



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ starts up extra-wide carding machine for Italian nonwovens producer

GRAZ, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023. International technology group ANDRITZ has successfully started up the new carding machine and opening/blending line it delivered to Albis in Roasio, Vercelli, Italy.

This investment represents an important step for Albis in meeting new demands and producing innovative nonwoven products for hygiene and medical applications.

With its large working width of 5.10 meters, the machine allows for the production of nonwoven fabrics tailored to specific customer requirements while maintaining excellent properties and consistent quality. One example is Albis Curacell®, a multilayer composite nonwoven fabric in a weight range between 35 and 70 gsm that is produced with a fully water-free patented process and is able to absorb liquid flows of over seven times its own weight. The production line also includes an advanced upstream opening and blending system from ANDRITZ.

Albis CEO Gianni Boscolo says: "ANDRITZ has both the expertise and innovativeness we are looking for in a partner to realize our vision. The reliability of their machinery was another important factor in our decision to partner with them. Our new installation will help us meet our clients' demands and enable us to continue creating nonwoven products that set new standards in the hygiene and medical sectors."

Albis, a privately owned group founded in Italy in 1995 by Gianni Boscolo, has been a major player in the nonwoven market for over three decades. Through continuous research and development, the company offers innovative, high-quality nonwoven solutions across various sectors, including hygiene, medical, personal care, textiles, filtration, and agriculture.

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From left to right: Mr. Gianni Boscolo, CEO of Albis, and Mr. Fabien Ravier, Managing Director of ANDRITZ Asselin-Thibeau

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ANDRITZ GROUP

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ANDRITZ PULP & PAPER

ANDRITZ Pulp & Paper provides sustainable technology, automation, and service solutions for the production of all types of pulp, paper, board and tissue. The technologies and services focus on increased production efficiency, lower overall operating costs as well as innovative decarbonization strategies and autonomous plant operation.

The product portfolio also includes boilers for power generation, flue gas cleaning systems, various nonwoven technologies, and panelboard (MDF) production systems. With waste-to-value recycling, shredding and energy solutions, waste and by-product streams from production are converted into valuable secondary raw materials as well as into sustainable resources for energy generation. State-of-the-art IIoT technologies as part of Metris digitalization solutions complete the comprehensive product offering.