

SIGN INDUSTRY NEWS

MaxLaser And Sign Africa Laser_Art Competition Winner Announced At Graphics, Print And Sign Expo

Bradley Bowen from Raging Graphix won a HEXA laser machine worth R120,000 for his laser art piece, which came in first place in the MaxLaser and Sign Africa Laser_Art Competition. The competition aimed to showcase what is possible with a laser machine.

Entrants were judged on originality, technical skills on design, technical difficulty on assembly, cutting, engraving and marking quality.

Judging took place at the Graphics, Print and Sign Johannesburg Expo, which ran from 14-16 September 2022 at Gallagher Convention Centre.

Bowen explained that much blood, sweat and tears went into the submission, also known as 'Monkey Business'. 'I probably put about 160 hours into it between the three of us – myself, my wife and my father – we all worked on the project together. It was a lot of fun. It was a great project. I'm proud, and I can't explain how much it means to us to have won this competition.'



Winner Bradley Bowen, Raging Graphix, and Allan Hobbs, MaxLaser.

www.maxlaser.co.za

IPlastics Exhibited Signage Materials

IPlastics showcased signage solutions such as the LayFlat Anti-Curl banner, gazebo, wall banner and more at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, held from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

The company also discussed its wide range of offerings with visitors, including: digital printable vinyl, acrylic sheeting, aluminium composite panels, PVC foam board, laser engraving material, mirror acrylic, PVC banner material and acrylic tubes.

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Inkstyle Supply Showcased Large Format Solutions, Embroidery Machines And More

Inkstyle Supply showcased the Gongzheng Thunderjet AC1601S at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which took place from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

This entry-level high-quality AC1601S 1.6m eco-solvent machine's features include one Epson i3200 printhead, drop-on-demand Piezo with Variable Dot

Tech, eco-solvent ink (2 year outdoor durability), CMYK colour configuration, 1000ml ink tank, bulk ink supply system with ink cartridges and numerous applications including bus shelter and terminal advertising, roll ups, banners and posters.

Gongzheng Thunderjet AC1902T high-speed and high-quality sublimation transfer printer

Features include two Epson i3200 A1 printheads, Piezo Variable Dot (Greyscale) technology, sublimation transfer ink, CMYK colour configuration, two groups of 1000ml ink bags plus ink buffer bags, anti-wrinkle platen, heavy duty media systems and numerous applications that include sports wear, home textile and fashion.

Gongzheng H0906E1 high end small flatbed UV printer

The machine is for customising graphics on various substrates. Features include 2-3 Epson i3200 print heads, drop-on-demand piezo with variable dot print technology, four water cooling LED UV curing lamps, UV curable inks, CMYK colour configuration, bulk ink supply system with white ink stirring unit, and 500ml ink tank, with the following media types: acrylic, aluminium sheet, foam board, PVC board, leather, glass bottle, wood, ceramic tile, etc.

The company also exhibited its one head, two head and four head embroidery machines, as well as its heat press and vinyl cutter. The expo was sponsored by Roland DG South Africa and Stixo Signage Supplies.



www.inkstyle.co.za

Midcomp Honoured With Caldera Dealer Award

Midcomp was recently awarded the 'Caldera Dealer Award for Best Service, Support and Valuable Sales Performance' in the Middle East and African regions.

'We are very proud to have Midcomp as our dealer in South Africa. They share our vision of delivering excellence to all users of our products. The Midcomp team is key to Caldera's success in the area and we truly value having them as partners,' said Sebastien Hanssens, VP Marketing and Operations, Caldera.

'Midcomp is a progressive company in the large format print and packaging industry, providing different types of printers, cutters, RIP software, colour management and workflow solutions,' said Navin Jeewanlall, director at Midcomp. 'In 2009, we were approached by Caldera to sell their RIP software. After a week of comprehensive training by one of Caldera's engineers on the Linux platform and Caldera RIP software, we started to offer Caldera as our RIP of choice. Many of the major large format print service providers in South Africa

benefit from using Caldera across multiple brands of large format printers and cutters.'

Over the past 14 years, Midcomp has invested in attending many training sessions at Caldera's headquarters in Strasbourg, France, such as at exhibitions in Europe as well as online. Caldera has also invested in sending their staff to South Africa every year to support Midcomp and provide additional training and support during exhibitions.

