Komori Graphic Center in Europe to support the new business strategies of Komori Corporation**

**More than 500 visitors came from all over Europe for three inaugural days to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Komori Graphic Center in Utrecht.**

Mr. Satoshi Mochida, President and COO of Komori Corporation, travelled from Tokyo to inaugurate the new Komori Graphic Center Europe in the European Headquarters of Komori in Utrecht (The Netherlands) from 14 to 16 October. In his speech opening the ribbon cutting ceremony, in presence of Mr. Jan Van Zanen, Mayor of Utrecht, and a prestigious array of local and international special guests, he emphasized the strong confidence of Komori in the future of print, the complementarity of offset and digital technologies and the importance for the company of its orientation toward diversified activities: “Komori is changing from the specialist offset press manufacturer into the Print Engineering Solution Provider and believes in its mission to provide solutions for opening new pages to our customers”.

The graphic industry has drastically changed over the years but Komori always accompanied the evolutions by listening and adapting to the market and even anticipating its needs through a long-standing Kando philosophy, which aims at offering Komori users and prospects products and services exceeding their expectations. Strong innovative R&D initiatives, tight technological partnerships with world’s leading suppliers in many different fields as well as permanent improvement programmes within the renowned Japanese Kaizen concept allowed Komori not only to become the second largest sheetfed supplier in Europe but also the leader in low energy drying with its universally appraised H-UV instant drying technology now extending to web presses.

The new Komori corporate approach is reflected in Komori’s enlarged product portfolio extending its core business to new segments like Digital Printing, Printed Electronics, Security Printing, Finishing and new offers of K-Supplies, Komori certified consumables, and KomoriKare expanded services.

The Grand Opening of the new extended and refurbished KGC-E was the occasion for Komori to demonstrate the latest developments of its technology on 4 press models and to enhance conventional, UV and H-UV printing applications. The benefits of the exclusive Komori instant drying H-UV system, “which already reaches more than 650 orders in the world and about 150 in Europe over the last 5 years”, as President Mochida pointed out, were highlighted on an 8-colour perfecting GL-840P and a 5-colour GL-540 + Coating.

While a LS-529 + Coating was demonstrating the outstanding quality of Komori’s conventional printing, the Lithrone GX-40, the new Komori special Packaging flagship machine, was a major focal point with its highest operational productivity at 18,000 sph ensured by the latest automation, control technologies and non-stop logistics,

During the 3 days, 14 partners, all leaders in their fields and gathered in a Technological Networking Forum, were offering the European Komori users and prospects the best solutions to further improve their production efficiency and profitability, extend their creativity and explore new markets :

- Apex, with their precision GTT and conventional Anilox rollers,
- Baldwin, with their H-UV lamps and Prepac cleaning systems,
- Böttcher with their chemical products and rollers,
- Continental, with their Conti-Air blanket technology,
- Draabe, with their humidification systems,
- Eltosch Grafix, with their powder extraction systems,
- Kodak, with their plates and pre-press equipment and workflow,
- Printgraph, with their Finito underpacking for printing blanket and press wrapping innovative film,
- Prisco, with their wide range of offset pressroom chemistry,
- Schmid Rhyner, with their coatings,
- Technotrans, with their dampening circulation systems,
- Toyo, with their H-UV ink,
- Tresu, with their coating circulators,
- Westland, with their inking and dampening ranges of printing rollers.

The new Komori Graphic Center Europe has become one of the three main technological Komori hubs in the world, together with KGC Japan, a large building within the ultramodern and zero emission Tsukuba factory and KGC America, the Komori US graphic technology center. With its doubled floor space and operational capacities as well as reinforced functions of state-of-the-art showroom with thematic corners, a Printing College, a Creative Lounge and outstanding education and training facilities, KGC-E is now the perfect place to demonstrate the Komori solutions in Packaging, PrintOnDemand, H-UV and Added Value Printing to offset and digital European printers. It has also been redesigned to allow optimal testing of the K-

Supplies, the Komori approved and certified consumables, and to support the extensive range of KomoriKare services : software and hardware upgrades, press inspection and performance audits, trainings and special technical assistance.

As Mr. Akihiro Komori, President of Komori International (Europe) emphasized :  
“With our new Komori Graphic Center Europe, we show our strong will to further expand our presence in Europe, to offer a broad portfolio of equipment, products and services far beyond our traditional offset roots and to open new pages to our customers”.

Photos and a video of the 3-day event are simultaneously sent to you separately.

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