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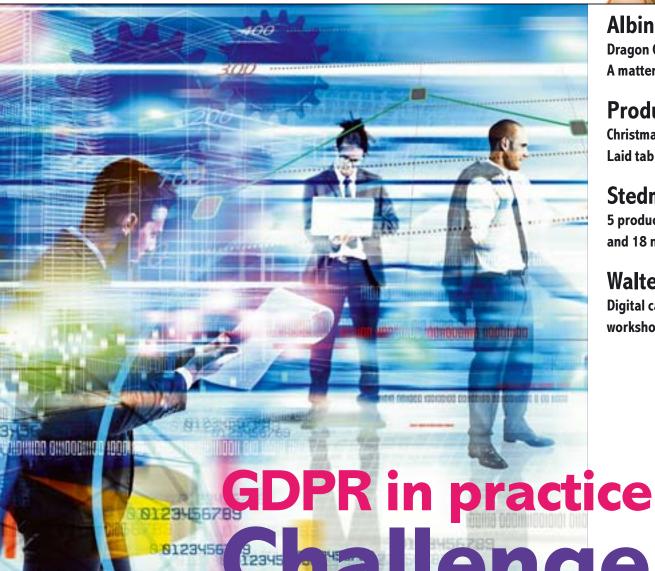
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Great textile opportunities

ike many industries, the textile industry must also undergo a massive transformation. Digitalisation and individualisation are already being used extensively in production. Companies like adidas and Nike recognised this early on. Individually assembled shoe models have been around for several years. This creates feelings of personal fulfilment and loyalty on the part of the customer. The Speed-

factory makes it possible. What is common in sports shoes can be applied to clothing. The printing industry has long since internalised 4.0.

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There are also eco-textiles, i.e. ecologically sustainable and fairly manufactured products. Here, too, well-known companies and hip start-ups are working on solutions to soothe the bad conscience of many consumers. What was yesterday an expression of the lifestyle of elitist circles is becoming more and more mainstream. A trend that the promotional product industry cannot ignore. Major corporations are already making massive efforts to ensure that the functionality and design of their promotional products are accompanied by sustainability and fairness.

And smart or technical textiles are on the agenda for the future. Bags change their colour with the climate, Levi's and Google are working on a cyclist jacket with a built-in navigation system, and Nike is working on shoes with adaptive laces. Sports shirts with pedometers and blood-pressure gauges have already been presented at trade shows for smart textiles. Exciting times for those who operate in the field of textiles — also in the promotional product industry. New materials create new opportunities. A complete rethink is called for here as well. It creates completely new business models. Enormous potential lies in the area of branded leisure and sports textiles. New sports such as eSports have been filling big stadiums in Asia for a long time. Even the "German Darts Masters" did not feel out of place in the Schalke Arena, quite the contrary. In the USA, every winery has its own merchandising shop — mainly featuring textiles. Incidentally, every other company as well. In this field alone, there is still a lot to do in Europe.

For this reason, the upcoming PSI with the two trade shows PromoTex Expo and viscom at its side will be as exciting as ever. Tradition and high-tech will also reach out to promotional products, textiles and advertising technology. What was impossible yesterday is already a trend today. And the best part is that PSI members have access to the entire future that lies in these trade shows.

I hope to see you there and to talk it over.

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A beautifully laid table enhances the enjoyment of a tasty meal. And anything that is beautiful and tastes good is also remembered. Not only at Christmas time. No matter if Advent and Christmas beautifully laid tables – there are gorgeous as well as practical gifts and products for every topic.

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The traditional Stedman brand boasts more than six decades of experience in producing clothing that is just as useful as it is contemporary. Today it is one of the most successful European brands for high-quality promotional textiles. The new collection includes 134 styles for men, women and children, including 18 new styles.



Albina Pen: A matter close to her heart

The success of Albina Pen, co-founder and managing director of Dragon Gifts, in the promotional product industry has evolved over the years. If you want to understand how and why the Russian woman has become that successful, you need to take a closer look at her career. That is why she offered the PSI Journal an insight into her life and her life's work.



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ral resins, cellulose and natural reinforcing fibres and is therefore biodegradable. With more than 500,000 inhabitants, Hannover operates the largest municipal deposit system for to-go drinks nationwide," reports the brands association Markenverband on its website markenverband.de. Sustainability is attractive - in every respect.

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The Korean term "Hallyu" means "Korean wave" and describes the worldwide enthusiasm for South Korean trends – also in cosmetics. Discipline and efficiency are reflected in the area of nourishing cosmetics. "Get-it Beauty" is the motto. We are not born beautiful. Beauty is acquired is the philosophy. People seek to create beauty through expert tricks. And they recommend layering, i.e. the use of different products on top of each other. Laissez-faire is not hip when it comes to beauty. So far according to the magazine Zeit in its article "South Korea: K for Kool" on 31 January 2018.



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To what extent this trend can assert itself here remains to be seen. The promotional product industry in Germany already offers natural products for beauty and products for natural beauty. And as we know, beauty lies in the eye of the beholder.

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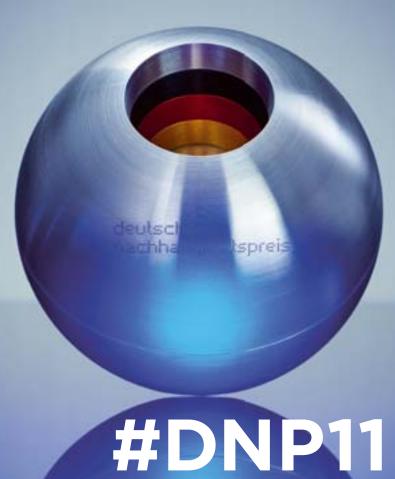


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Am Abend des 7. Dezembers 2018 werden in Düsseldorf der Deutsche Nachhaltigkeitspreis sowie der Next Economy Award im Rahmen des Deutschen Nachhaltigkeitstages verliehen, dem meistbesuchten nationalen Kongress zur Nachhaltigkeit.



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billion
US dollars
was invested
in digital
advertising
in the USA in 2017. A new record,
according to the latest Internet Advertising Revenue Report conducted by
Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB).

53.3%

of advertising companies in the industry indicated in the latest PSI Industry Barometer that they rely on the particularly good advice of a promotional product distributor when choosing a promotional product.

40.2 per cent

of global advertising expenditure will be on the web this year. This is evident from the current forecast by Zenith. According to horizont.net, the shift of budgets towards digital advertising will continue. An alarming figure for the promotional product industry.

23.3 billion

US dollars of sales was generated by the US promotional product market according to the PPAI Sales Volume Survey. According to PPAI (Promotional Products Association International), this represents an increase of 9.3 per cent over the previous year.

800 million

euros will flow into Influencer marketing in this country in 2020 according to a forecast by Goldmedia. According to horizon.net, advertising spending of 990 million euros is already approaching the billion euro threshold in the DACH region.

8 hours

as a traditional working day is outdated according to the findings of many researchers who also consider excessive overtime a waste of time, says the WirtschaftsWoche. More work does not increase productivity, says management professor Morten Hansen of Berkeley University, California.

410 million

euros is the starting sum the EU wants to make available to start-ups in the future to prevent them from migrating to the USA, writes horizont.net.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in practice

A challenge for



n recent months, the General Data Protection Regulation was on everyone's lips. Professional associations, media and chambers of commerce provided information, and GWW also published an excellent brochure and held seminars. The closer the 25th of May approached, the more the anxiety increased, the more hectic the preparations became. All companies in the industry are affected and most of them have developed strategies and measures in recent months to comply with the new standards. Nevertheless, there is still great uncertainty as to whether all requirements have been met and they are on the right track. While not everything was perfect for many companies by the deadline, at least the tasks are clearly formulated and much of them have been done. There should not be a company that has not yet dealt with the topic.

Free movement of data in the EU single market

What is the GDPR about? The regulation does not fundamentally change the conception and, to a large extent, the detailed provisions of the applicable data protection law. In many cases, the provisions of the EC Data Protection Directive 95/46, which forms the basis of the German Data Protection Act (BDSG), were adopted. Many of the principles enshrined therein have been updated and modernised, but there are also new requirements – with the declared goal of ensuring protection of privacy. On the whole, EU citizens should be able to gain more control

The General Data Protection Regulation, which came into force on 25 May and is essentially designed to give EU citizens more control over their personal data, is complicated and still raises many questions. For companies, the implementation of the measures involves an enormous effort. We asked around in the industry how distributors and suppliers have repositioned themselves in terms of data protection.

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and access to their personal data, regardless of where the data is transmitted and where it is stored or processed. This is also increasingly taking place outside the EU, especially in the case of internationally operating companies on the Internet. According to the EU, the GDPR also aims to facilitate the free movement of data throughout the digital single market, thereby opening up new opportunities for smaller companies in particular.

Uniform European data protection law

The GDPR establishes a uniform European data protection law that guarantees legal certainty for businesses and a uniform EU level of data protection for all citizens. Companies have only one central supervisory authority. The one-stop-shop, as a single point of contact, aims to improve cooperation between data protection authorities in all matters affecting Europe as a whole. This should make it easier and cheaper to do business across the EU. The free exchange of personal data is now possible. The same rules apply to all companies, irrespective of where they are located: even companies based outside Europe that offer goods or services in the EU must comply with the new rules. This means a level playing field for all suppliers. Stricter sanctions should enforce the implementation of the data protection law. Data protectionists hope that the possibility of imposing large fines will be an effective instrument to place the onus on the major Internet service providers and social media operators. Among other things, activists want to act against their "forced consents", without which one cannot yet use these services.

Strengthened rights of the individual

For those affected, any processing of their data must be transparent. Everyone has the right to transparent and comprehensible information about all personal data. Already during the query, the purpose, recipients, the responsibilities, the storage duration a.s.o. must be explained. As a central instrument of clarification, the data protection statement must, as a rule, be revised. If the purpose of the data storage changes, the person affected must be informed. In addition, a right to correction of false data

and restriction is enshrined if there are any doubts as to the correctness and basis of the data processing. The right to be forgotten is a central right within the GDPR. Consequently, a person may request that their data be erased if there is no legitimate reason for storage and processing. In addition, the processor must actively delete the data in this case. It is assumed, however, that the person affected takes care of what happens to his data and asserts his rights. This is a common criticism as this is considered unrealistic.

Data protection should go without saying

A new right to data portability allows individuals to transfer their data from one provider to another. To this end, the data must be provided in a structured, common and machine-readable format. The data transfer must not be hindered. Every citizen has the right to know if his or her data has been misused. Affected persons must be informed as quickly as possible about any high-risk violations. In addition, companies and organisations must notify national regulators of any data protection breaches that have created a risk for those affected. According to the principles of "Privacy by Design" and "Privacy by Default", the technology (design) of the data processing must be developed from the outset in the spirit of data protection, and the defaults must be selected so that they meet the data protection requirements. Data protection should be incorporated as a natural element in the process flows of companies.

Reviews and recommendations

The implementation of the GDPR also means new challenges for the players in the industry and in this situation it can be useful to exchange experiences. After all, it is all about dealing with the changes that have not yet been completed as quickly and smoothly as possible. On the following pages, distributors and suppliers report on their experiences and how they have adjusted to the requirements of data protection. The reports show the immense amount of work that companies had to overcome and what they think matters.



Latest news on GDPR

Deferment of formal warnings: One-year grace period

On the editorial closing date of this issue, the GDPR had been in force for almost three weeks. The feared wave of large-scale formal warnings has not been forthcoming so far, yet media, regulators and lawyers nationwide have reported an increase in inquiries and complaints as well as the first letters of warning. It is legally controversial whether injunctive relief claims against competitors for violations of the GDPR are permissible. As long as there is no case law the uncertainty remains.