'Caldera's support over the years is unsurpassed, which in turn has helped Midcomp sell and provide great support to our valued customers,' continued Jeewanlall. 'Receiving this award confirms our commitment and skills to provide high quality solutions. We have set the standard in South Africa when it comes to proving world class installation, training, colour management and ongoing support for our customers. Winning this award embodies our passion to deliver only the best solutions, service and support to our customers. Both Caldera and Midcomp are mutually committed to each other. We look forward to many more years of a



Pascal Bardin, Caldera, with Goodwill Dube, Navin Jeewanlall and Rob Makinson, Midcomp.

mutually beneficial partnership and co-operation with Caldera,' he said.

www.midcomp.co.za

FALCON SA Hands Over T-Shirt Design Competition Prizes

Pierre Alberts of Puma Printing collected his STAHL'S Hot Berry heat press, which was the first place prize for entrants who submitted the best original 'Graphics, Print and Sign' themed design for the FALCON SA T-Shirt Design competition.

People could vote for their favourite design on the FALCON SA stand at this year's Graphics, Print and Sign expo, held at Gallagher Convention Centre from 14-16 September.

'This heat press will come in handy, especially for smaller garments', said Alberts. These include, for example, the plaque of golf shirts, while ensuring no buttons are under the press, which he will mainly use for sleeves and collars.

He was inspired to create a pixel design, with CMYK as a complement to the design, for the competition. 'The moment I started designing, everything came to light. If I didn't register for the expo I wouldn't have received the email for the competition,' said Alberts.

The second place winner was Loren Fisher from P3 Printing, who won a R1500 FALCON SA voucher. Caroline Coetzee of Secunda Signs came in third place and won a R1000 FALCON SA voucher. She said the inspiration for her design was the power of graphics and printing: 'I was mostly playing around, during a five minute coffee break. It was for fun, because with the real clients it's more intense.'

Thomas Smith, FALCON SA's Regional Sales Manager, Gauteng, said, 'With the overall designs everyone was quite creative, it was different from design to design. I think the designs that made it into the final selection all stuck to the brief. There



Pierre Alberts, Puma Printing and Thomas Smith, FALCON SA.

were good responses from our stand visitors, as well as with the social media likes, so I was quite impressed with that.'

Smith outlined the benefits of the STAHL'S Hot Berry heat press: 'The press is an entry level press in the STAHL'S range. It's a very good press for smaller items, like golf shirts etc. where you don't have to press onto the buttons of the shirts. Now Alberts can start making his own baby range of clothing with that press. He can also build his

business with the heat press and materials.'

'We've run the competition for the second year in a row. We've been receiving good responses on that and it's good for us to partner with our customers. Coetzee is one of our customers in the Secunda region so her voucher will go onto her account as a credit. Whatever amount she's getting, she can hopefully multiply by ten in new business.'

www.falconsa.com

XL Solutions Exhibited Printing Inks

XL Solutions showcased the STS Inks range at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which took place from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

With a solid history of manufacturing quality inks and pigments, STS has become a proven leader in the field of inkjet inks manufacturing and technology. STS Inks has developed an innovative Plug and Print technology that allows the user to simply swap certain OEM cartridges with STS Inks and continue printing. This innovative technology saves the user time and money by eliminating the need to flush the ink.

The Plug and Print ink matching technology is the result of many years of research and development and allows STS Inks to create replacement inks that are a match to their OEM counterparts by identifying key properties that are essential for the production of a compatible ink.

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Woodline Shade Solutions Showcased Gazebos, Parasols And More



Woodline Shade Solutions showcased its locally manufactured pop-up aluminium gazebo and other promotional hardware at the Graphics Print and Sign Expo, held from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre. The gazebo comes in six different sizes (1 x 1m, 1.5 x 1.5m, 2 x 2m, 3 x 3m, 3 x 4.5m and 3 x 6m), and features rapid release connectors with 5-step, height-adjustable legs. All components, including frames, are genuine Woodline manufactured parts made in the Woodline factory, based in Jeffreys Bay, South Africa.

