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## ABOUT US

# EDP

The EDP Awards, organized by the EDP Association, is an annual competition that recognizes the best digital technologies in various categories of digital printing, publishing, and converting. The awards are judged by a panel of independent experts from Europe's 20 leading trade magazines, consisting of independent consultants, editors, engineers, and other graphic industry-related professionals who evaluate equipment and software solutions. The jury values innovations that improve productivity, quality, usability, and reduce environmental impact, as well as production costs.

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## EDP WINNER REPORT

# PREFACE

### **A few words from the Chairman of the EDP Awards Jury**

Dear Participants,

Thank you to all companies who submitted their products for consideration in the 2025 EDP Awards. Your participation is a vital part of the innovation we celebrate in the digital printing, publishing, and packaging industries.

The EDP Awards honor excellence in the field of digital printing and related technologies. The 2025 submissions reflected on solutions that bring greater automation, efficiency, and sustainability to the industry.

The amount of submission in 2025 remains stable versus 2023 and 2024 but the jury noticed that some players took the decision not to join and this is a pity. We respect this decision and we hope they can change their mind for the 2026 edition.

We want to say kudos to the winners who contribute to shape the future of digital printing and packaging. The winners will be celebrated at a dedicated ceremony during FESPA 2025, May 8th in Berlin.

I would like to express my gratitude to my esteemed jury colleagues, as well as board members for their continued support and great energy to go forward with this activity for the industry.

Best regards



**Herman Hartman**

Chairman,  
Technical Committee



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**SOFTWARE**

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# SOFTWARE

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## **Best Color Management Solution**

Hybrid Software | Colorspace

Hybrid Software's Colorspace is a powerful new color management solution built into their CLOUDFLOW workflow. It combines spectral color tech from ColorLogic with automated color conversion, ECG support, and ink-saving features—all designed to boost color accuracy, cut costs, and simplify workflows. What sets it apart is its user-friendly interface that makes high-level color control accessible even to non-experts, giving printers a competitive edge across digital, flexo, and hybrid production.

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## **Best Technical Workflow Solution**

Global Graphics Software | SmartDFE for Labels & Packaging

Global Graphics Software has launched SmartDFE, a next-gen digital front end for labels and packaging. Ideal for small labels and packaging converters, it streamlines the print process with automated workflows, direct printhead communication, and advanced variable data handling. Designed for high efficiency and seamless integration with Industry 4.0, SmartDFE transforms digital presses into smart, interconnected systems, enhancing productivity and adaptability in modern print operations.

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## **Best MIS Solution**

Dataline | Multipress Check & Repair Pro

While PDF checks are traditionally performed within the prepress department, Check & Repair Pro brings this essential step to the beginning of the process: order intake. Check & Repair Pro is the follow-up to the previously introduced Check & Repair and in it Pro goes much further than the classic Check & Repair within MultiPress. It not only detects errors, but also enables guided corrections with clear recommendations. Check & Repair Pro is also available in MultiPress Cloud. This allows files to be uploaded and checked remotely without depending on prepress. This speeds up the sales process. With Check & Repair Pro as part of Multipress, Dataline will save order managers and prepress workers time and streamline order intake.

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## **Best Automation Platform**

HP | HP PrintOS - Site Flow

PrintOS Site Flow delivers powerful enhancements how smart software boosts hardware performance. For the first time, multi-site organizations can now collaborate seamlessly. Operational Efficiency: Centralized data helps manage workflows, eliminate bottlenecks, and balance workloads across sites. Real-Time Visibility: Live press data enables quick responses, reducing downtime and improving utilization. Productivity & Accountability: Performance insights drive transparency and motivate teams toward higher efficiency. Mobile Access: Managers can monitor and act from anywhere, ensuring agility and responsiveness on the go.

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## **Best Automation Tools**

### **Durst Group | Durst Image Tracking Tool**

The Durst Image Tracking Tool makes the printing of barcodes or QR codes unnecessary and recognizes orders based on image. Cameras or smartphones can be used for this purpose. It can be used at any stage after printing to retrieve order information for finishing and logistics operations and can also be used in combination with non-Durst equipment. Durst Image Tracking Tool is combined with information from the Durst Lift ERP system and uses an AI tool for image recognition. It is another step on the road to Industry 5.0.

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## **Best Web-to-Print & Pack**

### **Antigro | Antigro Designer Print Customizer**

Antigro Designer develops new smart, user-friendly software for personalized print products. The Print Customizer, is a white-label solution that lets end-users design everything from cards to apparel with 3D previews and print-ready output. Its mobile-first design, automation features, and broad product support help print providers streamline production and boost customer engagement. Antigro's innovation extends to niche tools like the DTF Gang Sheet Builder, making them a key player in next-gen print personalization.