Legislative amendment envisaged

The Union faction therefore wants to prohibit formal warnings for alleged violations of the GDPR for a period of 12 months by amending the law. This grace period is intended to put an end to overactive law firms and protect businesses – especially those who are struggling with the changeover and are now unconsciously violating the data protection provisions. The required change in legislation is to be adopted before the summer break. For this purpose, the ongoing legislative procedure is to be used to introduce a model declaratory relief action for consumers and to supplement this legal text with a corresponding passage. However, the agreement of the coalition partner SPD to these plans is still pending.

Authorities signal willingness to cooperate

Critics of the practice of cease-and-desist letters, however, believe the temporary grace period does not go far enough. They demand that first violations of data protection should always be exempt from charges. Sanctions should only take effect if nothing is undertaken. The supervisory authorities also made it clear that, for the moment, the focus was on advice and that they are willing to cooperate – but that this was also demanded of the companies. It should also be taken into account that the implementation of the GDPR is a major challenge, especially for SMEs.

Data protection has not only been an issue since the GDPR, but rather for a much longer period. However, many companies did not place the necessary emphasis in the past. Very many requirements of the GDPR have existed for a much longer time than since the new regulation came into force, and they were also an issue after the old data protection regulation. A data protection officer has been working with us for years to develop and implement the best possible data protection measures. Our data protection officer was and is at hand to help us

to implement all necessary steps required by the GDPR.



Meinhard Mombauer, Reflects GmbH

"Whoever takes data protection seriously began a long time ago."

Not "rocket science"

Many things such as the technical organisational measures to protect data as well as various documentation for processing data were already available. We have adapted our websites to the new conditions for which, of course, our data protection officer has been designated as a contact person and is available for all data protection questions in our company. Of course, we will also contact all

customers once again and inform them about the new circumstances under the new regulation and always ask them, whenever necessary, for written consent to process their personal data. Performing the compulsory tasks is not rocket science and there are excellent professionals who can assist you in developing and implementing these processes.

Real challenge for small companies

At the moment, the greatest difficulties we see are that our customers are being overwhelmed by mailings on



data protection, including a considerable number of order processing contracts. Although the contents here are usually similar, processing them of course requires manpower and time. What our company can still cope with is a real, challenging task for many small companies.

Act objectively and without fear

In the course of ongoing developments, there will certainly be relativizations and clarifications within the framework of the law. At the moment, panic is spreading on many platforms and thereby creating unnecessary confusion. For some companies this is certainly a wake-up call and something will finally be undertaken to comply with the data protection requirements. Others are paralyzed by what they need to do. Everyone should continue to approach the topic objectively, with the necessary seriousness, but also without fear, and gradually take the necessary measures.

As a software service provider, we have **optimised our products in accordance with the GDPR.** In response to the requirements of the Regulation, a whole range of solutions has been developed that make the handling

of personal data safer, including a tool for quickly erasing addresses and details of contact persons. More detailed protocols of operations performed, anonymisation of entries, separate protocols of master data and newsletter exports are just a few more examples. There are also numerous data protection-relevant innovations for shop users, particularly SSL coding as well as the possibility to insert references to cookies and data protection texts (also a link to the data protection statement). Special settings facilitate consent management.

These are just a few examples of our customisation options. Our customers have been provided detailed information and recommendations

on what settings should be made in any event and what they should bear in mind.

We have been dealing with the issue of GDPR for about one and a half years and began its operational implementation in autumn 2017.



Marcus Schulz, Giffits

"We will monitor court decisions and the practice of cease-anddesist letters in order to orient ourselves in practice."

Information and inventory

In the beginning, there should always be comprehensive information and a thorough stocktaking, and we have stuck to this strategy: First of all, we acquired the knowledge to understand the law. Webinars as well as the on-going training of a data protection officer were helpful. On this basis, the analysis then took place – for example, identifying one's own shortcomings and recording the flow of personal data within the company, as well as between us and our partners. On the basis of legal advice, adjustments were planned and carried out, and the corresponding documentation created. Especially as an e-commerce-driven com-

pany, we had to subject a lot of processes to scrutiny.

Key measures implemented

Here are just a few of the most important fields of action: write data protection policy, appoint data protection officer, create list of processors, establish employee data protection, make confidentiality agreements, protect rights of affected persons, formulate and conclude order data processing contracts and much more. This is what we have implemented, and everyone should do the same.

Problem of legal uncertainty

The biggest problem is legal uncertainty. It is unclear how the GDPR will be interpreted by the courts. Important sections of the interpretation of the GDPR are based on uncertain assumptions. It is complicated, for example, to assess which legal basis can be used for the processing of data in individual cases. Can a "legitimate interest" be claimed, is it contract data, or does it require consent? We will continue to document, monitor the interpretation of the courts and reports on letters of warning, continue to train personnel internally and test in practice. It will be interesting to see whether the right to information is really perceived.



Andreas Thiel, CDH

"We have developed numerous software solutions in accordance with the GDPR and provided our customers with extensive advice." **As a software company,** we have implemented the obligations under the GDPR on several levels: in our own company and on behalf of our customers. A data pro-

tection statement with complete and legally correct wording is indispensable for a company's external presentation. For all our shop customers, we have created SSL certificates and made them available for free. In recent months, we have provided many free additional services for our customers, advising and supporting them, for example, when moving data to secure servers.

Contracts, documentation, statements

We have received assurance from all service providers that they handle personal data in a GDPR-compliant manner. We also have a contract with our customers for order processing personal data so that we and our customers are safeguarded in case of support. Extensive documentation on personal

data must be created internally. This documentation must contain where, why, when and how personal information is stored, and which employees have access to personal information. Of course, every employee must sign a confidentiality statement. The data must be securely stored, i.e. the server room must be secured, and the sensitive data must be stored in a lockable cabinet.

KS1 offers solutions

A customer/prospect has the right to know which personal data about him is stored and how he can delete or block his data. Both are possible in KS1 - and always have been. However, we think that such inquiries are not likely to be common in the B2B area. It is quite normal to save personal data for buying customers. In the promotional product industry, everyone has a legitimate in-



Renate Gransee and Thomas Brecht, Offene Systeme Software!

"In the promotional product industry, everyone has a legitimate interest in storing and using customer information for the purpose of normal business relations."

terest in storing and using customer data for the purpose of normal business relations. However, the concept of legitimate interest is relative. It only becomes more concrete when the first judgments have been handed down.

On the subject of mailings

I believe the GWW and PSI, as an association and network, should facilitate the data protection-compliant communication between their members. It would be quite easy for members to agree once to accept mailings from other members. That would be a step towards more networking and would give members more legal certainty with little effort.

In fact, we have been dealing with GDPR in all business divisions for many months. However, data protection has been an issue for about 20 years: since we started to record and store personal data of private customers in our web shops.

80/20 Strategy

In the meantime, we have come to the conclusion that we must follow an 80/20 strategy:

We tried to adapt the most important 80 percent of the

processes by the deadline on 25 May 2018, the remaining 20 percent are risks ... Attempting to fully meet all requirements in all systems is completely futile. We have virtually completed all our projects but we are still awaiting several countersigned contracts for order data processing. The new GDPR has been valid for two years, and the new, significantly higher fines apply from 25 May – whoever still has problems implementing them or is just starting out will have a hard time.



Roland Liederbach, K+M Werbemittel

"Trying to fully meet all requirements in all systems is completely futile."



The subject of data protection has kept us all on edge for about half a year. In cooperation with our data protection officer and our back-office sales team, as well as with the professional support of a specialist lawyer, the necessary measures were formulated and implemented.

Tasks are done

Documentation, lists, order data processing contracts, data protection policy, information requirements, etc. – all this is complete and should meet the requirements of

the GDPR. Whether or not we are guaranteed conclusive certainty is difficult to assess due to missing or vaguely formulated objectifiable criteria. At least that is the assessment of our data protection officer acting on his own authority.

SMEs at a disadvantage

Basically, data protection and especially the protection of personal data is important and correct and is fully supported by us. However, it is important to bear in mind that the decisive factors for the changes were American

and British corporations that did not take data protection seriously and will probably continue to align their business model on the further processing of customer data. On the basis of this experience, the EU Commission responded correctly, but unfortunately it took far too drastic measures: Even small companies and volunteers, clubs and landlords are obliged to formally respond to the same extent as corporations. However, the "little ones" usually lack the time and capacity to achieve the required know-how with a reasonable effort. Our fear is that corporations will hardly be affected and will find more loopholes.



We therefore hope for a sense of measured judgement and partner-like cooperation on the part of the authorities: The implementation is supposed to succeed, but penalties ultimately benefit nobody. From our point of view, the preservation of companies, clubs and honorary offices must be the highest good to preserve in order to maintain the infrastructure and viability of this society and our economic area (whereby this does not apply only to the GDPR).

Our most important projects

We have completed, among others, the following projects:

- Selection and appointment of a data protection officer
- Write a new data protection policy
- Documentation of all data processing procedures and processes (process descriptions)
- · Composing a complete procedure directory
- Development of a comprehensive IT security and data protection concept
- Adaptation of all websites (cookie banner, general terms and conditions, imprint, data protection policy, etc.)
- Adaptation of all web shops (cookie banner, general terms and conditions, imprint, data protection policy, etc.)
- Programming and installation of a new user log management for all web shops
- Cleaning up the datasets of our newsletter recipients
- New double opt-in procedure for all newsletter recipients
- Training all employees concerning rights and obligations in accordance with GDPR and exemption statement
- Obligation of employees to observe the provisions of the GDPR
- Conclusion of order data processing contracts with our customers (we commit ourselves)
- Conclusion of order data processing contracts with our suppliers and service providers (we commit our suppliers and service providers)



Lorne Spranz, Spranz GmbH

"We have implemented everything. Whether this guarantees real security is difficult to assess because of missing or vaguely formulated criteria."

For about three months, we have been working intensively on this topic which we take very seriously. That's why we first visited two information seminars

and consulted a lawyer specialising in data protection. An exchange of information with two friendly supplier partners was also helpful. Then the responsibilities were defined internally and a strategy for further action was developed. A first step was to inform and train our employees. We also involved our software provider at an early stage and discussed improvement suggestions concerning, inter alia, the computer-supported information obligation and history of data collection. We also held discussions with the GWW and suggested more comprehensive form templates and assistance.



Gerhard Bezold, werbemax

"For SMEs, the GDPR means a further distortion of competition in favour of large corporations."

Tasks upon tasks

The actual work could now begin:

We created a list of processes as well as a list of order processors and documented the authorisation of the data processing. Now we were able to prepare the order processing contracts and conclude the written contracts with all order processors — of course not without checking them to comply with the minimum standards under Art. 28 GDPR. The next step was to adapt the terms and conditions, the imprint and the data privacy policy for our website and shops. In order to meet our information requirements, appropriate processes were developed and introduced. Following a review of IT security, the software was also updated, deletion routines introduced, and a new backup of personal data from orders was established. Finally, the technical and organisational measures had to be recorded and revised.

Enormously complex topic

The complexity of the topic is enormous: Almost every work step is affected, with far-reaching consequences. Some tasks cannot even be solved in a practice-oriented manner despite a lot of effort, e.g. contradicts the law on the data storage obligation of the GDPR. Nothing can be continued as before without accepting certain restrictions. For example, we decided to do without newsletters. Data protection is an ongoing process, and we have

not yet implemented every step down to the last detail. As users of Google Analytics, for example, we have been waiting for months for an answer from Ireland. As long as the answer is pending, we need to disable this service. Other contracts have also not yet been signed. There is still a lot to do in practice.

Significant disadvantages and costs

On a personal note: At first, I found everything useful. Data is an asset worth protecting, especially in view of the recent scandals. But the more I deal with it, the more I have the feeling that it does not disadvantage the "big players" but, once again, the "little ones". For the giants like Google, Amazon, Facebook & Co., it's easy to adapt conditions with the existing legal advisory board. The user must inevitably accept any condition in order to be able to continue to use the services which we all more or less depend on. Thanks to their fully organised digitalisation model, these corporate groups can - after a single changeover to their processes – conduct business as usual. SMEs, on the other hand, must sensitively review and adapt their business processes and, if necessary, rethink entire distribution channels. In fact, they are de facto being slowed down, and thus have long-term disadvantages as well as additional costs. Another distortion of competition in favour of large corporations...

