

### FPE Site Operations brings Preston's Fish Market back to its former glory

Preston City Council have now awarded FPE Site Operations the contract to restore phase two, the 1875 Market canopy, a £680,000 contract after the restoration of Preston's Fish Market canopy, a £385,000 contract. FPE Site Operations are currently working towards the completion of phase one involving the restoration of the Fish Market canopy.

Roger Speakman, FPE Site Operations Director said "Investigative work took place last summer to the 90 year old grade II listed structure, which was in need of repair and restoration. We examined the columns that hold up the canopy to understand the full extent of work and proposed a solution. We have installed a rain water draining system, jet washed the canopy with a high temperature, before grit blasting the columns."

He further said "We are delighted to be awarded the contract for the refurbishment of the historic grade II-listed 1875 Market canopy following on from our work on restoring the Fish Market canopy. We will continue to utilize our unique skill set and experience restoring many listed structures around the country, to provide a refurbished structure that will last well into the future.'

### MULTIVAC: Centrifuge Feeder

MULTIVAC has developed a hygienic and efficient solution, which is also gentle on the product, for the automated infeeding, loading, and packing of straight and uniform sausages.

The MULTIVAC Centrifuge Feeder (MCF) can be integrated seamlessly into packaging lines and enables handling costs to be reduced by up to 60 % when compared with manual loading.

The solution comprises of five high-performance components: the sausages are transported via an inclined conveyor to the centrifuge plate that is constantly turning. There they are orientated at the outside edge of the plate by the centrifugal force and are taken up individually



### Stefan Scheiber is the new CEO of Bühler

As announced a year ago, Stefan Scheiber is now CEO of Bühler. He succeeds Calvin Grieder, who will focus on his role as Chairman of the Board. "In order to continue the success story of Bühler, we want to seize the opportunities of accelerated change presented by megatrends such as digitization, safe feed and food, and sustainability," said Stefan Scheiber at the occasion of the CEO handover. As a result of this change, additional executive positions in the Grains & Food business have been reassigned.

The appointment of Stefan Scheiber stands for continuity and accelerated change at Bühler. Stefan Scheiber (50, Swiss) has been with the solution provider for industrial process technologies since 1988. In the course of his 25-year career, he has led various sales and production organizations at all management levels in Kenya, South Africa, Germany, and Switzerland. "With our portfolio of solutions and our global presence in over 140 countries, we are strongly positioned in the important growth markets of food and mobility," says Stefan Scheiber. "The aim now is to transform this position into further profitable growth."

Calvin Grieder, who has been serving as CEO since 2000 and additionally acted as Chairman of the Board of Bühler since 2014, will focus on his position as Chairman. Johannes Wick took charge as CEO of Grains & Food as of April 1, 2016, and is now also a member of Bühler's Executive Board. Johannes Wick joined the Bühler Group as head of the Grain Milling business unit in 2014. Previously, he held various management positions in the global energy and infrastructure industry for more than 20 years. ♦

from the centrifuge ring. Then a V conveyor transports them to a downstream compartment conveyor that carries each product, individually and precisely aligned in a separate compartment, to the han-

dling module. There the gripper picks up the desired number of sausages and loads them into the pack cavity.

Up to 600 sausages per minute can be gently separated and loaded by the MULTIVAC Centrifuge Feeder. The output of the MCF can be adjusted as required via the rotation speed of 30 to 60 revolutions per minute. If even greater volumes are required, it is possible to use several of these modules on one packaging machine, so that virtually any capacity can be scaled up. This solution can be used very flexibly, and it is suitable for single-layer and multi-layer packs with any number and orientation of sausages.



All the components are produced in the MULTIVAC Hygienic Design™ and can therefore be cleaned simply and reliably. Due to the automated process, human contact with the delicate products is also minimized thus leading to cost effectiveness as well

### Unilever calls for collective efforts for sustainability in Pakistan

Unilever Pakistan in a recent announcement at a round table conference, organized at a local hotel has called for collective action as a means of enhancing the positive impact of social & economic development and climate change efforts across the country.