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# PRINTING SYSTEMS

LARGE/WIDE FORMAT PRINTING



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# PRINTING SYSTEMS

## LARGE/WIDE FORMAT PRINTING

### Best Roll-to-Roll < 170 cm

MUTOH | HydrAton 1642

The HydrAton 1642 was developed by Mutoh as a roll-to-roll platform designed for use with Fujifilm's Aquafuze ink technology. This innovative water-based technology is highly versatile, compatible with both plastic and paper roll media, and capable of printing on heat-sensitive substrates. It reduces energy consumption while delivering vivid colours using a 4-colour printing process. The HydrAton 1642 is a valuable addition to the range of printers using water-based inks, distinguished by its unique UV curing capability.

### Best Roll-to-Roll < 350 cm

Durst Group | Durst P5 350 HSR

With the Durst P5 350 HSR, Durst has added a unique heavy-duty roll-to-roll printer in the segment up to 3.5 meters wide. The printer, which is based on the well-known P5 print engine, is distinguished by the high print speeds it realizes. With standard loading and take-up of rolls up to 1,000 kg and precise media transport, this printer can be used in 12- or 24-hour production, where intervention by operators is minimized and the printer can print unattended for longer periods.

### Best Flatbed/Hybrid <50 m<sup>2</sup>/h

HP | HP Latex R530W

The market for roll-to-roll printers with add-ons for printing on rigid substrates has existed for some time, but suppliers have largely focused on small-scale industrial applications. With the HP Latex 530, HP is now targeting sign-makers looking to expand their offerings by adding flatbed printing capabilities, presenting a unique value proposition. Built on the proven HP Latex 800/830 inkjet technology, this solution marks a significant step forward and could signal the beginning of a new wave of hybrid "sign" printers in the market.

### Best Flatbed/Hybrid 50-150 m<sup>2</sup>/h

Durst Group | Durst P5 X

The Durst P5 X, equipped with a flat bed, is a new asset in the broad Durst range. This printer has unique features that assist the operator in working with the printer, such as the LED light line that shows on which parts of the table the vacuum is on or off. The proprietary workflow software also enables things like Multilayer printing and Multitrack with up to 12 different images on this table. With the optional roll feeder & catch it makes a full-fledged roll printer that can handle rolls 3.2 meters or 2 rolls of 1.6 meters width. This printer is outstanding in its versatility.

## **Best Flatbed/Hybrid 150-400 m<sup>2</sup>/h**

swissQprint | Nyala 5

The Nyala 5, which stands for the 5<sup>th</sup> generation. There has been a complete re-engineering of the printer, with a large proportion of the components used being new, including the in-house developed control electronics. The security of movements on the printer has also been updated. What has remained is the choice in the number of heads, allowing the printer to grow with production demand. The newly developed base frame ensures even greater printing stability. This in turn ensures high accuracy, making this printer also suitable for special applications where high print detail is required. This makes it unique in this speed class. With the optional roll feeder and output, it becomes a fully qualified hybrid printer.

## **Best Flatbed/Hybrid > 400 m<sup>2</sup>/h**

AGFA| Jeti Tauro H3300 XUHS,

The Tauro H3300 XUHS is the latest addition to the Jeti Tauro family and, like its predecessor, is available as a hybrid printer. The Tauro XUHS offers greater productivity and more features than earlier models. Equipped with a carriage for up to 120 print heads, it boosts productivity by nearly 50 percent compared to the Tauro UHS, and with a 3x4 color ink set, it can reach a print speed of up to 1,250 m<sup>2</sup> per hour. There is also a unique 7-color configuration focused on sharpness and image quality. Both configurations can be expanded with additional options such as a digital primer, varnish, and/or white ink. The Tauro H3300 XUHS stands out in this area by offering more flexibility when configuring the print heads. Other innovations include larger 35-liter ink tanks, a fully automated media guidance system - ideal for corrugated printing, and a measurement device to detect media position and thickness.

## **Textile Printer**

### **Best Direct to Transfer**

Mimaki | TRAPIS – Transfer Pigment System

The Mimaki TRAPIS (Transfer Pigment System) is an innovative, digital textile printing solution that redefines efficiency, versatility and sustainability of printing. TRAPIS enables transfer printing on a wide range of textiles, including natural fibers such as silk and cotton, as well as synthetic materials such as polyester and nylon, offering flexibility for various applications. By using a two-step process - printing designs on special transfer paper with a Mimaki printer equipped with the proprietary pigment ink, followed by transferring the designs onto different fabrics via a high-pressure calender - TRAPIS simplifies printing on different types of textiles while delivering high-quality results where water consumption is star reduced and the textiles can be processed at the calender directly without washing disturbance and ironing.