Data protection has been important to us since I started running this company. However, since the autumn of 2017 it has been the main focus of our attention. We



Gunnar Sprinkmann, Sprinkmann GmbH

"It is essential that what is immediately visible from 'outside' complies with the guidelines."

have defined the incurring commitments of our company and are now working through them one by one. In particular, our documentation was overhauled. It is essential that what is immediately visible from 'outside' complies with the guidelines, for example the website. 'Internal' documentation must subsequently be comprehensible. The implementation of the GDPR is a completely individual process because every company is different. The biggest challenge and danger at the same time: Not knowing whether something was overlooked.

GDPR in practice: Recommendations from the industry

What is absolutely necessary?

Understand the law and the resulting legal basis in detail and, if necessary, seek legal advice.

Get help if everything seems too complicated, for example at the IHK. Simply by bringing consultants on board shows that you take data protection seriously.

Gain an overview of where your company is affected and where formal warnings might lurk.

Everything that is visible from the outside must be a priority and the guidelines must be adhered to.

Analyse your own handling of personal data:

Record all processes in which personal data are collected, processed or exchanged (partners, customers, applicants, employees, prospects, suppliers ...) Document processing procedures.

Record all data flows inside and outside the company (Outlook, DATEV, industry software).

Verify the origin of the data.

Take **documentation** requirements seriously.

Develop or update the **data privacy policy** and put it online.

Develop and communicate data privacy notices.

Make sure that only the data needed to complete an order is saved.

Store mailing lists separately, document them and delete them after processing.

Ensure secure storage of data on appropriate servers.

It is imperative that **SSL encryption** is installed for all shops and websites

Activate references to cookies.

Conclude **contracts with order processors.**

Implement consent management.

Train personnel.

Amend **employee and service contracts.**

Secure access to computers and programs with user names and passwords.

Secure access to business premises.

Implement **TOM data protec- tion** (technical and organisational measures)

Technical measures: all measures that can be physically implemented, for example by installing an alarm system or password-protected user accounts.

Organisational measures: They relate to the basic conditions of the data processing process.



What should not happen?

Undertake nothing and claim (even at an inspection) that you are not affected at all.

First deal with the topic when customers ask about it.

Rush into things – instead get well informed and, in case of doubt, seek the assistance of a specialist to support you with all important measures. Money invested in data protection is well spent.

Be completely spotless. Each topic should at least have been examined by a specialist (DPO) and there should be a line of reasoning which the company has adopted.

Please note:

The above list is a summary of the experiences of our interlocutors and not necessarily an exhaustive guideline.



The festival of festivals is of course also a festival for the promotional product because **beautiful as well as practical gifts** are particularly effective at Advent and Christmas. And the industry has plenty of them: Diversity and creativity characterise the following pages.



Inspirational Rituals

The appropriate framework conditions must be provided for in order to establish and maintain a positive, happy and satisfied relationship with the customer. Extraordinary corporate gifts, such as the tailor-made motivational gifts for large and small companies found in the Rituals series of Trendfactory BV, are a good choice.



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High demand

Concrete is in very high demand. And even at Christmas time, there is no reason to dispense with this modern material, as the 'Block' Advent candlestick made by reeko design illustrates. It combines the timeless elegance of concrete, aesthetics, minimalist design and space-saving functionality. There is space for one to four tealights: By turning the modern candlestick you can select the required number for each Advent Sunday. The Block measures 26.7 x 6.8 x 6.8 centimeters in size and can be individualised by using laser engraving or pad printing.

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The countdown is running ...

It's time to think about Christmas again. Magna sweets has expanded its Advent calendar range with two more attractive calendars this year. The "Book" Advent calendar can be individually printed on four pages and offers twelve doors to open on each of the two pages of the book. Another Advent calendar has the shape of a house and can also be individually printed. Both calendars are optionally filled with Lindt Naps made from milk chocolate or Lindt Lindor balls in the flavours milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate and orange. Both calendars are available from 250 pieces.





Door opener

If you are looking for a special Christmas present, you should discover the Advent calendar of the promotional product specialist Karl Knauer. The high-quality pre-Christmas classics awaken the play instinct even with adults and ensure that the happy (advertising) message remains in focus for at least 24 days. In addition to the chocolate-filled versions "Treasure Chest" and "Book", there is also a modern interpretation of the Christmas countdown: By using outer packaging made of cardboard, a commercially available beer crate filled with regional speciality beers, for example, can be turned into an Advent calendar. A "cheers" to this customer present is thus virtually inevitable.

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Put into perspective

The promotional product specialist Karl Knauer is confident that in the future, the promotional product market will literally "radiate pure joy" in the truest sense of the word. With the patented HiLight technology of this Black Forest company, it is now cost-effective to integrate light aesthetically and functionally into paper, cardboard and corrugated board products, thus making them radiate. Whether it is a luminescent logo on a note dispenser, ultra-slim reading lamps in the shape of a bookmark, decoration lights or business cards with lighting effects — the possibilities of use are almost unlimited and will most certainly be a special eye-catcher.





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Christmas time is biscuit time

Christmas should last forever. As the recipe collections of EMF show, there is so much to taste and bake at this time of year. The best recipes for biscuits and the like ensure that customers can be positively targeted. To this end, EMF also offers tailor-made special editions from the diverse publishing programme: Integration of the customer's logo on the book cover, placing the customer's products and/or services in the recipe texts and instructions or creating an individual book with flexible page numbers, special features and the customer's corporate design.



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Festlicher Baumschmuck

Die Kollektion Bark for Christmas von Alessi ist der ideale Dekoartikel für jeden, der nicht auf Schmuck und Deko verzichten will und eine echte Feststimmung auch ohne den traditionellen Weihnachtsbaum schaffen möchte. Der magnetische Weihnachtsschmuck aus Edelstahl macht es möglich, den eigenen Weihnachtsbaum mit Fotos, Glückwunschkarten oder anderem zu schmücken und zu personalisieren.



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Guaranteed organic

The organic stollen muffin, organic stollen confectionery and organic mini Christmas stollen made by traditional Saxon bakers are ideal presents. They consist of fine, exquisite ingredients such as butter, almonds, rum and raisins – just what you associate with the taste of Christmas and Advent. With individually designed sleeves, this is a Christmas gift that tastes great.

Memorable pastry

The unique handcrafted specimens from Dr. Scholze Confiserie are made with great attention to detail. As a competent partner in product branding, the North Germans implement the individual personalisation of the pastries along with packaging in the form of embossing, printing or a baked-in logo. In this regard, customers can choose from a wide range of solutions for the desired corporate design. The seasonal flyer for an overview of the Christmas range can now be requested from the manufacturer.





Now also in a set

The extension of the unique Grip family from Faber-Castell to include a fountain pen creates new possibilities in the form of an attractive set. When it comes to the fountain pen, the optimum combination of ink and pen guarantees particularly smooth and effortless writing, just like the innovative XB low-friction refill for the retractable ballpoint pen. The soft-grip zone on both writing instruments — available in silver, blue or black — ensures a pleasant writing experience. The advertising message on the cap or on the shaft comes into its own. A practical leather case completes the set.

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Große Wirkung bei kleinem Budget

Der kleine XS-Adventskalender von Jung erzielt große Werbeerfolge: befüllt mit 24 Brandt-Knusperkugeln sorgt er auch bei kleinen Budgets für viel Werbewirkung. Der handliche Countdowner in Vollkartonhülle zum Preis von einem Euro und günstiger wird vierfarbig schon ab 330 Stück angeboten. Mit der starken Marke Brandt als Inhalt schafft der Werbende zudem Vertrauen und Sympathie zu diesem vorweihnachtlichen Give-away. Auch als Mailingverstärker oder Weihnachtskarte, die pünktlich zum Advent ankommt, ein echter Hit!



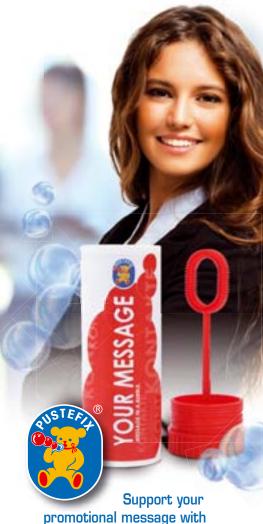
Kleine Auszeiten

In einer Zeit, in der alles immer schneller wird, jeder immer erreichbar sein soll und der verspürte Leistungsdruck bis ins Unendliche reicht, benötigt man mehr denn je auch mal eine Auszeit, meinen die Wellness-Experten von Römer und bieten unter anderem das Geschenkset Mohnshine an. Es enthält zum Beispiel je 140 Milliliter Duschgel und Shampoo sowie 200 Milliliter Körperspray in der trendigen Duftrichtung Mohn. Die Verpackung erfolgt in einer runden, ansprechenden Box.



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Versatile promo apron

Lightweight, practical and versatile: the promo apron made of 100% cotton available at Fischer Import is sure to catch the eye at a BBQ, in the kitchen or at a painting class. Weighing just 125 grammes, it is perfect as a promotional gift sent by letter post. Finishing is possible by using screen printing with up to eight colours on a printing surface of about 28 by 29 centimetres as well as by using embroidery. In direct import, the apron can also be designed in your choice of style and colour.

Plan in style

Anyone looking for a stylish Christmas present will surely find what they are looking for at the Italian company Giuseppe Di Natale. The Bullet Journal Modimo' available here is not only functional due to its well-thought-out layout, it also impresses with its excellent workmanship and materials used for the cover. Advertising in the form of customer logos, emblems or slogans can be placed on the cover, but also on each individual page.

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Give someone joy

Joytex will again be offering ideal promotional products for the coming Christmas season, including, for example, a non-woven bottle bag. This bag is perfect for 0.75 or 1.0 litre bottles and is ideal as a gift. The material is robust, tearresistant, water-repellent and durable. The bag thus remains in use for a long time and the advertising message has a lasting impact. 30 standard colours are available from 500 pieces.

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Natural and personal

Natural birch plywood products provide a variety of design options and are part of team-d's assortment. The atmospheric lanterns, for example, are also suitable for use as a pen or utensil box. The birch plywood is made of FSC-certified wood, processed in the EU and natural. Standard motifs can be printed or lasered. Starting at 240 pieces, your own motif or sawed-out logo can be implemented.



Surprising turn

The new turning calendar from Kalfany Süße Werbung – filled with the finest UTZ-certified Gubor branded milk chocolate – can conveniently be sent to the end customer as a cost-effective large letter. There, it is transformed into an attractive turning calendar by simply interlocking the stand on the inside. Two advertising spaces, each with twelve doors per page, motivate the end customer to pick up the Advent calendar again and again and to indulge in the tasty content, which is also suitable for vegetarians, and view the two advertising messages. Indispensable advertising contacts that make this new Advent calendar so valuable.





Mister Snow

The high-quality plastic ballpoint pen with the sonorous name Mister Snow belongs to the assortment of Giving Europe. As an original writing instrument in a snowman design, Mister Snow is the perfect companion for young and old at winter time. The rubberized grip zone ensures a secure and pleasant grip. The colours blue, light blue and red are available. Advertising is applied by using pad printing.



A touch of luxury

How about something special that combines tradition, culture and a touch of luxury when it comes to the perfect Christmas present? The "I-roq softtouch" writing set from Klio-Eterna combines these aspects and thus becomes an exclusive, high-quality present. In addition to the two writing instruments "I-roq softtouch pen" and "I-roq softtouch rollerball", it includes personalisation in the form of a laser engraving and a matching high-quality gift box in a carbon look. Due to the elegant and harmonious design, the two metal writing instruments boast a very high-quality appearance.