Other products:

Safari parasol: meticulously crafted from the finest grade kiln-dried eucalyptus, laminated for strength, and sourced only from 100% FSC-certified timber

mills, along with premium quality weather-resistant fabrics and high-grade stainless steel fittings, the centre pole parasol features a classic and elegant wood finish.

Pavone parasol: offering shade without the usual centre pole base taking up space, this cantilever is especially suited for large areas. With an easy-to-operate crank mechanism, the umbrella is held by a high-quality aluminium structure that is rotatable, reclining, and retractable.

Papillon parasol: dual post framework invites conversations to go on in shade and shelter, day and night. It can easily be extended further by articulating two or more structures together. Fabric walls can also be attached to the frame to provide privacy and shelter from the wind. The Taku range

of market parasols offers simple and effective design, engineered with fine workmanship from quality materials.

With its minimalist aesthetic look, the Mistral is the elegance of simplicity. Resilient, functional and maintenance-free, it offers longevity and style. The company's premium grade screen printing, latex and direct-to-fabric digital printing on the canopy offers great branding opportunities for commercial applications.

Concrete bases have a smooth finish and are engineered for strength, made in the company's own plant using 35 Mpa concrete with steel reinforcing fibres, 4mm spring steel wire and a unique combination of chemical additives that eliminate fatigue.

Alternative bases include a stainless steel deck mount, table clamp and in-ground bayonet, while the underground mount can be concreted directly into the earth. The zinc-plated ground spike secures display products such as flags or banners while the Nemo water base fits a wide variety of applications.

Woodline offers various branded chair-options, including stainless steel, aluminium and wood. The foldable designs allow these chairs to be easily transported and used as strategic marketing tools. It is a perfect finishing touch to branded parasols or simply a great addition to outdoor furniture. They are suitable for restaurant, patio, balcony, garden, camping, fishing and beach use. The expo was sponsored by Roland DG South Africa and Stixo Signage Supplies.

www.woodlineshade.com

Maizey Plastics Exhibited Signage, Display And Graphics Range

Maizey Plastics displayed its wide range of solutions for the signage industry at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which took place from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

A product highlight included the Omega-Skinz wrapping film, a very soft flexible self-adhesive cast film that is 3D deformable with heat. Omega-Skinz deforms very easily in both concave and over convex surfaces, such as bulges and corners, kinks and indents of vehicles. It features extra colour depth and appearance. In addition, the film is less susceptible to overstretching when mounting onto large surfaces. The film does not shrink, has a long life and is designed for outdoor applications on smooth substrates, such as automotive, sign

making, 2K paints, gel coatings, glass, as well as boats and super yachts.

Rowmark engraving laminates offer the greatest variety of high quality engravable, laserable and routable sign materials. The following Rowmark ranges are available: Flexibrass, Laserlights, Lasermax, Mattes, Nomark Plus and Standard Metals and Ultra Mattes Reverse. They are ideal for general signs, safety or directional signs, hospitals, retail, restaurants and directories, trophies and plaques, and personal identification like name badges, luggage tags, key chains, golf bag tags and yardage markers.

The accessories and application tools range

includes: application tools like squeegees, cutting blades and trimmers; application tapes and papers for transfer of vinyl and heat transfer decals; double sided tapes and films; KAPA® Metal Hangers (for the suspension of foam boards without the use of needles, screws and nails); adhesives for acrylics and other plastics; degreasers and surface cleaners; badge magnets and brooch pins; link-it plastic connectors as well as LED's and power supply units.

Poli-Flex Heat Transfer Media are premium quality transfer vinyls for the lettering and graphic decoration of a variety of textiles or fabrics. From sports, leisure, corporate, workwear or gift items, Maizey's range of vinyls offer near infinite possibilities to create spectacular designs. The

range is available in printable grades – white and clear; cut grades in a rainbow of finishes and colours (glitter, texture, flock, etc.) and Hotmelt adhesive film for fixing of leather or embroidered badges or tags. Application/transfer tapes are also available. The media is easy to work with, cut, weed and transfer.

The range of vinyls include opaque and sandblast films in a dazzling array of colours in both matt and gloss finishes. They are easy to work with and apply. The range includes: Grafitack Promo Matt Series for short term applications; Grafitack 200-300 Series for longer term applications up to five years; Grafitack and Avery Sandblast Effect Vinyls – available in a range of finishes for both indoor and outdoor use on mirrors, glass doors and windows; as well as Grafitack stencil vinyl for the production of sandblasting stencils.