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**Best Cutsheet Printers – LEP – Toner – Inkjet – Hybrid,  
Up to B3 < 250.000 A4/month**

Fujifilm | Revoria Press SC285S

Compact in size, powerful in performance, the Revoria Press SC285S is redefining expectations for entry-level digital production. Advanced toner technology ensures high print quality across a wide range of media. Its intuitive interface and streamlined workflow tools make operation easy. Ideal for short-run, on-demand jobs, the SC285S delivers professional results for small print service providers

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**Best Cutsheet Printers – LEP – Toner – Inkjet – Hybrid, Up to B2**

HP | HP Indigo 120K HD Digital Press

The HP Indigo 120K HD blends high-speed output, offset-quality results, and high versatility—but what truly sets it apart is its advanced automation reducing manpower interventions. Designed for high-volume production, it streamlines workflows and maximizes uptime, making it arguably the most advanced digital press on the market today.

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**Web Fed Printer – LEP – Toner – Inkjet – Hybrid**

HP | HP PageWide T4250 HDR

The HP PageWide T4250 HDR sets a new standard in high-speed inkjet with its advanced High Definition Nozzle Architecture (HDNA) and a new continuous ink supply system for improved productivity, quality, and versatility. Featuring a next-generation ink set for enhanced quality and efficiency, it is a powerful choice for high-volume commercial, direct mail, and publishing applications.



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**PACKAGING PRINTING**  
**SPECIALITY PRINTING**

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# PACKAGING PRINTING SPECIALITY PRINTING

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## **Packaging Printing**

### **Best Folding Carton – Digital/Hybrid**

BOBST | DIGITAL MASTER 55

The BOBST DM55 introduces a different perspective for folding carton production, specifically targeting converters dealing with numerous short-run jobs. Designed to address inefficiencies in the fragmented process, it reduces setup times and simplifies workflows, making it ideal for converters who need to quickly and cost-effectively handle small batches. While being a significant investment, the DM55's modular design and advanced automation provide a unique opportunity for businesses looking to streamline short-run production and enhance overall efficiency and profitability from their production floor.

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## **Specialty Printing**

### **Other Industrial Printing Solution**

ACTEGA | BRASILATA LABS | HP

INNOCAN is a truly innovative sheet-metal can decoration solution developed through collaboration between ACTEGA, Brasilata Labs, and HP Indigo. It leverages HP Indigo's unique digital printing technology to offer high-quality, cost-effective decoration for short run sheet-metal can production. Ideal for limited editions or promotional packaging, INNOCAN enables vibrant, personalized designs with the flexibility to handle various can types. By reducing production costs and increasing creative possibilities, INNOCAN is an attractive choice for brands seeking innovative and customizable packaging solutions.

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# FINISHING & EMBELLISHMENT



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### **Best Digital Embellishment Packaging**

Fujifilm | FUJIFILM DE1024 Printbar

The FUJIFILM DE1024 Digital Embellishment Printbar adds digital spot varnishing to both analog and digital presses, enhancing the visual and tactile quality of labels and packaging. Featuring Fujifilm's StarFire™ SG1024 printhead, it delivers high-quality embellishments with efficient ink management using the REDIJET® ink recirculation system. The DE1024 also supports variable data printing, allowing for flexible, customized designs. By integrating this printbar, printers can offer unique embellishments while improving efficiency and reducing setup times. A really interesting approach enhancing existing installed equipment.

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### **Best Digital Embellishment Wide-Format**

swissQprint | swissQprint Pyramid Printing

Pyramid printing creates a dynamic effect through colour shifting as the viewing angle changes, thereby enhancing visual impact and attracting attention. Unlike lenticular effects, which require expensive substrates, Pyramid printing can be applied to any flat sheet material. It represents a valuable addition for users of the various printer models offered by the brand.



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# **AUTOMATION & QUALITY CONTROL**

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## **Best Robotics for Large Format Production**

AGFA | Agfa Tauro MAX Bots,

The Agfa Tauro Max Bots are advanced robotic solutions designed to fully automate loading and unloading on the Jeti Tauro printers. By minimizing manual and human intervention, they significantly boost productivity, ensure consistent media handling, and reduce labor costs. These bots are ideal for high-volume production environments, helping print service providers meet tight deadlines with greater efficiency and reliability. With Tauro Max Bots, Agfa takes a major step toward a hands-free, lights-out printing production.