Biscuits for sitting

The high-quality, calorie-free Sandini 3D seat cushion in the form of the popular Christmas biscuit makes for a special moment at Christmas. Without a best before date, it will enhance any seat in the office or at home. Sandini will gladly garnish the biscuits with an individual advertising application. The dimensions are 38×6 centimetres.



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Decorated by hand

Zuckersucht GmbH also offers the so-called cup biscuit house: Dostler's finest scrumptious butter pastry hand-decorated with frosting. Hand-decorated finishing is one of the special designs for presents, which the recipients hold in high regard. At Zuckersucht, the cup biscuit houses are assembled by hand and elaborately decorated with frosting. Delivered in a shiny bag with a white satin bow and an individually printed card.



Freshness on the go

With the Home Made freshness set from Koziol, all pleasures can be enjoyed comfortably and, above all, stylishly. Bread, snacks, fruits and even sandwiches are stored in the spacious lunchbox and kept fresh and appetising. The special soft design with rounded edges is a haptic pleasure and avoids annoying knocks when transported in a backpack, in a school bag or in the car. The three-piece water bottle can be completely disassembled and therefore cleaned very thoroughly – also in the dishwasher. The set comes in an attractive gift box and is perfect for Christmas.

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Xmas motifs as a greeting

Following a year-round set, a football design set and licence designs for Capta'n Sharky and Princess Lillifee, Global Innovations is now launching a special Christmas set. It is a multi-functional three-millimetre high biscuit stamp which can be sent at normal postage costs along with a Christmas card. Stock goods are available from August; special productions in custom designs are available anytime from 5,000 pieces. Also higher value sets (four or eight) are possible.











Since the invention of the 3-month calendar in 1937, terminic has continued to develop its products. The assortment now includes more than 30 calendar models with calendars in over 35 languages: wall calendars with a 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or even 8-month overview as well as various desk and poster calendars. Not only are the materials and printing processes constantly being monitored and optimised, the Bremen-based calendar manufacturer has also extended its wide range of options with various options for print finishing, for example through high-quality display processing.

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Beautiful stamping

The new Cute biscuit stamps from elasto are slim, practical and incredibly effective for Christmas. The high-quality set of three stamps not only convinces with the beautiful Christmas motifs "Snowflake", "Candy Cane" and "Snowman", but also with the Made in Germany quality because the set comes entirely from the elasto in-house production. This means short delivery times, maximum flexibility, fair prices and high quality standards.

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Elegant and stylish

Writing instruments continue to be popular when it comes to promotional gifts that are to be used for a long time. However, the item should be stylish, elegant and well made, simply an exceptional phenomenen. That is definitely the case with the Myto model from Stilolinea. The pens not only impress with their shape and functionality, but the almost endless colours in combination with the choice of options for the surfaces also leave nothing to be desired.



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Smart opener

The bottle openers from Asia Pins Direct in Berlin are made in a variety of colours and shapes and are a great, high-quality eye-catcher for the customer. The tools are made of cast metal combined with enamel. Finishing in almost all colours and shapes is virtually unlimited. Printed or discreetly finished with laser engraving, the advertiser receives an individual and durable promotional product with everyday benefits which, of course, means that every bottle can be opened without difficulty.

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24 days of persuasion

It is a true classic, but it also offers an advantage that enables you to convince the recipient even more: the classic Advent desk calendar from Jung contains German brand chocolate Alpine Milk with Fairtrade ingredients (content about 50 grammes). The advertiser thus shows a lasting responsibility when procuring his promotional products and convinces for at least 24 days. This calendar version consists of a cardboard box which can be individually printed at the request of the customer from an order quantity of 100 pieces.



Wintertime is tea time

Aromatic teas, such as those supplied by B&B Promotional Sweets, are indispensable at any time of the year, especially in winter. Among the specialties of the Polish supplier are also mixtures that are very well suited as a Christmas present. For example, there is a high-quality product mixed with cinnamon, cloves and orange. The teas are offered in particularly exquisite boxes which can be modified as desired. The minimum order quantity is 100 pieces.





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Flexible finishing

Reflects has developed a collection of key fobs that give UV printing a highly individual look. They are ideal as an enhancer for a Christmas mailing. With UV printing, photorealistic motifs on promotional products can be created promptly and inexpensively. Nowhere else does the brand message appear so present and clear. Motifs are created rich in detail and true to reality on numerous materials. Colours and colour progressions appear brilliant, dense or soft depending on the motif, texts appear clear and detailed. UV printing can give even plain, inexpensive items a completely new look.

Quick-change artist

Wera offers a real quick-change artist: a screwdriver for the most common Phillips and TORX® screws with four 25-millimetre bits, which thanks to a permanent magnet make the handle a complete tool in no time at all. The tool is attractive for incentive requirements if there is a desire for a high-quality gift in the single-digit euro range. Delivered in a high-quality gift box with a retractable wall hook, it is also ideally suitable for permanent storage. Available with a customer logo on the package from 250 pieces.

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Rudolph the cuddly friend

The Römer Wellness range includes high-quality terry cloth items, fleece blankets, wellness gift sets and nourishing promotional items. The Rudolph fleece blanket made of flannel fleece with its wintery colours and reindeer motif fits into almost every home and is the cuddly companion for cosy winter days. The rolled up blanket measuring 120 by 150 centimetres is held by a decorative bow. The label wishes the recipient "beautiful winter days". The fluffy blanket is also available in XXL in a size of 220 x 240 centimetres.

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A Christmas or company gift can be stylishly packaged and distributed with the foldable shoulder bag from Recycle Bags. Employees or business associates who receive the gift can transport it in a simple, uncomplicated way, irrespective of whether they travel by bike, on foot or by public transport. The shoulder bag is lightweight yet durable and made entirely from recycled plastic bottles that are entirely recyclable. The foldable shoulder bag is also available with reindeer print in combination with an FSC cardboard box with matching reindeer graphics, which fits perfectly in the shoulder bag. The boxes can be customised from 1,000 pieces. From 100 pieces, bags with a company logo, slogan or seasonal greetings are already available within 14 days.

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Festive feeding

The Rudi Bird bird feeder from InterPro Brands is designed for the target group that likes decorating during the Christmas season, is passionate about wildlife and wants to do something good for birds. It is easy to install thanks to the 50-centimetre-long cord and also suitable as a Christmas tree decoration. The decorative dumpling holder adapts to any decoration. The silver-coloured product can be laser engraved and is delivered in a decorative gift box.

Christmas Tree

The 20 cm by 30 cm small, living sugarloaf spruce from Multiflower features a magnetic Santa Claus and arrives at the customer stowed in a beautiful red felt bag. A decorative promotional gift for Christmas that everyone is happy to receive and that will be remembered for a long time to come. Starting from 250 pieces, advertising print on the standard motif of the attached card as well as your own card design are possible. Details are available on request.





Exquisitely finished

Victorinox attaches great importance to its finishing options and is now offering haptic 3D coatings in addition to digital printing. Apart from sight, they appeal to another classic sense: touch. This haptic perception opens up new unforeseen and affordable options for printing customer logos and claims.

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Festive colour

SND allows you to demonstrate creativity and to sweeten each coffee break with personal, Advent greetings for the recipients. The porcelain specialist offers a novel and personal refinement with its Mandala motifs and Madrid mug. With the appropriate special pens, the available motifs are painted, decorated and labelled as you wish to make the Christmas greetings even more personal. After a short time in the oven at only 160° C, the individual designs are dishwasher-safe and therefore long-lasting and suitable for everyday use. The festive greeting thus becomes a much loved unicum. Further information, also about individual as well as many other Christmas motifs, are available at SND.



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Memorably refined

Numerous types of finishing make the pencil a very special brand ambassador, according to Reidinger. With various jewellery attachments, the finishings in the form of a protective cap and decorative ring and several push-button variations turn the pen into a real eye-catcher. If it is to be particularly catchy, cost-effective embossing, matching the holiday season in gold or silver, offers an additional haptic experience. For an individual pencil, the personally desired model can be designed in the supplier's configurator. Products and prices are displayed in real time.

Tasteful ideas

Römer Präsente offers a treasure chest filled with lots of treats that sweeten waiting for Christmas. The dark brown wooden crate of the Advent chest set is filled with a 300-gramme packet of stollen confectionery, a delicious 200-gramme mini-roll, ten red Lindor balls made of milk chocolate and five Advent sweets packed in a bag with a red bow. Römer Präsente offers a wide range of culinary promotional gifts that are all available from one piece. Numerous finishings are implemented in-house, which guarantees a fast and reliable service.





Legend as a gift set

The legendary Moleskine notebook, once used by nineteenth-and twentieth-century artists and intellectuals, can today be customised through various finishing techniques and used as a companion for recording notes, ideas and thoughts. Now there is the Moleskine Set, which consists of a high-quality black cardboard box in which a Moleskine notebook (book size, pocket or large) and a Moleskine writing instrument are inserted. The books and writing instruments are available in different designs and colours. Low minimum quantities and short production times — at the site in Hamburg — complete the offer.



Promotional messages with a difference

emotion factory offers promotional messages with a difference, which convert classic winter products into an exciting advertising medium. In the newly published Christmas flyer with classics as well as numerous new products, enthusiasts can now choose and individualise the small and large gifts for customers. Rustic, knitted socks for cosy warm feet, combined with a promotional card attached to the socks belong to the assortment as do a 3D wooden puzzle that is optimally suited for print mailing due to its flat shape and consists of environmentally conscious materials. A large maple wood cube conjures up some greenery in the wintry office. The completely customisable sleeve and optional laser engraving on the wood ensure a lasting advertising effect. Glitter and bling-bling are guaranteed by the ornamental fir tree made of gilded brass, which lies flat in a Christmas card or in the promotional bag with inlays, which can be completely





Promotionally effective variations

The advertising experts at CD-LUX emphasize that everybody is in the mood at Christmastime – a nice present in the form of an Advent calendar is always well received and you can express your appreciation to customers, employees and suppliers alike. Promotionally effective variations, for example, are the Cube Advent calendar with five advertising spaces, the elegantly designed lorry and the eye-catching Pyramid Advent calendar. Numerous other innovative novelties can be found in the current "Advent & Christmas 2018" catalogue.



It's getting colourful

Knetä is resolved to enthuse customers with a slightly different promotional product. With special bags, for example, a smile can be given away for Christmas. Knetä has the optimal solution for every budget. Starting with the Knetä® Bags – a kind of smile to go – through to the effective exquisite gift boxes. The Knetä® is vegan, natural and Made in Germany.

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Together with employees, friends, family, customers and suppliers, cyber-Wear celebrated the official ground-breaking ceremony for the new building in Mannheim on 12 April 2018

Ground-breaking ceremony

Promotional products service provider cyber-Wear Heidelberg GmbH/Germany has just begun a new chapter: the ground-breaking ceremony for a new company building was recently held in Mannheim. For cyber-Wear, the new building is a major step into the future. Together with employees, friends, family,

customers and suppliers, cyber-Wear celebrated the official ground-breaking ceremo-

ny for the new building in Mannheim on April 2018. Besides the speeches of the two managing directors Roman Weiß and Steven Baumgärtner, Mannheim's Deputy Mayor for Economics, Michael Grötsch, took the opportunity to welcome cyber-Wear on this important occasion. The ground-breaking ceremony was followed by a small celebration.

The construction of the new building in Mannheim's Friedrichsfeld-West Industrial Park marks the start of a new chapter for cyber-Wear. New premises will be built on grounds measuring 8,000 m², including around 3,950 m² of storage space, 1,564 m² of offices, 250 m² of which will accommodate an ultramodern design lab, and 270 m² of staff facilities. The parent company, Cybergroup International GmbH, is investing six million euros in the construction

as well as in related infrastructure and outdoor facilities. Apart from offices, there will also be adequate storage spaces with high racks that enable low-cost storage because they make economical use of the ceiling height. While an overall increase in inventory turnover lowers costs, commissioning will be adjusted to the respective order volumes.

