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WITTMANN Competence Days 2024

WITTMANN Competence Days 2024 – a complete success

Under the motto of “We live injection molding”, the WITTMANN Group invited its customers and partners to come on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20 to the MARX HALL in Vienna. More than 1,000 guests accepted this invitation and experienced live the WITTMANN Group’s competence by way of interesting specialist presentations and numerous exhibits, and during the company tours which were organized as well.

The event started with specialist presentations centering around the general theme of digitalization. The first speaker was Dr. Mikula Thiem from the Association of German Machine manufacturers (VDMA), who considered the topic of digitalization from many different angles. This was followed by specialists from the WITTMANN Group, who showed the guests several interactive presentations to familiarize them with the Group’s current developments in the area of digitalization. The topics included production integration using Wittmann 4.0, as well as data transparency through intelligent assistance systems, plus the use of artificial intelligence for further improvements in customer service.

After the specialist presentations, the visitors were given the opportunity to view the latest developments at WITTMANN via numerous exhibits. The work cells presented gave tangible evidence of digitalization, the use of AI, preservation of resources in the form of in-line recycling, lightweight construction, and also the use of DC energy in the injection molding process, including solutions in the field of automation. In micro injection molding – a specialty of the WITTMANN Group – nano structures could be viewed under a microscope.

Following an exciting keynote speech held by Dr. Alexander Kronimus, Acting Chief Executive Officer of PlasticsEurope Germany, entitled “AI and Digitalization – the Gamechangers for the Plastics Industry”, the guests were invited to finish the day with an opportunity for social networking during a pleasant, informal dinner party.

On Thursday, the guests had another chance to view the exhibits inside the MARX HALL.

Company tours were available on both days and met with lively interest. Sites opened to visitors were the premises of WITTMANN BATTENFELD GmbH in Kottlingbrunn, where several more injection molding systems were on display in operation, in addition to a guided tour through the company's production plant. Further options were a tour of the robot production plant at WITTMANN Technology in Vienna and a visit to the WITTMANN facility in Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary.

Michael Wittmann, President and co-owner of the WITTMANN Group, sums up: "The Competence Days surpassed our expectations. We were able to welcome more than 1,000 guests from 37 different countries. The interest in our presentations and exhibits was enormous, and the general atmosphere was excellent."

Dr. Werner Wittmann, founder and CEO of the WITTMANN Group, is also pleased with the successful event and the lively exchange of views with business partners from around the world.



Fig. 1: Welcome Dr. Werner Wittmann



Fig. 2: Guest lecture held by Dr. Mikula Thiem, VDMA



Fig. 3: The specialist presentations centered around the theme of digitalization.

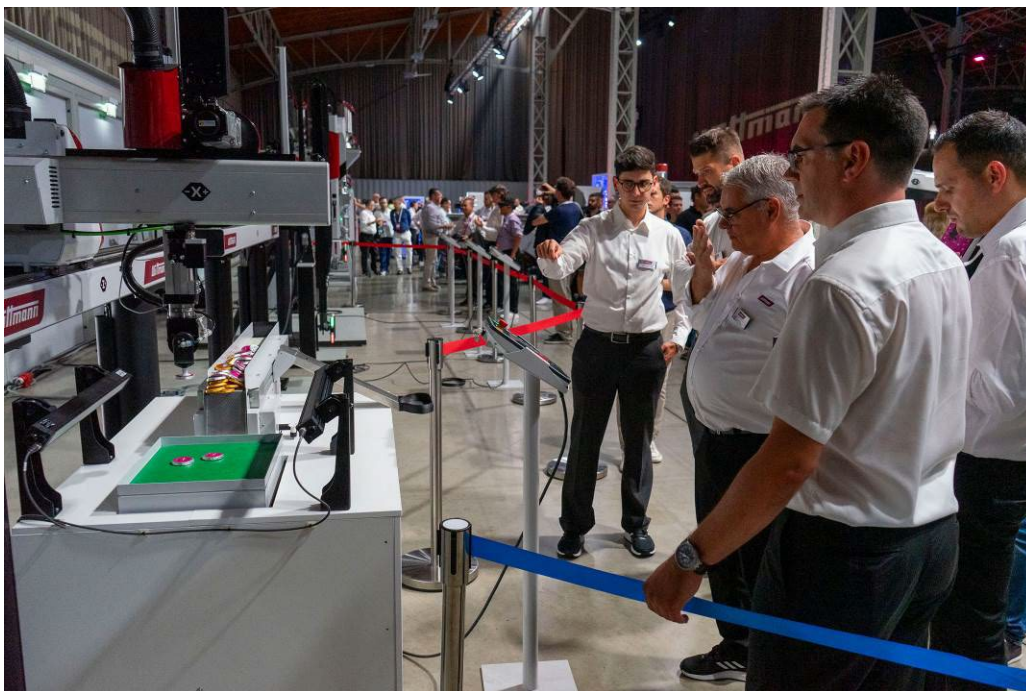




Fig. 4a-d: The guests were able to experience the WITTMANN Group's competence live on numerous interesting exhibits.