Lumi-LED solutions were also showcased. They are durable and competitively priced, with excellent light transmission. They are ideal for lightboxes, channel letter signs and display applications. The event was sponsored by Platinum sponsors Roland DG South Africa and Stixo Signage Supplies.

www.maizey.co.za



Acrylic Solutions Showcased At PLEXIGLAS® Stand

Visitors could see PLEXIGLAS® solutions, including samples of their comprehensive range of sheets, rods and tubes as well as fabricated products in application, which include PLEXIGLAS® Hardcoat – available in gloss and matt – at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which was held from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre.

Visitors could also see the ACRIFIX® range of specialist glues and take part in demonstrations and obtain sampling. Additionally, visitors could learn about the company's initiatives in sustainability and training. Roehm Africa is the only supplier in Africa able to recycle extruded acrylic products and is embarking on a campaign to promote sustainable use of PLEXIGLAS® XT through its recycling programme. Off-cuts, waste and end of life materials are returned through the campaign recycling and converted into a recycled extruded acrylic sheet, branded proTerra.

Up to 90% of recycled materials are used to produce this grade of extruded acrylic. The company also encourages people to partake in its training programme to learn more about how to



use PLEXIGLAS® products effectively. With training centres in Johannesburg and Cape Town, the company targets fabricators, distributors, resellers and anyone who uses PLEXIGLAS®. In 2022, their training programme provided skills development for almost 1800 individuals covering topics like basic fabrication as well as adhesive bonding.

Interested parties can book group sessions, and

training can take place at the training centres, or Roehm can send their technical trainer to conduct onsite training at the customer's premises.

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Fujifilm Graphic Communication South Africa Showcased New Blueprint For Large Format Print, Cut And Workflow

Fujifilm showcased its new blueprint for large format print, cut and workflow, at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which took place from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

Acuity Prime LED UV Flatbed: this is the new blueprint for flatbed print ROI and benchmark platform for versatile print production. A true flatbed with a unique, exceptional design and high value, the Acuity Prime offers high-quality printing on a range of rigid and flexible media, supported by its five dedicated vacuum zones and jettable primer. This range is available at a cost-effective price point and offers an excellent return on investment.

Summa F1612 Flatbed Cutter: the professional flatbed finishing system is an award-winning solution for producing innovative signage, displays, samples, packaging applications, and more. With an ever-increasing arsenal of tools and optional add-ons, this is a breakthrough-cutting solution.

Summa D140 FX vinyl cutter: the cutter features advanced cutting technology; ergonomic design;



user-friendly features; the latest alignment method; legendary tracking performance and connectivity. Equipped with a trim and sheet cut functionality, the cutter is the perfect companion for large format printers.

Caldera GrandRIP+ and VisualRIP+ provide a

comprehensive Adobe PDF Print Engine (APPE) based solution capable of providing all of the rendering and colour management needs of high-end large format printing.

www.fujifilmgraphicsystems.co.za

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Rentoza Promoted Business Subscription Services



Mishaan Ratan, co-founder and Chief Marketing Officer at Rentoza.

Rentoza promoted their subscription services that allow businesses to manage their capital expenditure at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which took place from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

'We're Africa's first subscription platform for hardware. We allow businesses to manage their capital expenditure by subscribing to the items they need as opposed to purchasing them. For everyday items within your business such as phones, tablets and laptops, you can subscribe on a monthly basis. For example, if you've budgeted R300,000 for laptops for your design team, you can equip your team with all of the same products at a fraction of the cost, which is usually about 8% of the total value of the item (with the monthly subscription),' said Mishaan Ratan, co-founder and Chief Marketing Officer at Rentoza.

'You can then focus your cashflow on growth initiatives and putting the money towards functions that can take your business forward. We worry about the everyday items that help you run your business so you can worry about your business's growth and evolution,' added Ratan.

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www.rentoza.co.za

Signarama Outlined Franchisee Benefits



Darren Le Roux and Shannon Wright, Signarama.

Signarama representatives explained the benefits for those looking to convert their sign/printing business to a Signarama franchise, such as: co-operative advertising, training and support, brand recognition, mass purchasing, and an exit strategy.