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Neumann Group takes over Arti Kalender & Promotion Service



The headquarters of arti promotion. © Dominik Tober/owl-luftaufnahmen.de

The Kiel/Germany-based calendar specialists of the Neumann Group have acquired Arti Kalender & Promotion Service GmbH in Herzebrock-Clarholz as part of a transferred restructuring. The sales contract was signed in mid-March. It has been agreed to keep the purchase price confidential. The operational transfer took place on 1 April 2018. The sale of Arti will maintain 71 of the original 121 jobs. The employees not taken over by the investor will join an employment and training company. The new com-

> pany will operate under the name of arti Promotion GmbH. "arti perfectly comple-

ments the calendar and promotional product portfolio of our B2B division, and we are pleased that customers and interested parties will receive a great variety of offers and brands with the ALPHA Edition, DUMONT, PALAZZI, teNeues and Zettler Kalender brands," explains the new Managing Director Axel Klug. The Neumann Group has existed for more than 65 years and publishes, manufactures and distributes calendars, printing products and stationery. www.arti-group.de

In Memoriam: "Fran" Ford, CAS

Francis "Fran" Ford, Jr., CAS, president of supplier Castelli, a division of Magnet, LLC, and 2015 PPAI Hall of Fame inductee, passed away Monday after a long fight with cancer.

Ford spent more than 40 years in the promotional products industry starting with his own sporting goods business, Motford, Inc., and then moved to sales and leadership positions with suppliers including Jaffa Company, Martin Company, Lenox Awards, BTS Group and Eight Floor Promotions, including serving as president of J Charles Crystalworks. He also ran his own sales and consulting company, Ford-Howsmon, LLC. From 1995 to 2002 he was president of Castelli, and he rejoined the company as president in December 2012.

He was also a longtime, enthusiastic industry volunteer, starting on the regional level in 1985 and expanding to the national level in 1986. Ford served in a number of PPAI volunteer roles, including as a member of the Awards and International Committees, was a frequent participant in PPAI's Legislative Education and Action Day (L.E.A.D.) and was inducted into the PPAI Hall of Fame in 2015. In 2016, he was only the fourth person inducted into the Proforma Hall of Fame.

From 2000 to 2004, he served on the Promotional Products Education Foundation Board of Trustees and was chair in 2003. A dedicated supporter of PPEF, Ford launched the popular PPEF Glen Holt Scholarship Golf invitational in 2014.

When Ford was inducted into the PPAI Hall Fame, he wrapped up his remarks on stage with these words: "When you find yourself in a position to help someone, be happy and feel blessed, because God is answering that person's prayer through you. Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark but to be a light for others. And I want to thank you for being my light."



Field sales team reinforced

Since February, Gerd Pagels has been supporting the field sales team of the Black Forest writing instrument manufacturer Klio-Eterna as the new area sales manager. With his many years of professional experience and dedication, the competent

sales representative looks after customers and business partners in the postal code areas 4, 5 and 6.

With more than 20 years of industry knowledge, he optimally complements the team and provides a breath of fresh air in personal customer service and advice, according to the head office in Wolfach, www.klio.com



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Paul Stricker acquires Reda

Paul Stricker Group (Coimbra/Portugal) announces it has acquired 100% of Czech Republic based Reda a.s. shares. The geography and know how complementarity between both companies is substantial, and this is a great step the Group proudly takes towards the future. Both companies will continue to operate independently meaning that busi-

ness will keep running as usual. Paul Stricker Group is now stronger than ever, cover-

ing over 80 countries spread through 4 continents and being one of the leading corporations in the promotional & corporate gifts market. "I want to especially thank our amazing team, of now over 600 people, that works hard every day improving our services and products to keep deserving the invaluable trust of our clients", said Paulo Stricker, CEO of Paul Stricker. www.stricker-europe.com



Seminar: Product safety, product labelling, product piracy

IHK Duisburg (Duisburg Chamber of Commerce in Lower Rhine/Germany) is organising a one-day seminar "Product safety and product labelling / Combatting product piracy" on 10 September 2018 from 9 am to 4.30 pm for companies producing or importing goods into the European Economic Area or making them available on the market.

The seminar teaches practices on how to recognise unsafe products and what proper labelling looks like. Moreover, it describes the cases when products must be CE marked and when they need not be. The applicable rules, laws, standards and various marks are explained. It also provides information on where to find guidelines, working aids and documentation for the individual product groups. As a practical working aid, participants will receive general checklist information on the basic product requirements and learn how to sup-

plement these depending on the respective industry or products. It also outlines what needs to be considered

in the event of a product recall and how those affected must act in the event of product piracy.

The speaker is Lutz Gathmann, VDID designer and VDSI safety technician. "In my day-to-day work, I repeatedly discover that the topic has still not hit home at many companies, or is not treated with due diligence and intensity, especially with regard to prevention when purchasing in the Far East. It is therefore quite common that a customer is forced to destroy several goods containers because very simple labelling regulations were not complied with," says Gathmann. The IHK is located in the city centre of Duisburg, directly opposite the main railway station, and is thus easily accessible by public transport.



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Association joins the GWW

The members of IDEENplusMARKEN have joined the German Promotional Product Association (GWW). The decision was ceremoniously sealed at the recent IDEENplusMARKEN association meeting. The distributor group has thus reacted to the ever-increasing demands in the promotional product market. Especially with regard to political goals, the current nine promotional product distributors are hoping for more opportunities for making their voice heard in Berlin. At the same time, the group is launching a campaign

to gain its own members. "Ever stricter compliance rules, obligations to produce proof, complex tax deductibility,

taxation of the pecuniary advantage as well as product safety law complicate our work. We cannot achieve much alone. Through our association activities at the GWW, we expect more opportunities for more influence in politics," says IDEENplusMARKEN managing director Andreas Schülbe. His co-managing director Klaus Arntz adds: "The GWW unites all players in the promotional product industry: brand owners, manufacturers, importers, dis-

tributors, trade show partners and media representatives. On the one hand, it creates the opportunity to exchange ideas across the board and, on the other hand, to act with a strong voice in the political arena in Berlin." GWW Chairman Frank Dangmann explains: "IDEENplusMARKEN is one of the leading marketing groups in the promotional product industry. Through their competent advice, professional marketing as well as their print and online presence, they have positively influenced the perception of the promotional product as a communication medium, so we are delighted that the entire group now belongs to the GWW. Association membership is a matter of course in other industries; only by working closely together can the interests of the industry be effectively represented vis-à-vis politics, business and the media. The IDEENplusMARKEN group has sent a landmark signal to the promotional product industry through its membership." The distributor group is now actively seeking new members. www.ideenplusmarken.de



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Professional watch management

REFLECTS GmbH has welcomed a new employee: Arvid Gareis has been working for the Cologne-based company since the beginning of April 2018 as the product manager for watches. In the future, he will be responsible for the entire development process of the product division, from the conception to the finished product, supervising outstanding customer projects and taking care of training for employees and customers. The watch professional can look back on more than twenty years

of experience in this field and most recently was responsible for the collection development and distribution of li-

censed brands such as bruno banani, Viva-Diva and Blox at Intrade GmbH.

www.reflects.de

Looking forward to the future cooperation: Reflects Managing Director Meinhard Mombauer (left) and Arvid Gareis.



For the third time, ztv Logistik participated in the International Logistics Day. Pupils, students, prospective warehouse logistics specialists and many others came to the company headquarters in Krefeld/Germany in April 2018 to experience logistics at first hand.

ztv Logistik

Experiencing logistics at first hand



Group photo with (self-picked) parcels: There was a lot for the participants of the promotion day to experience and get to know in the world of modern logistics.

he International Logistics Day was launched by the Bundesvereinigung Logistik (BVL) in 2008 and has been held annually ever since. The attendances of the previous years were a great success, which is why

the event has become an integral part of the annual events

at the logistics professionals of ztv. Thanks to advertising at schools and universities in the region since the beginning of the year, there was once again an enormous interest and number of visitors.

Insights into the world of modern logistics

First of all, the pupils, students and trainees were able to learn more about ztv in a presentation and a short image film: information about the daily tasks as well as the career opportunities at the company. During a tour of the warehouse, much was then illustrated by practical examples. Finally, the visitors themselves were asked to lend a hand: they were allowed to pick and pack their first own package. Of course, many also took the opportunity to learn about the possibilities of vocational training, dual study or employment as a warehouse logistics specialist at ztv.

Positive outcome

At ztv Logistik, they took positive stock of the promotion day. Sue Schunk, Marketing Manager at ztv: "The Logis-

tics Day offers the best opportunity to present ztv as an attractive employer and convince future specialists on-site to become involved with us." As a partner of the PSI, the logistics company has been operating the dispatch station at the PSI Trade Show for several years.



Pupils, students and trainees were allowed to lend a hand during the tour.





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During the General Meeting of Members of the Polish Chamber of Promotional Articles, held on 18 May 2018 in Rancho pod Bocianem in a village near Tarczyn, in connection with the ending term of PIAP authorities, the present members elected the new composition of the Management Board and the Audit Committee.

PIAP meeting

New **Management** Board has been appointed

dyta Lisowska from Eblis B&L was re-appointed as the chair of PIAP, who in the previous term also held the position of President of the Polish Chamber of Promotional Articles. The position of Vice President of PIAP was taken over by Anna Roszczak from Asgard Sp. z o.o., holding the function of a Board Member in the previous term, Jacek Kozłowski from Guapa Produkcja Sp.z o.o. became the second Vice President of PIAP. Zbigniew Grzeszczuk (Paul Stricker), Wojciech Wąsowski (12M), Anna Tomal (Mart), Magdalena Humeńczuk (In-

in the previous term, Jacek Kozłowski from Guapa Produkcja Sp.z o.o. became the second Vice President of PIAP. Zbigniew Grzeszczuk (Paul Stricker), Wojciech Wąsowski (12M), Anna Tomal (Mart), Magdalena Humeńczuk (Inspirion Polska) and Beata Dobrowolska (EBK Reklama) were appointed Board Members of the Polish Chamber of Promotional Articles for the years 2018/2020. The appointed members of the Audit Committee were: Sebastian Piłka (Inter...Test), Iwona Dulińska (Kunszt), Zbigniew Zieliński (AWIH), Magdalena Owczarska (CiTRON Group) and Patrick Chrabkowski (Trober Polska). During the meeting, the Association's financial report for 2017 was approved and the Management Board was granted a dis-

charge for 2017. PIAP's action plan for 2018/2019 was also approved.



The new Management Board after the meeting.

170 companies and advertising agencies

"PIAP is currently the largest organisation associating economic entities offering services and producing promotional items. Its members include over 170 companies and advertising agencies that

care to stimulate the development of the industry and create a comfortable operating environment on the market. I am honoured to have been trusted again. For many years we have been proving that together we can really do more. Although every day we compete with each other for the attention of customers, each of us has one goal, which unites us - we want to build the image of an advertising product as an effective marketing tool. I am proud that together we shape good practices, educate the market and fight for the preservation of certain standards. I say goodbye to the old Board with nostalgia and welcome the new one, hoping to face future challenges," says dr Edyta Lisowska, President of PIAP.

To be an important voice

"I strongly believe in the power of organisations which gather companies that care about the interest of their operating industry. The company I represent has been a member of PIAP since 2014. Thanks to this, we can deepen our knowledge about the promotional products industry and, above all, be an important voice both in Poland and on the international arena. I encourage you to actively participate in our joint work, I am happy to share my experience in order to contribute to further development of PIAP together with the entire Board," added Jacek Kozłowski, Vice President of PIAP. "The position of Vice President of the Polish Chamber of Promotional Articles is both an honour and a great responsibility. I think it's good that the line-up of the Board has changed in 50%, thanks to this, experience will meet with 'fresh blood' once again. In the next term, we will continue to work on strengthening the position of the gift industry in Poland, and promote the Chamber abroad," says Anna Roszczak, Vice President of PIAP.



