

European Digital Press Award for digital print finishing machine from Leonhard Kurz

Fürth/Germany, 23 May 2018: Leonhard Kurz has won a 2018 European Digital Press Award in the “Best enhancement solution” category. Kurz received the award for its DM-Liner UV-Ink digital print finishing machine, which can transfer metallized decorative finishes onto paper and plastic substrates by means of inkjet technology. The prize was presented by the European Digital Press Association during the awards ceremony on May 16 at FESPA in Berlin.

The DM-Liner UV-Ink is the second digital metal transfer machine from Kurz to receive the EDP Award, the company having already received an award in 2015 for its toner-based DM-Liner. “We are proud of this outstanding recognition of our digital finishing technology,” says Stefanie Schmidt, Product Manager at Kurz. “We have developed various digital finishing systems that cater for the different equipment and order structure of print shops. These product offerings have been very well received by the international printing market. We are delighted that the EDP Awards jury was impressed by our concept.”

The DM-Liner UV-Ink is a transfer unit that can be combined with digital or offset color printing, and the print enhancement can be performed up- or downstream of the color printing. By first applying the metallization and then overprinting, arbitrary metallic colors can be produced. Upmarket metallized late stage customization can be achieved by performing the transfer after color printing. The DM-Liner with inkjet technology is available both for sheet-fed and narrow web printing. The DM-Liner UV-Ink designed for web-fed printing is available as a stand-alone machine that can be employed regardless of the printing process. A second version can be integrated directly into the digital printing system, and a third can be attached to web-fed flexographic printing machines as a retrofit module.

The European Digital Press Association is an alliance of European trade journals in the print and graphics sector that focuses on digital production. The EDP

Association has 21 member magazines covering 27 countries in Europe. It has a readership, for its print editions alone, of more than half a million readers. The organization seeks to support the digital printing industry and to honor companies that have earned recognition for advancing digital technology. Every year it rewards the best products in the digital printing sector with the EDP Awards and publicizes it within the industry.

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Martin Jamrich, CEO of the Czech Magazine Svet Tisku, handing over the EDP Award to Sibylle Geiselhart, Head of Customer Service and Sales Processes Germany at Kurz

(Photo: EDP Association)



The EDP Award winning DM-Liner UV-Ink from Kurz

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