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Plast 2026 Becomes Three

Plast 2026, scheduled for June 9-12, 2026 at Fiera Milano, joins MaTec, the new exhibition project that brings together three events dedicated to manufacturing: Plast (plastics and rubber), Xylexpo



(wood and furniture technologies) and Composites Future (composite materials). The goal is to bring together cross-cutting skills and complementary sectors for an integrated vision of the industry.

In a context in which the European manufacturing industry is being called upon to respond to challenges such as sustainability, energy efficiency, digitization and new materials regulations, MaTec offers an integrated platform: eight pavilions, three complementary fairs, a place for the entire supply chain to meet. The intuition behind MaTec is that many technologies developed for one sector can find application in other areas, for example among wood, plastics, composites and their uses in construction, furniture, packaging, automotive, aerospace, and marine. The “triple understanding” between Plast,

Xylexpo and Composites Future thus becomes a collector of innovation and an accelerator of synergies. Within MaTec, Plast occupies six halls and to date has about 800 registered companies.

Its offerings are complemented by the three satellite salons:

- Rubber, dedicated to the world of rubber and related technologies;
- 3D Plast, focused on 3D printing and additive technologies for polymers;
- PlastMat, focused on innovations in materials, a key theme for the future of manufacturing.
- For exhibitors, MaTec represents a strategic investment: it enables them to reach a large and qualified audience, generate new contacts and strengthen their positioning.
- 3D Plast, focused on 3D printing and additive technologies for polymers;

For visitors, it means access in one place to expertise, technologies and solutions from three complementary sectors, with the opportunity to upgrade, engage with experts and build partnerships. The appointment is therefore in Milan, June 9-12, 2026, for an event that is set to become one of the most significant moments of the year for the European manufacturing industry. ■ ■ ■

Archroma And Lilienweiss Join Forces To Deliver Faster And Localized Color Management Services In Europe

Archroma, a global leader in specialty chemicals focused on sustainable solutions, today announced its partnership with Lilienweiss, who will begin offering Archroma Color Management solutions across Europe starting January 2026.

Through this partnership, Lilienweiss will provide



direct distribution across the region as well as custom color standards creation. European brands, retailers, suppliers and vendors will benefit from the shorter lead times, reduced shipping costs and easier access to Archroma Color Management's full portfolio including the award-winning Color Atlas by Archroma, supported through Lilienweiss' local team of specialists.

Chris Hipps, Head of Archroma Color Management said: “Archroma and Lilienweiss share the same vision: helping brands, designers and retailers significantly reduce the time and costs associated with developing colors. By offering direct, local access to our solutions in Europe, we enable customers to win

in their markets while minimizing environmental impact. Working with a trusted partner like Lilienweiss is a win-win for brands and their suppliers.”

The dedicated color management service available in Europe is designed to deliver sustainable and feasible color with greater speed and efficiency, thereby allowing brands and designers to focus on their color inspiration and required functionality and sustainability for their end article. They can be assured that their inspiration can be precisely communicated and efficiently executed at the mill.

“With our unique setup in Stuttgart, and home to the only textile color management service provider in Europe with both a dyeing laboratory and color standard production, Lilienweiss is closely connected to the inspiration, creativity and production teams of Europe's fashion, home and textile industries,” Peter Maier, CEO and Head of Color Management at Lilienweiss, commented. “Together with Archroma, we now offer the world's largest network for color management solutions, including color development, validated color standards, digital and hardcopy color libraries, and onsite technical support. We are proud to be a partner of Archroma Color Management.” ■ ■ ■