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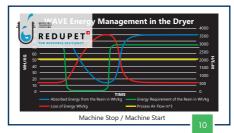












### WHY PETPLANET





A small selection of diverse container designs moulded by ASB machines in various resins.

Nissei ASB Machine Co., Ltd. was founded in Japan in 1978, shortly after the birth of the global PET container industry, for manufacture and sales of its original ASB Series, 4-station 1-Step PET injection stretch blow moulding machines.

Since day one, ASB has placed huge emphasis on driving the PET container market through innovative machine, mould and process design that, over the years, has led to a swathe of unique patents and specialised machine types with the greatest versatility of mouldable container designs and resins achieved by any player in the industry.

Although ASB continues to develop its original 4-station machines for diverse 1-step moulding, it also has a wide portfolio of specialised and high output models that offer solutions for many other applications including competing with 2-step moulding.

With the continually growing emphasis on sustainability, through the development of key proprietary technologies such as Zero Cooling and Vison1, ASB has paid particular attention to energy reduction, networking



ASB-70DPH/50E – newly introduced for even greater sustainability utilizing Zero Cooling & Vision1 technologies.

and data acquisition for increased production efficiency, enhanced container quality enabling lighter weights, recyclable resins as well as industry leading returnable and refillable containers. ASB's sales currently account for a 60% share of the global 1-step ISBM market, with sales turnover growth of 10% per annum. For 47 years ASB has achieved an unbroken lead in the market while remaining under the guidance of its original founder, making it the longest-lived, most experienced & stable company in the industry.

www.nisseiasb.co.jp



## **BERICAP:**The closure company

BERICAP is a leading global manufacturer of plastic and aluminium closures, with 30 production plants serving customers in over 100 countries worldwide across industries such as beverages, food, and industrial applications. With specialised R&D centers and its own mould shop, BERICAP is ideally equipped to develop innovative and climate-friendly closures and to support its customers' success with a comprehensive product portfolio.



At this year's Drinktec in Munich, will showcase their latest beverage innovations, such as the Monet and Biarritz sport caps, designed for ease of use and enhanced recyclability. Both sport caps have been fully industrialised across all relevant neck finishes – including the new GME 30.40, which offers significant potential for material savings. The silicone-free BERICAPValve is available as an optional feature for several models.

In the dairy segment, BERICAP offers closure solutions for PET and carton packaging, ensuring compliance with European regulations and providing excellent



user convenience. For the wines and spirits industry, tamper-proof and customisable closures not only ensure product safety but also serve as powerful branding tools at the point of sale.

BERICAP is dedicated to resource conservation through the development of lightweight designs and where appropriate the use of biobased and recycled materials. The mono-material design approach reduces the complexity in the recycling process and thus supports closed-loop material cycles.

BERICAP's mission is to lead innovation in the closure industry by delivering consumerfocused solutions aligned with current and future requirements. The company's portfolio will be presented at Drinktec.

www.bericap.com



### drinktec



drinktec is the world's leading trade fair for the beverage and liquid food industry.

Global market leaders, technology pioneers, and newcomers will gather to present innovations, exchange knowledge, and shape the future of the industry. The entire value chain will meet to shape the future of production, packaging, logistics, and marketing across all beverage categories from water, beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, juice, dairy, and liquid food.



Liquidrome – the new hotspot for knowledge exchange and networking at drinktec 2025 in hall C4 – offers an immersive experience with groundbreaking keynotes and panel discussions on the Wave Stage, in-depth peer-to-peer exchanges in the Deep Dive Lounge, and fresh ideas from rising stars

in the Startup Zone. Visitors can discover innovative beverage concepts at the Health Bar, join Guided Tours on hot industry topics, celebrate excellence at award ceremonies followed by relaxed sundowners, and explore the latest research on the Science Wall. The supporting programme at drinktec 2025 focuses three key topics - Circularity & Resource Management, Data2Value, and Lifestyle & Health.

The Innovation Guide highlights technologies and exhibitors driving the innovations, while the New Beverage Concept area in hall C3 showcases latest ideas and ingredients that respond to emerging consumer trends.

drinktec is a global hub where ideas turn into action and where the beverage and liquid food industry collectively works toward a sustainable, data-driven, and consumer-focused future on a truly international scale.