Fig. 5: Keynote speech held by Dr. Alexander Kronimus, Acting Chief Executive Officer of PlasticsEurope Germany

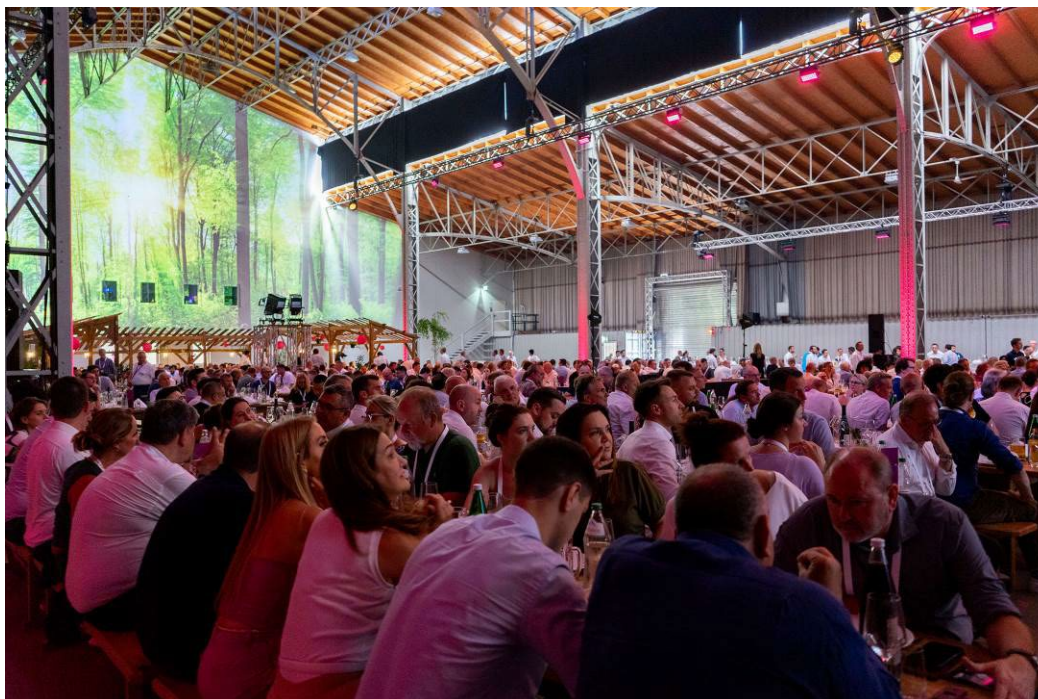


Fig. 6: Pleasant dinner party with social networking

The WITTMANN Group

The WITTMANN Group is a globally leading manufacturer of injection molding machines, robots and auxiliary equipment for processing a great variety of plasticizable materials – both plastic and non-plastic. The group of companies has its headquarters in Vienna, Austria and consists of two main divisions: WITTMANN BATTENFELD and WITTMANN. Following the principles of environmental protection, conservation of resources and circular economy, the WITTMANN Group engages in state-of-the-art process technology for maximum energy efficiency in injection molding, and in processing standard materials and materials with a high content of recyclates and renewable raw materials. The products of the WITTMANN Group are designed for horizontal and vertical integration into a Smart Factory and can be interlinked to form an intelligent production cell.

The companies of the group jointly operate ten production plants in six countries, and the additional sales companies at their 36 different locations are present in all major industrial markets around the world.

WITTMANN BATTENFELD pursues the continued strengthening of its market position as a manufacturer of injection molding machines and supplier of comprehensive modern machine technology in modular design. The product range of WITTMANN includes robots and automation systems, material handling systems, dryers, gravimetric and volumetric blenders, granulators, temperature controllers and chillers. The combination of the individual areas under the umbrella of the WITTMANN Group enables perfect integration – to the advantage of injection molding processors with an increasing demand for seamless interlocking of processing machines, automation and auxiliaries.

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