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Frothing ceremony

The company Braufabrik offers customised beer, sparkling wine, wine, liqueur and gin as well as non-alcoholic drinks from small quantities and on favourable terms. The Special Drink is ideal as a gift or merchandise item and delights customers and business friends alike. In addition to the choice of taste, the front label, back label and neck label can be personalised. The glossy, professional labels look classy and are a pleasure for the eyes, too. Numerous packaging options such as customisable six-packs complete the product portfolio.



Deliciously served

Anyone who wishes to offer dips in classy serving bowls will be making the right choice with the Delicious ceramic and bamboo snack bowl set from Interpro Brands. Harmoniously designed in a high-quality way, various dips and sauces can be filled into the three white ceramic bowls placed on a bamboo plate and served in style. For advertising purposes, individualisation by laser engraving is recommended.



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Decorative cut

With just a few accessories, even the simplest meal can be festively enhanced with the right decoration. The coasters from Römer Lifestyle not only protect the table from annoying glass edges, but also give a laid table the final decorative touch. A set of four Rominox® coasters made of sustainable olive wood as well as a set of six coasters made of natural slate with rounded corners and protective sliders or sturdy stainless steel including a stand are available. All variations can be finished with engraving.

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Das fängt damit an, dass man hier alles noch selber macht. Wo andere längst mit eingekauften Couverturen arbeiten, beginnt bei Camille Bloch die Herstellung der eigenen Schokoladenspezialitäten noch mit dem Rösten der Kakaobohnen.

Doch auch die Schokoladespezialitäten von Camille Bloch sind einzigartig. Ragusa und Torino bespielsweise sind so eigenständige Kreationen, dass sie über die vergangenen Jahrzehnte zu eigentlichen Klassikern geworden sind. Sie werden heute noch unverändert nach dem Originalrezept hergestellt. Zwar sind bei beiden Varianten mit dunkler Schokolade dazugekommen, aber bei Camille Bloch hält man seit Generationen am Bewährten fest. Dies gehört zu den Vorteilen eines Familienunternehmens, das um den Wert seiner Traditionen weiss.



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Versatile felt products

Bühring has a new lint-free Italian PET felt in its assortment, made entirely from recycled PET bottles and completely vegan. The Miss Maple coaster protects the sideboard or dining table thanks to its cushioning, haptically pleasantly soft yet sturdy PET felt. Tools in four sizes are available; other sizes or shapes according to customer specifications are possible. Appropriate tools are required for individual designs. All other products which have so far been made from high-quality merino wool felt according to Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 Made in Germany can also be made from the much cheaper PET felt. The certified PET felt is available in numerous fancy or discreet colours. Production takes place project-related in Germany. Screen transfer printing is recommended for advertising purposes. Blind embossing is also possible for motifs that are not too intricate.



The Serve serving bowl set from reeko design is a stylish form of presentation for dips, spices, sauces or small tapas. Such culinary delicacies can be decoratively arranged in the attractive bowls in which three different delicacies can be placed. The four-part set consists of three granite dishes which are served on an exquisite slate plate. An advertising message can be printed or engraved. The set is delivered in a high-quality gift box.



Sugar sweet reward

Delicious Baumkuchen is currently very popular: Zuckersucht offers Baumkuchen with a logo in attractive tins, juicy and coated with the finest dark chocolate. The metal box is printable but can also be lasered and thus refined into a special, individual gift. The marzipan topping and sleeve can also be individually printed.



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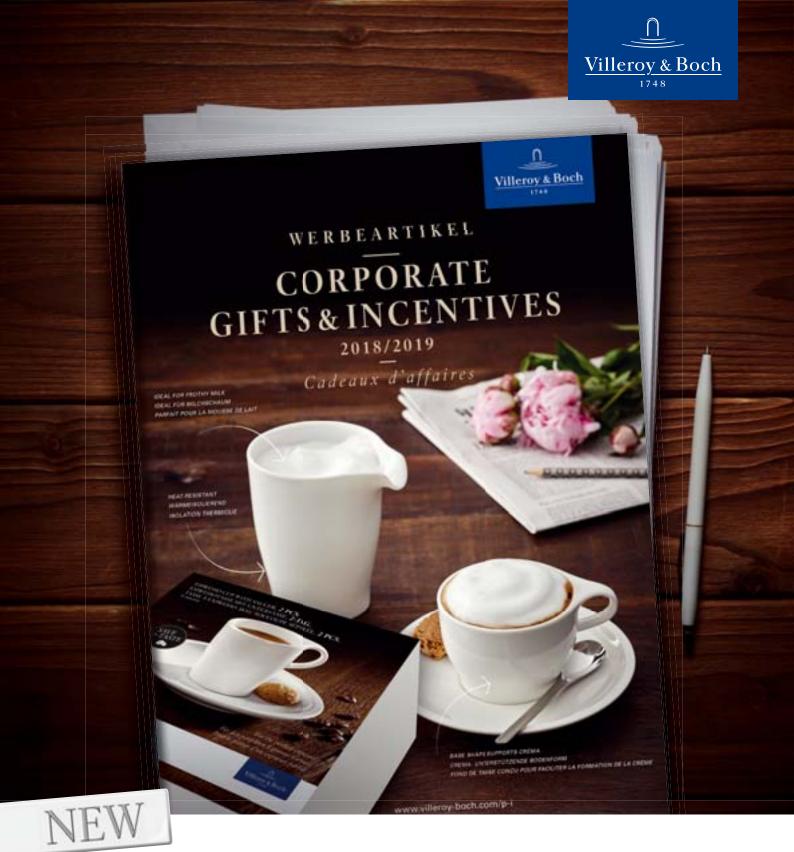
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Go for gold

The Golden Flakes bottle with 22-carat, food-safe gold leaf is available in two versions from Römer Drinks: as a 0.75 litre bottle of sparkling wine or as a 0.2 litre bottle of Piccolo Secco, each in a set of six. Ideal as a valuable gift to express gratitude for work performed. Both versions can be shipped directly from stock and are therefore also ideally suitable as last-minute tokens of appreciation. If you want to further customise your message, you can create your own label for 60 0.75 litre bottles or 120 piccolo bottles. Römer Drinks also offers a broad portfolio of tasty, fresh advertising in cans, PET and glass bottles.

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Consummate indulgence

A good wine is the perfect companion for every dinner. PF Concept has several high-quality products in its portfolio with which wine can be enjoyed even better. Transporting and serving exquisite wine and two glasses is a breeze with the Miller wine butler from the private label Seasons. The holder is made of light, trendy bamboo wood and is suitable for different types of bottles and stemware. Another highlight is the two-piece Barlot wine set, a stainless-steel drip ring with a matching digital thermometer, both from the company's own brand Avenue. Packed in a Seasons or Avenue gift box, both products offer a variety of ways to apply advertising messages using engraving and pad print finishing techniques. Doming and all-round printing are also available for the Barlot.



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The Orbit 2.0 is a uniquely designed mouth-blown glass bowl set for oil and vinegar available from Xindao. The two separate compartments are of different sizes. The inner compartment has a capacity of about 60 millilitres, the larger outer one can be filled with up to 140 millilitres of liquid. This makes this attractive glass product ideal for use as a vinegar and oil dispenser, as an attractive gift and highlight for any stylishly laid table. Washing by hand is recommended.



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New models

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The traditional Stedman brand boasts more than six decades of experience in producing clothing that is just as useful as it is contemporary. Today it is one of the most successful European brands for high-quality promotional textiles. The new collection includes 134 styles for men, women and children, including 18 new styles.

New products for 2018

5 product lines and 18 new styles

romotional product customers of Stedman® always have a wide choice: From T-shirts, polos and sweatshirts to fashionable sportswear. The company's development department is constantly monitoring the market and researching important innovations in materials, colours, shapes and cuts. Current trends in the retail sector are taken up and transferred to the promotion area with meaningful adjustments. The new Stedman® catalogue offers 18 new styles within its five product lines.

Especially stylish are the two new "Organic Slub T-Shirts" for men and women.



Striking two-tone patterns make the figure-accentuating "Active Seamless Raglan" the star of any training session.

Organic cotton in a chic style

The "Classic-T Organic" is one of the new additions to the "Stedman® Green Urban" product line: An absolutely classic round neck T-shirt for men, loosely cut for casual outfits and – like all T-shirts of this line – made entirely from OCS-certified organic cotton. Definitely a good choice for the environment. The two new "Organic Slub T-Shirts" for women and men are especially stylish: Also made from ecologically grown organic cotton which was also processed into slub yarn. The effect is a structured look which provides an individual appearance matching the fashionable cut.

Comfort meets sporty style

After the men's Henleys were able to celebrate their success with the well-known "Stedman® Stars", it is now the ladies' turn: Two T-shirts with a narrow button placket in an individually structured slub look the "Sharon Henley T-shirt", a women's crew neck, and the "Sharon Henley Long Sleeve", a long-sleeved shirt with buttons. Nickel-free metal buttons and fine details such as zigzag stitches complete the overall look. For sports fans, the "Stedman® Active Sports" line offers four new styles: "Active Intense Tech" are the two sports T-shirts for men and women made of fast-drying ACTIVE-DRY° functional fabric in modern colours. Different-coloured yarns in jacquard knits provide a refined, discreet melange pattern. Optimum wearing comfort meets sporty style in three selected heather tones. The two "Active Seamless Raglan" for active ladies and gents are more striking: distinctive two-tone patterns, achieved by Jaquard



The new "Active Quilted Jackets" offer exceptional comfort and warmth.

knitwear, make the figure-accentuating styles the star of every training session.

Elegant appearance

"Stedman® Active Outdoor" has everything you need for outdoor adventures. Nine new styles will expand the already wide range of jackets and waistcoats in 2018. Stylish and pleasantly warm: the new "Active Quilted Jackets" offer exceptional comfort and warmth thanks to the quilted padding – and are pleasantly light. The leather-look piping on the collar and zip underlines the elegant appearance of these quilted jackets for men and women in classic colours. Patch pockets with press studs and a standup collar complete the offering. They are just as water and wind repellent as the brand new "Active Quilted Blouson", a modern men's black quilted jacket with wide cuffs. Especially practical for all finishing techniques: A zip in the back lining allows easy access.

New styles in a leather look

Cool and casual – these attributes lie precisely at the heart of the new "Active Biker Jackets" for men and women. The two new styles in a leather look not only appeal through optical highlights: the stylish jackets are water and wind repellent, pleasantly light and yet warm. The back lining provides easy access for finishing. The "Active Pilot Jacket" is also celebrating its premiere: a state-of-the-art men's jacket with a sporty, masculine cut. Our pilot jackets offer high wearing comfort, a wind- and water-repellent surface and are therefore an ideal companion for leisure activities in the fresh air. Here, too, finishers can look forward to a practical access in the back lining.

Pleasantly soft

Stedman's extra-soft softshell jackets are matched with adjustable, multi-piece hoods: the lightweight "Active Softest Shell Hooded Jacket" for men and women is also wind





Two T-shirts with a narrow placket in an individually structured slub look - as a ladies' round neck "Sharon Henley T-shirt" (left) and as a long-sleeved shirt with buttons "Sharon Henley Long Sleeve".

and water resistant and made of highly flexible 4-way stretch. In addition to the classic black and white, the breathable jacket is also available in bright crimson red. At last, hooded fleece jackets are now also available from Stedman®. The men's microfleece "Active Hooded Fleece Jacket" is ideally suitable as a warming intermediate layer. The material is brushed on both sides and therefore pleasantly soft on the skin.

Many additional colours

In addition to brand-new products, many extra colours have been added to the existing Stedman range. Styles with new colour options include Shawn & Sharon Oversized Slub, Active Sweatjackets for women, Active Padded

Vests and Active Knit Fleece for women. Incidentally, many of the well-known best-sellers are part of the "Stedman® Basics": Proven for years as quality products and attractively priced - real essentials for almost every need in the promotion market. The classic polo for men and women as well as the Classic-Ts will also offer three new contemporary colour variants from 2018 onwards.