Additional benefits include assistance to apply for finance, Signarama licence, right to trademark, comprehensive operations manual, preferential pricing programme, exclusive products programme, networking with peers, benchmarking your business against others, local and regional

meetings, world expo and world events, national accounts programme, research and development, marketing fund, private 'SignWiki' intranet and comprehensive training.

Also included is proprietary KosmosPOS software, online advertising campaigns and competitions, mass purchasing power, ongoing support and mentors to help franchisees.

www.signarama.co.za

Titan Jet Showcased Printing Solutions

Titan Jet showcased its range of printing solutions at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre.

The following solutions were exhibited: Twin Turbo sublimation printer (dual head machine); 1.6m wide roll press, for transferring dye-sublimation paper to textile. These machine work together hand-in-hand.

Also exhibited was the 1.6m eco-solvent printer, which comes with a vinyl cutter (high speed camera built in), as well as the UV DTF printer for hard objects such as glass, metal etc. Its prints four layers, glue, then white, then CMYK, then varnish. Also showcased was the company's DTF printer for fabric.



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Sign-Tronic Demonstrated swissQprint And Zünd Solutions

Sign-Tronic's stand at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo featured Zünd cutting solutions, a swissQprint flatbed printer, swissQprint roll-to-roll printer, as well as a showcase of solutions in software, colour management and web-to-print.

Compact, flexible and economical, the Zünd S3 cutting table is extremely fast thanks to smart technology. The construction and design of the Zünd G3 3XL-2500 digital cutter is tailored to the needs of its customers. Simple, user-friendly and ergonomic operations are the result. The intelligent safety features of the G3 actively support the operator and interfere only when absolutely necessary.

Thanks to the latest printhead technology and the precise droplet placement perfected by swissQprint, users of the swissQprint Nyala 4 flatbed printer get a maximum resolution of 1350dpi on the medium.

The swissQprint Karibu S roll to roll printer is designed for high performance in 24/7 operation. A special printhead configuration makes the most of the possible printing speed.



Visitors could also discuss various software and colour management solutions with company partner Colorflow solutions, which include Enfocus, EFI, Tilia phoenix and GMG.

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www.sign-tronic.co.za

Perfect Laser Showcased CO2 Laser Machine, UV Laser And More

Perfect Laser showcased its CO2 laser machine, CNC router, eco-solvent printer and UV laser solutions at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

The PLT-3040 CO2 laser machine can cut and engrave quickly and accurately. Perfect for small-scale production, it can cut materials such as: MDF, acrylic, plastic, Plexiglas, rubber, etc. Users can engrave on MDF, marble, granite, glass, tiles, leather and much more. Users can even mark metal with the company's marking spray (sold separately).

The company's CNC router owners can download free CNC /GCode designs direct from its website. The PLE-6040 CNC router is ideal for woodworking, milling stone and granite, cutting aluminium etc.

The PL-ES-1.6 SH eco-solvent solution is ideal for personalised signage or banner printing and is easy to operate. The built-in heaters and external fans cure the ink almost instantly. Materials that can be printed include wallpaper, canvas, vinyl, PVC vinyl, poster paper and more. Also showcased was Perfect Laser's UV laser — the PL-UV laser 5W — a powerful laser that does not require much power. It is ideal for marking, with applications that include



glass, metal, paper, plastics and stone.

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Gencotech Showcases Versatile Printing Solutions

Gencotech showcased its DTF, DTG, flatbed printing, cutting, printing solutions and more at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo which was held at Gallagher Convention Centre from 14-16 September.

GLM A3 DTF UV printer: features include four colours – CMYK, and optional varnish and white colour, low ink costs, print height of 120mm, cylindrical prints, as well as a hot laminator that is included. It is also equipped with an absorption platform that sucks work pieces downwards to ensure an even print quality throughout the print area.

GLM 64 UV printer (A2 UV printer): the printer features an Epson Dx8 print head, 1440dpi print resolution, flatbed and rotary printing, four colours – CMYK, and varnish and white colour, 600 x 400mm print area, automatic white ink stirring solution, LCD control panel and more.