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**INKS & SUBSTRATES**

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# INKS & SUBSTRATES

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### **Best Waterbased Inks**

Fujifilm | Aquafuze

The Aquafuze technology developed by Fujifilm meets diverse requirements when it comes to the sustainability of print. It combines the advantages of UV-LED and water-based inkjet. Compared to other water-based printing systems, drying requires little energy and takes place at lower temperatures. As a result, heat-sensitive substrates can also be printed with this technique. The prints can be further processed immediately after printing and drying, including lamination. The Aquafuze technology offers excellent adhesion to a wide range of media without the need for a pre-coat primer or optimiser. Prints have a thin film that is scratch-resistant and does not require a topcoat. In addition, they are low-odour and comply with safety regulations.

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### **Best UV Inks**

AGFA | Tauro 30

Tauro 30 is Agfa's next-generation ink designed specifically for cardboard and paper applications. While other manufacturers are gradually introducing innovations, Agfa has taken a major leap forward—developing an ink that outperforms its predecessors on all fronts. The ink is TPO-free and CMR-free, in full compliance with EC directives. As a result, it carries no health hazard labels, and is IKEA-compliant as well as GREENGUARD Gold certified. It has low to no odor before, during, and after printing, ensuring a more pleasant and safer working environment. In addition, Tauro 30 ink offers greater flexibility, making it ideal for folding cartons and similar applications.

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### **Best Specialty Inks**

HP | HP Indigo CMYK+

HP Indigo has introduced a new generation of CMYK+OGV Electrolnks for its HP Indigo digital presses, marking a significant advancement over previous ink sets. Same color with higher ink solids for more vibrant, consistent output and outdoor durability. Reduced carbon footprint thanks to improved consumables and in-press recycling. Greater productivity with reduced downtime and longer-lasting components when combined with the other products in the HP New-Gen Supplies package.



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**FERDINAND RÜESCH**

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In March 2025 Gallus celebrated its 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, when the grandfather of Ferdinand Rüesch took over a bankrupt company with just 12 employees. With his commitment to precision, quality, and customer focus, he laid the foundation for Gallus and shaped the DNA of the company.

In 1953 Ferdinand's father bought the business from his father – under one condition: he had to be married in the Catholic faith. His father's sister found the right match in time. At the Chicago trade fair in the 1950s, the grandfather and father of Ferdinand met the American entrepreneur R. Stanton Avery and recognized the enormous potential of the self-adhesive label market. They decided to focus exclusively on printing machines. This led to a friendly relationship between Avery and Gallus, which helped advance the industry. The following decades brought many exciting developments.

Then, in 1990, Ferdinand's parents took him to his father's office. His father opened the door to his emptied office, handed Ferdinand the key, and said: „Now it is your turn, my son.“ A moment he never forgot – because his father didn't include an instruction manual to run the company. After that Ferdinand finished his MBA at the University of St. Gallen. Soon after, he started first major challenges as CEO.

A decisive turning point in his life was in 1991 when he married Karin. She has always been behind him. In 1992, the first major challenge as CEO arose. Together with his wife and daughter Lydia, he unexpectedly moved to the USA first for three months, then one year, then ten years. The reason was a fraud case involving a U.S. management member, which required direct intervention. This turned into an exciting business experience over a decade for.

Meanwhile, under the management in St. Gallen, Gallus continued to thrive and developed great products like the world's first fully servo-driven printing press – a revolution at the time, a standard today, groundbreaking printing systems such as the T180, R200, and R250, which transformed label printing. In 1995, they developed the first hybrid machine with Benny Landa and Indigo. Unfortunately, digital printing technologies at the time were not yet reliable. Today with Heidelberg, Gallus is setting new standards in Inkjet Technology in a hybrid environment. Gallus was never just a machine manufacturer. They have always been innovation drivers and repeatedly revolutionized label printing: with the Gallus-developed rotary screen printing System, the world famous Screeny. Or with the patented rotary flat die-cutting on the R200 and R250, which enabled unprecedented precision.

„However, none of these technical milestones would have been possible without the people behind them. What always motivated me personally was not just perfecting machines. It was the challenge of developing customized solutions for our customers – solutions that we implemented with a highly dedicated team“, so Ferdinand Rüesch. Customer visits were always a highlight for Ferdinand... from every client visit he brought new ideas home. And he is still a fan of hand-shake agreements and trust.

This year Ferdinand decided to retire, and we wish him all the best for a time with new adventures and experiences... Gallus is a powerful name in the industry with many great people and products and will drive the industry further on.

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**The members  
of the EDP Association  
congratulate  
all EDP Award winners  
and thank  
all participants  
for the engagement.**

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**EDP 2025 TEAM ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS**



Herman Hartman



Francois Martin



Jean Poncet



Michael Seidl



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