The new "Active Biker Jackets" for men and women are cool and casual.

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Whether it be as a cult accessory, memorabilia, gimmick with a statement or collector's item – pins are available in various designs, shapes and colours. However small or big they may be, they can certainly be dangerous. Intertek helps manufacturers, importers and distributors to ensure the quality and safety of these products.

Pins and their pitfalls

Ensuring the good impression lasts



ins are available in countless variations, shapes and colours. From events, clubs, companies, as a motto pin or with an advertising message. Most of these small and cheap accessories are simply an eye-catch-

er. But the potential risks of these little pins are just as diverse. Common to all types of pins is that they consist of a metal carrier with a needle. This is where the dangers lie especially because pollutants in the seemingly irrelevant small metal parts may go unnoticed. At European level, however, there are legally binding limits that are intended to protect consumers from dangers.



Beware of hazardous substances

REACH regulates the handling of heavy metals such as lead and cadmium. Lead has been shown to permanently damage the nervous system. Cadmium has a

harmful effect on the kidneys. There must be consensus that these elements should by no means appear in decorative items such as pins. Especially as the needles or clips may be in contact with the skin for a long time, particularly when the pins are worn on clothing. In this case there is a risk of allergic skin reactions to nickel. Even the applied plastic or paint layers may contain questionable ingredients. There are, for example, plasticizers, carcinogenic PAHs or environmentally hazardous short-chain chlorinated paraffins which have absolutely no place in a lifestyle product or promotional pin.

Prudence is worthwhile even with little things

At events, pins are also often given away to the guests of clubs or the visitors of amusement parks or folk festivals. Particularly pins with small LED lights are promotionally effective eye-catchers: Blinking lights draw attention! For example, at the "Ladies Night" in a club, where a flashing heart immediately draws the gaze of the men because it flashes on the lapel of the lady. Undoubtedly a nice product, but further regulations must be observed here too. On the one hand, the regulations of the battery directive and the regulations of the ROHS directive apply to the small button cells. Such small give-aways also cast a negative light on distributors and event organizers if the cover of the pin breaks off or it has sharp corners and edges.

Intertek's technical experts provide test programs tailored to the individual items, enabling manufacturers, importers and distributors to ensure the long-term compliance of their products.

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Picture calendars are an expression of a special value. Emotional motifs affect the viewer and always attract attention. An individual design can further strengthen this effect. Even in the age of advancing digitisation, picture calendars are as popular as ever, as the turnover figures of the industry show.

Digital calendar workshop with interactive design programme

Implementing own ideas in a high quality

he attractiveness of calendars, however, is reflected not only in turnover figures. According to the Promotional Product Monitor 2015 of the GWW, calendars are also popular promotional ambassadors, placing them among the top three in the ranking of the most frequently used promotional products. As an emotional ambassador, they draw attention as well as interest

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and create recall values. They can tell stories, celebrate moments of happiness, savour beauty, show commitment and profile – picture calendars are all-round talents and arouse creativity. WALTER Medien, which describes itself as one of the most renowned calendar manufacturers, has recently launched a digital calendar workshop. "Interested parties can organise their calendar project here with a simple, intuitive online solution and then have it implemented," explains Bernd Dehn, assistant publishing manager. "First and foremost, it has been designed for clubs, cities, communities, schools and small businesses. The extended target group, of course, includes all those who provide their own ideas for their calendar, want to implement them in a high quality and order at least 50 copies."

Interactive design and ordering programme

Kalenderwerkstatt.de offers users an interactive design and ordering programme which is divided into manageable levels. First of all, you can choose between a small format and an eye-catching appearance. Afterwards, numerous layout variations are offered – from the picture calendar with format-filling eyecatchers to a collage of twelve motifs per sheet. With regard to the use as an advertising ambassador or sales calendar, a proprietary logo or, for example, a sponsor logo can be integrated into each monthly sheet. "The advantage of the calendar workshop is that the user creates his own calendar directly in the browser. The installation of additional software or a login is not necessary. The design phase can be started immediately," says Siegfried Müller, publishing manager. Another advantage of the calendar workshop: work on the calendar can be interrupted at any time, the draft version can be stored and/or preview links can be sent. Once the design has







The topic of sustainability is of great significance at WALTER Medien. For two times in a row, the company was successful at the PSI Sustainability Awards.

been finalised, the user uploads his photos. The print quality is checked before producing the calendar. The calendar is printed on high-quality, FSC-certified photographic paper. Sturdy cardboard backing and a wire comb binding complete the production. Once the design has been approved, the order can be placed. Shipping to the desired address is free of charge.

Sustainable quality

By their own account, creative promotional calendars in a sustainable quality are a specialty of the company. The topic of sustainability is of great significance at WALTER Medien, an active market player for the past 65 years. From the trainee to the boss, everyone is involved in environmental protection. For the past two decades, sustainability has been an important pillar of corporate culture in the relevant three areas - ecology, economics and social issues. For example, highly modern printing machines which can work with ecoprint inks are used in the production process. Many calendars are FSC-certified. WALTER Medien is also involved in social activities, such as for a children's foundation, by designing and producing calendars for them. The proceeds benefit the children. For the second time in a row, WALTER Medien was successful at the 2016 PSI Sustainability Awards. After being the overall winner in 2015, the company was nominated twice in 2016 and eventually won the "Economic Excellence" category for outstanding quality and safety management. WAL-TER Medien was among the top four at the environmental award for companies in Baden-Württemberg in 2016. Ground-breaking companies which are environmentally-conscious in their production and operate in a sustainable manner are awarded. Managing Director Dr.-Ing. Eberhard Nehl is proud of the recognition: "This simply shows us that we have chosen the right path. We will continue to follow this path because we want our children to have a healthy living environment." WALTER Medien is a member of AG Zukunft. Under the umbrella of this working group, seven German and one Italian manufacturer of calendars, which produce high-quality, paper-based quality products, have committed themselves to sustainability from sustainable production to fair working conditions. WALTER Media is committed to the sustainable future of the entire industry.

Albina Pen

A matter close to her heart

"One thing leads to another" is one of Niccolò Machiavelli's countless surviving quotes. A statement that the Florentine philosopher, politician, diplomat, chronicler, writer and poet could have alluded to Albina Pen, had he not lived 500 years before her. "One thing leads to another", however, fits perfectly with the life story of the co-founder and managing director of Dragon Gifts.



he success of this Russian woman in the promotional product industry has evolved over the years. When she was still at school, she was expected to have a career as a teacher or a journalist. In fact, at the age

of 15, Albina Pen earned her first money writing articles in the regional press. Her ability to explain things well and to put them in a nutshell may have contributed to her enrolling in the theatre faculty after school and being trained as a special events manager. Another important factor was her desire to exploit her creative potential. But she did not want to rely on that alone. During her studies, she also completed business courses. "I sought a broad education – in art and culture as well as in economic matters. I had to learn where my strengths and weaknesses lie and how I can improve. It has always been a trade-off between what I wanted and what I had", says the mother-of-two when describing her (professional) beginnings.

Headfirst into a new life

If you want to understand how and why Albina Pen has become a successful promotional product professional, you need to take a closer look at her career. The roots of the 38-year-old lie in Blagoveshchensk, near the Chinese border. Its geographical proximity to China eventually led to her taking on a job with a Taiwanese company in southern China specialising in the manufacture of mobile phone accessories. Looking back at this time, Albina Pen says today: "I rushed headlong into this completely new life for me. I spent most of the time in production to get to know all the steps of good work. At the same time, I had to learn Mandarin." With a wink, she adds: "And in all honesty, that is not exactly the simplest language." The advantage of this phase of her life: She learned something new every day. "Chinese culture, the mental attitude of the Chinese

and their way of doing business. That was quite difficult, but it paid off and enabled me to start my own business."

At the beginning were mobile phone accessories

Albina Pen and her husband Denis laid the foundation for their own business in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou. "Back then, we were among the few non-Chinese people to live there," recalls the native Russian. "Chinese chocolate was salty. The bread was sweet. But despite all the differences, we found out very quickly that we also have something in common with the city. We fell in love with Guangzhou and could not imagine a better place to start our own business. We started with telephone accessories and logistics services. That was the birth of Gain Dragon. When we saw the good growth prospects, we continued to develop new services that initially became separate business units and later independent companies with legal independence and their own employees." That is how Dragon Gifts evolved, for which she now works exclusively and is responsible.

No sign of weariness

When dealing with mobile phone accessories on a daily basis, Albina Pen realised very quickly that some of them were suitable as giftware. With lightning speed, more and more phones and gadgets came on the market. Some of them were much more than just accessories. The creative businesswoman realised very quickly: When branded and personalised as well as individually packaged, they became new articles. "After attending the Canton Trade Fair and the Hong Kong Gifts & Premium Fair for the first time, I realised that I could expand my product range. So, I entered the promotional product industry and found what I was always looking for: a sector where I could develop my full creative potential." Albina Pen sees the special advantage of the promotional product industry in the enormous selection of products. "The products are so diverse that it is simply impossible to get bored," enthuses Albina Pen. "I work with so many different people that new horizons open up with every project. When I worked for BMW and Toyota, I learned a lot about automobiles. When I prepare an offer for a pharmaceutical company or a wine shop, I immerse myself in their peculiarities." Her work is never monotonous and therefore the 38-year-old cannot imagine ever getting tired of the industry.

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ALBINA PEN IN PERSON

What was your first thought this morning?

I thought of new coffee blends my clients brought me from the Dominican Republic, I couldn't wait to taste them. I can't imagine my morning without coffee.

When is your day a good one?

A busy day at work when everything planned is accomplished.

What gets you in a good mood?

Many things actually, I try to appreciate every moment of life as it's truly beautiful. Even just a bright sunny day or good music can improve my mood immediately.

And what drives you crazy?

People who can't keep their promises.

What are you most likely to forgive yourself about?

An extra cake or a late hearty dinner that will cost me additional time at a tennis court or in a swimming pool.

When do you lose track of time?

When I spend time with my children or work at an engrossing project.

If you were forced to take a four-week holiday, where would you go?

I would choose a trip to South or North America. It's great to discover new places.

What do you like spending your money on?

I love to buy things for my kids, I try to give them everything I didn't have when I was a child.

Do you let yourself get seduced by advertisements?

Absolutely yes, but only by high profile ones. I don't like cheap, intrusive advertisements.

When is a promotional product a good promotional product? A good promotional product should be useful, functional and evoke positive response from its recipient.

What is the best promotional product you have ever received? I got a power blade from my Chinese business partner. Soon that product won hearts and minds of our Russian and European customers. In 2017, it became a winner in PSI FIRST.

What do you find irritating in relation to promotional products? I find it irritating when people don't try to broaden their product line and constantly order the same small variety of goods for every occasion. We specialize in individual approach to every promotional campaign and offer different assortment range for every event.

>> Professionals, but not magicians

Despite her enthusiasm, she also knows the difficult aspects. And, above all, she thinks of the occasional weakness on the part of the customer when it comes to planning ahead. "Customers ask for products at a certain point in time, but sometimes they do not give us time to produce quality items and deliver accordingly. We are all true professionals, but not magicians." In this context, Albina Pen lists several attributes of Dragon Gifts that she believes make her company unique in the international promotional product industry. "Our uniqueness lies in our truly extensive range. Over the years, we have built solid busi-



The promotional products of Albina
Pen and Dragon
Gifts meet the taste
of the customers. In 2017, the company won the
PSI FIRST Award
(Albina Pen and
Michael Freter,
Managing Director
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ness relations and concluded exclusive contracts with leading manufacturers. We can literally make any product – from the simple to the high-end version. As our head office is in China, we can offer our customers competitive pricing, quality control on every order, and trouble-free supply. Our Guangzhou office has a large team of Chinese and Russian professionals who all speak two to three languages. This is a key advantage," says Albina Pen when elaborately and passionately describing the advantages of her company. Not without pride, she immediately adds Dragon Gifts' greatest achievements: "We produce licensed products for international sporting events."