GCC JF-240UV flatbed printer: the industrial-grade UV printer offers print quality. Features include: dual UV LED lamps, one litre bulk ink system, roll-to-roll system/rotary attachment (optional item), four colours – CMYK and optional varnish and white colour.

GCC Puma IV LX cutter: powered by a digitally



controlled servo system, the Puma IV produces graphics with up to 40 ips (1020mm/sec) cutting speed, 500g of cutting force and 5 metres of tracking ability, making it a truly reliable machine for sign makers.

Some of the other solutions included the GLM eco-solvent printer, GLM DTG 2020 DTG printer,

GCC Jaguar V LX cutter and GCC E200 desktop laser engraver. Demonstrations were done on a heat press and heating oven.

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www.gencotechlasermarking.co.za

Media Frenzy Showcased Fabric And Hardware Solutions

Media Frenzy exhibited at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre. The company showcased its fabrics and hardware for indoor and outdoor applications.

Included were telescopic flags, sharkfin flags, gazebos, pop-up banners, pull-up banners, table cloths and fabric swatch books. Also showcased was Global One dye-sublimation ink and director's chairs.

Locally manufactured hardware included aluminium banner wall frames of different sizes (2.25 x 2.25m, 2.25 x 3m and 2.25 x 4m), as well as gazebo frames made from aluminium or steel (which come in 2.2m, 3 x 3m, 3 x 4m and 3 x 6m sizes).

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Red Hot Launched Media Range



Red Hot Media launched Ritrama by Fedrigoni's new Ri-Mark Platinum range at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre.

The product line now has a new range of self-adhesive materials for plotter cutting. For a range of uses from vehicle lettering to point of sale advertising, from signage to interior and exterior decoration, Ri-Mark Platinum is the ideal

choice for dry and wet application methods on flat, uneven and curved surfaces. The range is an ideal combination of design and technology that provides exceptional performance in terms of adhesion and its versatile range of applications.

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www.redhotmedia.co.za

Headwear 24 Showcased Caps, Hats, Visors And More



Headwear 24 made its debut appearance at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre.

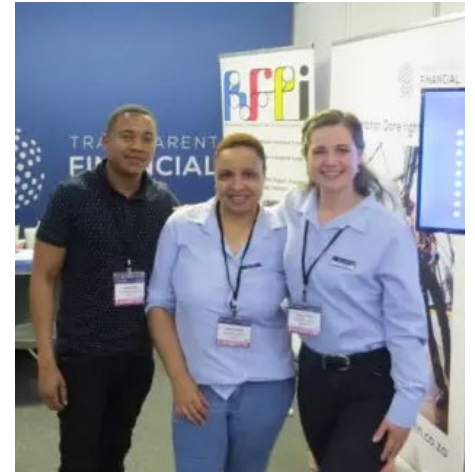
According to the company, it is the largest headwear manufacturer, supplier and brander in Southern Africa, and specialises in the embroidery, printing and embellishment of all headwear. The company has a factory in Durban with over 300 workers, with branches in Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg and Cape Town. On show were

bucket hats, panel caps, trucker caps (with mesh at the back) and jacquard beanies, all of which are locally manufactured, as well as beanies, buffs, visors and sports caps. The company also specialise in scarves, gloves and outdoor bush and safari hats.

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www.twentyfour.store

Transparent Financial Services Exhibited At Graphics, Print And Sign Expo



Khotso Molete, Lorna Mashale and Monique Botha, Transparent Financial Services.

Transparent Financial Services (TFS), through its subsidiary companies, provides short-term and life insurance solutions, in addition to medical aid and medical gap insurance products as well. TFS is confident it can provide an organisation with a one-stop financial service solution ranging from retirement planning to pension and provident fund administration, to risk and investment management.

The company's aim during the expo was to target businesses, with the employee in mind, and outline its benefit structure. TFS also has a sister company, Transparent Consulting Services (TCS). TCS is a registered credit provider with the National Credit Regulator (NCR) whose mission it is to provide members in the printing industry with access to housing finance so that they are able to buy a home, upgrade or make repairs to their current home.

