



Press Release

## **Jakob Müller Group Acquires MEI International, Expanding Narrow Fabric Weaving Solutions**

**Frick, Switzerland, February 28, 2025 – Jakob Müller Group (JMG), a global leader in narrow fabric weaving machinery, today announced the acquisition of 100% of the shares of MEI International, effective January 1, 2025. With a history spanning over 50 years, MEI is a renowned Italian manufacturer of wide label weaving machines. This strategic acquisition combines the strengths of two industry pioneers, creating a comprehensive portfolio of solutions for woven label production.**

JMG, known for its high-quality rapier and air-jet weaving machines, expands its offerings with MEI's specialized air-jet technology and broad product range. As part of this integration, JMG will discontinue its Müjet air-jet weaving machine, fully endorsing MEI's advanced air-jet technology, which will continue to be strengthened thanks to the mutual cooperation.



*MEI team with Andreas Conzelmann (CEO JMG, center left) and Paolo Mazzucchelli (CEO MEI, center right)*

### **Key benefits of the acquisition:**

- **Comprehensive product portfolio:** Customers gain access to a wider range of label weaving machines, catering to diverse production needs.
- **Enhanced innovation:** The combined expertise of JMG and MEI will accelerate the development of new products and services.

- **Stronger financial foundation:** The acquisition reinforces the financial strength of both companies, enabling increased investment in innovation and customer support.
- **Continued customer focus:** Existing sales and service structures of both companies will remain in place, ensuring continuity for customers.

“This acquisition is a significant step forward in our JMG 2030 strategy,” said Andreas Conzelmann, CEO of Jakob Müller Group. “I really appreciate the entire MEI team for their values, attitude, and spirit. Together, we can offer our customers an outstanding range of solutions and services, while continuing to provide the highest quality, productivity, and reliability they expect from both JMG and MEI.”

Paolo Mazzucchelli, CEO of MEI, added, “Joining forces with JMG is an exciting opportunity for MEI. This alliance will enable us to develop new products and services more quickly and professionally, ultimately benefiting our customers' growth. We are committed to maintaining our separate sales forces to preserve the long-standing relationships we have built with our customers.”

MEI will continue to operate as an independent company, retaining its location in Gallarate, Italy, with Paolo Mazzucchelli remaining as CEO. Both brands will maintain their separate market presence, leveraging their individual strengths to serve customers in a demanding market environment.

### **About Jakob Müller Group**

Jakob Müller Group (JMG) is a leading global provider of narrow fabric weaving machines and solutions. With a presence in 82 markets and 11 locations worldwide, JMG leverages its 138 years of experience to deliver innovative, high-quality solutions. The dedicated team of skilled and motivated employees is the foundation of JMG's success. The company fosters a culture of trust and personal responsibility. Solution-oriented thinking and action, as well as employee well-being through health promotion initiatives, are given high priority. JMG drives innovation with state-of-the-art technology, focusing on core competencies and maintaining a competitive edge by developing and producing key components in-house or through exclusive partnerships.

### **About MEI International**

For 50 years, MEI International has been a technological leader in label weaving machines, offering innovative and customizable solutions for labels of all types and sizes. MEI's history of innovation began in 1974 with the invention of a patented thermal-cut loom, revolutionizing label production. Today, MEI empowers customers to create high-quality labels that meet the exacting standards of the fashion industry and beyond. MEI is committed to continuous textile innovation and providing tailored solutions to meet each customer's unique production needs.

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