Bright innovative future

Moreover, she is very proud of her Moscow office: "Although I opened it only three years ago, I have managed to build a professional, close-knit team." Last but not least, she attaches great importance to sustainable success. "I would like to see three key aspects inextricably linked to Dragon Gifts: High-end products that are safe and environmentally friendly." Therein lies what Albina Pen calls the "bright innovative" future of the promotional product industry. The products of tomorrow must meet safety and environmental criteria. At the same time, they will always become more technology-oriented due to the evolving developments." For the open-minded businesswoman, this is certainly a development with a lot of growth potential which "can positively change the promotional product industry."

Building a bridge

When Albina Pen talks about Dragon Gifts, she does so with great passion. It quickly becomes clear that for her it is more than just a company. "Dragon Gifts is my creation, my idea. It's an integral part of my life, a matter close to my heart." And she still has many plans to move her business forward. "I'm very much a perfectionist. My motto is: rather a little less but close to perfection than more but half-hearted." Albina Pen wants to build a bridge between Europe and China with Dragon Gifts. That is one of the reasons why Dragon Gifts has become a PSI member. The fact that the company has become increasingly attractive to customers who want to work with Chinese companies has encouraged them to intensify the bridge-building. "Working with Chinese business people harbours pitfalls," says Albina Pen. "You simply have to exercise caution when choosing partners who produce high-quality products according to customer requirements."

Most important mission of all

Despite her professional ambitions, the mother-of-two has a much more important private ambition: "I want to educate my two children into happy, decent people and give them an excellent education. My daughter and my son should learn how to find their way around and be able to adapt to a variety of situations without giving up their dreams. I really hope I succeed."





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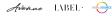
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Intelligent in the rain

Staying dry has become much smarter now. With the **striking Smart Umbrella** from Intraco with fibreglass ribs and a high-quality pongee fabric, even bad weather is more fun. With built-in smart features such as an anti-lost tracker, weather forecast app, call notifications and Find My Phone software, the owner is always one step ahead of the rain. A large advertising space conveys zeitgeist in a really modern style.

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Black as the night

The new Night Book from Geiger-Notes surprises with completely **black content pages**. The DIN A5 business notebook is inscribed with a supplied pen containing a silver refill. The buzz phrase "full equipment in black" takes on a whole new meaning in this business notebook. In addition, the Night Book scores with round corners on the book cover and body, the practical micro perforation of all note pages and black header and tail paper. As with all Geiger-Notes products, it comes in the proven quality "Made in Germany".

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Enhanced writing instruments

A chic, elegant metal ballpoint pen with a matt lacquered housing: That's the LUMOS. uma has now made this successful model even more colourful and eye-catching: On the one hand, there are now numerous other colours available and the **LUMOS GUM** with a matt lacquered coloured case is completely new. The LUMOS GUM is also available with a shiny black metal clip and push-button. The case is also made of black metal — this is really great when it comes to laser engraving. This results in multi-layered, brilliant brand messages with depth. And let's not forget the well-known uma Tech Refill with a nickel silver tip and tungsten carbide ball with German ISO-standard writing paste.

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Impressive appearance

For the literally **successful appearance** of a logo and advertising message, palupas shoe is the right contact. The Berlin-based company specialises in the production of sandals and thongs and convinces with fast delivery times from 24 hours and a high flexibility in terms of printing and minimum quantities. The shoes are available in sizes 25 to 48 and the entire surface of the sole can be printed in 4c. Even single-colour printing of the straps according to Pantone is possible. Since this summer, palupas shoe has been offering cut-outs in the sole starting from ten pairs.

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Quality creates trust

The visual impression of the new Evo Pro+ from Schneider paired with a growing trust in the brand is the decisive advantage over many competitors. The pearly shimmering pen is available in the three colours black, white and gold, which outdo each other in their **glamorous appearance**. Advertising messages occupy a prominent position on the finished shaft. The removable tip, clip and push-button are made of metal and processed with white bronze. Thanks to the clever Plug+Play system, the Evo Pro+ can be refilled with various refill formats.

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Office tool with zeitgeist

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The Incognito stamp from Heri-Rigoni makes sensitive data unreadable. (Photo: Heri Rigoni)

Making unreadable with certainty

Resourceful suppliers are already responding to the GDPR with innovative product ideas. With the **Incognito stamp**, Heri-Rigoni, a traditional manufacturer of stamp products, offers a tool to stamp over sensitive information on documents, letters and other script to a level beyond recognition. Due to the high-quality stamping ink, confidential sender data, customer data and bank data or even private details are stamped over in such a way that they can no longer be read even with backlight. This also satisfies sustainability because the papers, which are usually only printed on one side, can now be safely used on the back as notepaper and concept paper. Even packaging materials such as padding and cardboard boxes can be easily used multiple times. This saves resources and is extremely economical. For the sake of the environment, the greenline stamp housing is also manufactured according to ISO 14001 Environment from 80 percent recycled plastic and CO₂ climate-neutral.

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Everyday heroes on the desk

With the **latest "Everyday Heroes" collection** from Geda Labels, you can show employees, colleagues or even customers how much you appreciate them. The Hildesheim-based company has gift ideas in its portfolio that come from the heart: large porcelain cups (300 ml content) with real gold print and matching boards measuring 23.5 x 14 cm. The decors on the coffee to go cups and drinking bottles make life a little happier, says the supplier. Innovative products made of glass, porcelain, plastic and textile are available.

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Ever-young cult brand

Who does not enjoy recalling the iconic PUSTEFIX soap bubbles from their childhood days. The soap-blowing bear from PUSTEFIX is the leading brand for soap bubbles. The PUSTEFIX tube with its unique design is a **true classic** after 70 years and is well known and loved by young and old alike. And you can easily evoke sympathy with PUSTEFIX soap bubbles. Those who give pleasure to others receive a smile – and in a best-case scenario the next customer or order. This is how one brand reinforces the other. SUCCESS-Werbung in Tübingen individualises PUSTEFIX soap bubbles as an advertising medium for companies. With customised packaging, this brand-name product is the perfect likeable support for all marketing activities. Whether it be at events, trade shows, workshops or seminars, the original give-away is not only gladly distributed but also gladly taken along and used. This appreciation quarantees optimal attention for every advertising message.

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What you once felt and grasped in the truest sense of the word remains indelibly engraved in your memory. Whoever is haptically convincing will accordingly receive a positive echo. Reason enough for the PSI as an international network of the promotional product industry to establish a suitable and promising tool for haptic advertising. This new format is called the PSI Novelty Box, benefitting suppliers as well as distributors and consultants.

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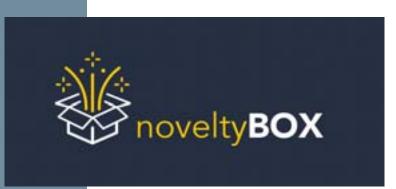
Suppliers can place their product or product innovation in an exclusive setting directly with the promotional product distributor and consultant and allow the benefits of their product to be experienced haptically. In addition, the PSI Novelty Box serves as an eye-catching sales tool for pro-

motional product distributors and consultants, enabling them in turn to allow their customers to literally grasp their product or product innovation. In addition, a booklet supplied with the PSI Novelty Box shows what the product is capable of and what makes it so special. Thus it provides promotional product distributors and consult-

ants with valuable information on product features, the delivery time and possible delivery quantities, and not least a convincing selling point.

Win-win situation

The PSI Novelty Box offers a whole range of benefits to all stakeholders. Suppliers gain greater attention and awareness of products among promotional product distributors, consultants and eventually industry customers. At the same time, time and logistical effort are reduced. In addition, product coverage is increased through an additional landing page in the PSI Product Finder. Distributors and consultants receive valuable and exclusive support in their sales activities. They can score points with their (potential) customers with an eye-catching tool and thus generate new, successful business.



Deadline for the first box

Mailing of the first PSI Novelty Box is scheduled for 13 September 2018. Supplements should be delivered by 30 August 2018 at the latest. Further information is available from Karsten Böhme, e-mail: Karsten. Boehme@reedexpo.de, tel. +49 211 90191-321.

PSI Members Meeting | Behind the scenes at Intertek

Knowing that consumer goods and promotional products are critically checked is good. But how does such an inspection work? A look behind the scenes at the laboratories of the testing institute Intertek provided an insight. And this exclusive and highly interesting insight into the daily testing routine was provided on 17 May as part of the PSI Members Meeting at Intertek's Fürth location. Here, consumer goods and foodstuffs of all kinds are tested for their chemical and physical properties. Intertek employs 42,000 people at 1,000 offices in more than 100 countries worldwide.



Kerstin Scharrer, Laboratory Manager Non-Food at Intertek.

Metallic test driver and standard saliva

The diverse repertoire presented by Martin Mündlein, Sales Manager, and Kerstin Scharrer, Laboratory Manager Non-Food, consisted of test methods, test equipment and numerous practical examples related to promotional products. Participants learned how a bobby car with a metallic test

driver undergoes countless crash tests to determine the breaking strength of the steering wheel and steering column, how a plush bear with motorsport overalls is tested to determine its (non-) flammability, and how wooden toys are tested for saliva resistance by means of a standard saliva according to DIN EN 71-12. The level of nickel release of writing instruments has also become a frequently requested test as the European Chemicals Agency ECHA has specified the definition of "prolonged skin contact" as being three 10-minute

contacts within two weeks or a 30-minute contact within two weeks. Thus, for many writing instrument designs, item 27 of the REACH Nickel Release Act (Annex XVII) may also apply, such as in the use of metal tips. In addition, continuous load testing of furniture is just as much a part of the range of services as those of pan coatings and built-in coffee machines for the high-tech kitchen.

Certifications for around the globe

With regard to the special requirements of promotional product importers, Martin Mündlein referred to the Chinese Intertek locations with a total of more than 10,000 employees, 1,000 in Hong Kong alone. Certifications for the use of promotional products can also be issued in many countries, for example Brazil, United Arab Emirates, Russia, India and many more. The import criteria of these countries can already be considered in the design and production steps. If promotional products have already been imported, Intertek can check the completeness and validity of the certificates and documents and thus confirm their marketability in domestic and other markets.

Outlook for 2019

In addition to the specialist information from Intertek, there was also interesting news from the PSI and Reed to report. Ralf Uwe Schneider, Head of the PSI distributor network, explained the concepts and innovations of the PSI 2019, PromoTex Expo and viscom.



Standard saliva according to DIN EN 71-12.



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Much has meanwhile changed in China. Especially when it comes to social issues and sustainability. On World Environment Day, inventors in China presented toys made of recycled materials, which are not only environmentally friendly, but also encourage children to play. One of the focal points of Chinese environmental policy is the development of electric drives, so China is also sending a clear signal in automobile production.

But we must not forget one thing about this policy: 90 per cent of toy production still comes from Asia. The same applies to many other products, including promotional products. If strict European laws such as the toy regulation were not in force, a great deal of abuse would still be going on here. Here again, fair competition goes hand in hand with compliance with the law. We must also constantly remind buyers of promotional products of this. Price must not be the determining factor.



Best regards,

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Please give some thought to the product topics of the October 2018 issue with the topic groups "Festivities and events" as well as "Knives, tools and safety products" and send your product presentations (image and text) not later than 17 August 2018 to: Edit Line GmbH, Redaktion PSI Journal, e-mail: hoechemer@edit-line.de

GWW Newsweek 2018: Promotional ARTists

In June, the GWW Newsweek entourage again hit the road through Germany as a mobile in-house promotional product trade show under



the motto "Promotional ARTists" to present the latest creative promotional ideas and product trends to professional distributors, consultants and agencies in all parts of Germany. For the first time on board was Switzerland and its Promoswiss association. The roadshow was opened after the traditional PSF Forum especially for Swiss trade visitors and their customers.

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