For the past 14 years, TFS has provided members of the SATU National Provident Fund and the Printing Industry Pension Fund access to home loans throughout the country with their pension-backed home loan facility. TCS has now taken over this part of the business and is making this facility available to the printing industry as a whole. This means that you no longer have to belong to the union to take out a pension-backed home loan with them. However, you will have to be a member of either the SATU National Provident Fund or the Printing Industry Pension Fund for SATU Members in the printing industry to qualify to apply for a home loan through TCS.

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MaxSigns Launches Online Tools Business

Through many years in the signage industry, and listening to customer needs, MaxSigns have noted that tools play a vital role, from manufacturing to installation and ongoing maintenance.

There are a variety of tools and accessories that



are required on a multitude of levels, and each project comes with its own challenges. During the Covid pandemic, the company noted the boom in online transactions. With the combination of these factors, the ideation of MaxTools was born in the effort to enable a simple, fast and efficient way of getting what was required to its clients.

MaxTools is an online store supported by a physical location. Simply put, anybody can go onto the online store and view the ever growing extensive range of tools and accessories. It is updated every day to ensure that pricing and quantities are current. Products are well categorised and layout is focused on being intuitive to simplify the process, even for those whom have not shopped online before. The company has integrated its system with PayGate, however,

there is an option for those who prefer to pay via EFT. In terms of delivery of goods, MaxTools has integrated with Fastway Courier Services. There is also an option for clients who wish to collect their orders from the company's office in Midrand.

MaxTools' goal is to ensure that each and every individual as well as each entity in the signage industry and beyond has available access to the tools and accessories that they may require. Products are being added on an ongoing basis to ensure that they cater for all needs of the signage industry. With just a few clicks, a client is able to find the tool, safely pay as well as receive their stock while being able to track the process of their order through each step.

www.maxtools.co.za

Chemosol Exhibited Textile Printing Solutions And More

Chemosol showcased its wide variety of products at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which took place from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre.

Han's Yueming CMA0604-B-A laser cutting machine is ideal for non-metallic materials such as: wood, paper, epoxy resin, acrylic, plastic, rubber and bamboo. It is equipped with a YM laser and Smart cave software and controller, and adopts a high speed interpolation movement algorithm to achieve high-speed and stable performance. It also supports ethernet (10/100M) and USB 2.0 transmission. Power: 80W/100W/130W. The working area is 600mm x 400mm while the largest model in the series (CMA1610-B-A) features a working area of 1600mm x 1000mm.

The CMA-1810 textile cutter is ideal for fabric and

textile cutting and is equipped with an overhead camera for auto tracing and a cutting feature. This unit ships with a high spec PC and has YM Smart cave software preloaded. The unit adopts a high speed interpolation movement algorithm to achieve high-speed and stable performance. It also supports ethernet (10/100M) and USB 2.0 transmission. Power: 130W. The working area is 1800mm x 1000mm with the moving bed that allows for rolls of fabric to be loaded and cut with the automatic photo and cut feature.

The SOT64H transfer press is ideal for home or office use, and this transfer press is a single phase 40A unit that has oil in the drum. The oil allows for more consistent and longer transfers than those without. There are 3 unwinds with tension idlers and 3 rewinds. This unit also has blanket auto alignment.

The Chemica Hotmark Revolution is a low temperature, versatile heat transfer vinyl that adheres to a wide range of garments such as cotton, polyester, acrylic and even nylon. This thin and stretchy semi-matt finish material is soft on garments and great for any projects.

Because of its compact size, the SC-F100 is the ideal choice where space is limited, such as on shop counters. Its small A4-sized footprint is especially suitable for start-up and smaller businesses. Paper size: A4. Ink: four colours (CMYK).

The SC-F500 and SC-F501 printers have easy to use touch panels and allow users to easily access all the operational information they need using the intuitive touchscreen, even while wearing gloves. Its anti-dust design prevents dust getting into the printer, avoiding misprints from nozzle clogging and reducing time-consuming cleaning cycles, even in dusty environments.

The Hanrun Paper® PRO-A330 DTF printer (2 printheads) is developed for customers who pursue high quality and mass production. The print size is 30cm. Features include: higher continuous printing stability and fine detail; better productivity than the EVO series; better software compatibility; longer warranty time and more gift accessories. It works on both white and dark textiles and works with a variety of fabric styles (cotton, poly blends, leather, denim and more).