The announcement was made, as part of Unilever's annual update on sustainability efforts in Pakistan. The update was a means of providing an insight into the role of sustainable business practices for Unilever's growth as well as the positive impact on consumers and environment.

The session also included presentations by representatives of Google Pakistan, Plan International, Standard Chartered Bank and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who emphasized the need for collaborative action to increase the impact of various development projects that these organizations have initiated across the country.

Shazia Syed, Chairperson and CEO, Unilever Pakistan, emphasized said, "Sustainability lies at the heart of how we do business at Unilever. Each day we strive to create a brighter future for consumers, customers and communities. Unilever's global sustainability initiatives are driven by the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan, which aims to make sustainable living commonplace, through three key ambitions, Improving Health & Well-being, Reducing Environmental Impact and Enhancing Livelihoods.

Since 2011, Unilever's efforts in Pakistan have resulted in key achievements such as reaching 68 million people across through initiatives for hand washing (Lifebuoy), healthy snacking (Knorr and Blue Band) and access to clean water (Pure it) as well as the empowerment of

### Sidel helps produce the world's lightest PET bottle for edible oil

Sidel, the French-headquartered PET bottle maker has produced the world's lightest 900 milliliter PET bottle for edible oil. Working with Brazilian oil producer Algar Agro, Sidel reduced the weight of the bottle by 22 % to 14 grams.

The resulting light weighting has cut the cost of production, packaging and transportation of the finished article, and lowered the total cost of ownership of the production equipment.

According to Sidel Team, it was chosen as the preferred supplier because of its experience and expertise, as well as the actual proposals presented to Algar Agro during the initial discussions to lightweight the bottle."

Edney Valente Lima Filho, a project manager with Algar Agro, said, "We put together the best industry suppliers and this is reflected in the project results.

"The success of Sidel was assured by the know-how demonstrated during the negotiation to propose and ensure the new bottle for vegetable oil the lightest in the world."

over 7,400 men and women across rural Pakistan through livelihood programs such as 'Guddi Baji' and 'Wall's Trike's.

### GEA donates EUR 25,000 to protect Syrian child refugees

GEA has recently donated EUR 25,000 to a project started by German aid organization UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe (UN Refugee Relief) to protect Syrian child refugees in Jordan. The UNHCR-backed project aims to supply Syrian refugee families with their basic needs and to allow child refugees to attend school.

"The financial support for families not only allows necessary educational materials to be purchased, it is also a vital step towards effectively fighting child labor because it helps ensure that children no longer have to contribute to the family income.

Additionally, education is an important precondition for the future success of this generation," says Jürg Oleas, Chairman of the Executive Board of GEA.

UNHCR is working with its partners to secure healthcare for child refugees, to modernize school facilities, to strengthen the Jordanian education system and to allow as many child refugees as possible to attend school.

UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe is the German donation partner for UNHCR, the refugee relief agency of the United Nations. Since 1980, it has promoted relief efforts for

refugees at home and abroad. Today, the UNHCR is active in over 125 countries and is one of the world's largest relief agencies. For its efforts to support refugees, the UNHCR has twice been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

### Nestlé launches employee relations' body

Nestlé Pakistan has launched Employee Relations Lahore Chapter. There are such forums already working in Karachi but such an interactive forum had not existed in Lahore. Nestlé Pakistan has decided to take advantage of the opportunity and provide a platform that would serve as a source of learning and collaboration and develop market synergies.

Participating organizations includes Coca Cola, Unilever, Fatima Group, ICI, Fauji Fresh & Freeze, Mitchells, Sufi Group, Descon, National Foods and Packages Ltd. Akmal Saeed, Head of HR, Nestlé; Haroon Waheed, Head of HR Fatima Group; Ms. Najam UI Saher, Nestlé Corporate Employee Relations Manager; Adnan Kherati, HR Manager, ICI; and Shama Jabir, HR Business Partner Employee Relations, Coca-Cola spoke on the occasion.

Akmal Saeed said, "ER forms the backbone of every organization and if managed with transparency, honesty and keen interest, it leads to the success of the organization. ♦