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Allrich Showcased Acrylic Bending Machines And More At Graphics, Print and Sign Expo



The ABM 1300 acrylic bending machine is temperature adjustable (0-600 degrees), with an adjustable heating gap (0-20mm), that features a circulation water cooling system. Application materials include plastic plate (acrylic, Plexiglas) as well as PVC, PC, ABS, PP etc. Material thicknesses range from 1-10mm.

The machine is widely used in school technical courses, building models, decoration engineering, display cases, market shelves, advertising light boxes and artwork making. It is small and portable and can be used anywhere. This machine can handle sheets up to 1300mm in length. The ABM 700 machine is similar to this and its functionality is also the same, but it can handle up to 700mm sheet lengths.

The ZD-2400B automatic acrylic bending machine features two up and down heating tubes. Material length goes up to 2400mm and a thickness within 15mm. The machine's heating gap ranges between 1-30mm, with a bending height within 450mm and bending angle between 30-175 degrees. It is equipped with an Electronic Angle digital display

for a precise angle, with Manual Fine Tuning angle setting. Applications include: Plexiglas, acrylic, PC, PVC, PP, PE and other plastic materials.

Super Clear Vinyl: creative, versatile and durable, this product can be used to create designs on glass in every conceivable marketing and branding environment. It can be applied to glass without compromising light transmission or clarity.

One Way Vision Vinyl for UV printing: this perforated window graphics sign film features punched holes on self-adhesive materials, using pinhole imaging principles. The structure of this film is a two-layer ink absorption liner. For general one-layer liner, the holes will be easily blocked by the UV ink during printing by a UV printer, thus it will lose the vision function. Based on a two-layer liner, UV ink can be absorbed by the liner, so it can be printed on by UV printers.

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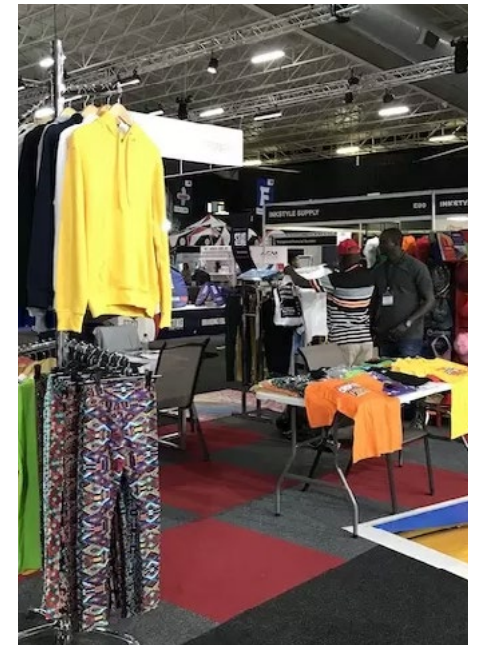
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China Direct Showcased Range Of Apparel

China Direct exhibited at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre, to showcase its wide range of apparel.

The range includes: T-Shirts, golf shirts, hoodies, sweaters, caps/visors and bucket hats. The company also offers services in printing that spans screen printing, embroidery, heat pressing and direct-to-garment.

The size range of apparel, which comes in some 15 different colours, starts from small to XXL, and accommodates both adults and children.



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NSDS Showcased Versatile Printing Solutions

National Screen and Digital Supplies (NSDS) showcased its wide range of printing solutions at the Graphics, Print and Sign Expo, which ran from 14-16 September at Gallagher Convention Centre.

The range included the company's Compress iUV-600s Flatbed UV Printer. The Compress iUV-600s gives users the freedom to print exactly what they want onto virtually any substrate. All white inks are pressurised and recirculated with filtering by the patent pending white ink management system (WIMS) for less downtime and ink issues in general.

Also on show was the company's NSDS Torrid IR Curing Tunnel, NSDS DTF XP600 direct to film digital



printer, NSDS UV DTF digital printer (direct to film UV), NSDS 40 x 60cm heat press, NSDS 40 x 50cm Rotary Flash dryer, NSDS 6c6s carousel printer, NSDS 4c1s carousel printer, NSDS 1c1s table top printer, NSDS Iodine Gallium, screen exposure unit, HIX 40X50cm heat press, as well as Rutland and

Union Ink plastisols.

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