Be part of it and shape the future of the industry.

www.drinktec.com



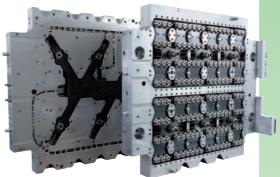


## HRC – Precision and sustainability in PET hot runner refurbishment and spare parts

HRC is a lean, fast-growing family business in Győr, Hungary, specialising in refurbishment and spare parts for PET hot runners. Founded in 2006 by brothers Árpád and Tamás Horváth, the company has built a reputation for precision, reliability, and customer focus across more than 35 countries.

With a state-of-the-art, custom-built workshop equipped with the latest technologies, HRC has refurbished over 150 hot runners ranging from 2 to 144 cavities, including multilayer systems. Their approach is lean yet robust, ensuring customers' expectations are consistently met.

The company's philosophy is simple: zero compromise on quality. Every incoming and manufactured part undergoes strict inspection to guarantee flawless performance. This meticulous attention to detail has earned HRC the trust of some of the most demanding multinational clients, who reward the company year after year with top supplier ratings.



Strong partnerships with leading spare part suppliers further ensure consistent quality and long service life, always prioritising functionality and reliability over cost savings.

Sustainability is equally central to HRC's mission. The entire operation is fully energy self-sufficient, powered by renewable sources – underlining their commitment not only to customers' performance but also to the future of the industry.

From two brothers' vision to a trusted global partner, HRC continues to grow while staying true to its values: quality, efficiency and sustainability.





### Maintaining value, creating value

Netstal stands for the world's leading highperformance injection moulding technology. The Netstal brand goes back to our founding location of the same name in the canton of Glarus, Switzerland. Netstal employs over 500 people at its headquarters with production facility in Näfels and in the international subsidiaries. Netstal has been part of the Krones Group since 2024.

Netstal offers manufacturing companies in the packaging industry, the beverage industry and medical technology high-performance machines that work extremely efficiently, with absolute precision and maximum reliability. Netstal continuously develops these solutions and consciously use innovative technologies. This is because the company feels that they share responsibility for ensuring that its customers produce efficiently and sustainably.



moulding machines from the Elios and Elion series with clamping forces between 800 and 10,000 kN, the PET-Line preform system for up to 192 cavities and turnkey system solutions from a single source. The quality management is certified in accordance with ISO 9001 and our accredited calibration laboratory meets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

www.netstal.com



## ① Otto Hofstetter

### **Excellence in injection mould engineering**



Recognised in the market for precision, durability, and reliability, Otto Hofstetter AG has been manufacturing high-performance injection moulds since 1955. As a Swiss family-owned company, the company has specialised in PET preform moulds since 1977, delivering solutions that meet the highest demands in the industry.

Today the PET division supplies both topentry and side-entry moulds from 2 to 200 cavities. Equipped with the proven Cavity-Lock technology, these moulds achieve a service life exceeding 20 years. Thanks to precision engineering and advanced surface treatments like OH-Xtreme, they reach availability rates of up to 98%. Many run for over 25 million cycles without major maintenance, ensuring low total cost of ownership.

Solutions such as OH-Xchange reduce hot runner replacement downtime from 20 to just 2 days. Technologies like OH-Xcool optimise cooling cycles, cutting production times by up to 15%, while OH-Xblow extends cleaning intervals by up to 75%. These features help reduce energy consumption

and material use, supporting both economic and environmental goals. Otto Hofstetter's Second Life programme extends mould lifecycles by refurbishing and certifying used moulds with a 12-month warranty.

Otto Systems, the sister company, focuses on specialised applications beyond the mass market. Backed by over 40 years of expertise, they provide complete production systems designed for maximum efficiency and reliability. Their portfolio includes the PET-Series, offering flexible and modular solutions built on 160-, 240-, and 320-ton platforms. Additionally, the HOD-Series is the only system specifically designed for largeformat preforms with high shot weights.



Beyond PET, the PAC and MED divisions supply thin-wall packaging, cartridges, and medical applications. These moulds meet the highest standards for cleanroom production, surface quality, and regulatory compliance, serving leading brands in the food, cosmetics, and healthcare industries.

www.otto-hofstetter.swiss





POLYMETRIX is specialised in the development of innovative technologies for the thermal treatment of plastics and the design and supply of complete polymer processing plants on an EPCm basis. The main applications are vPET, rPET, PA and other polycondensates as well as the deodorisation of polyolefins.

With more than 40 years of dedicated experience, POLYMETRIX has become the global expert in the field of Solid State Polycondensation (SSP) technology. The cost-effective technology is widely used for enhancing the viscosity of polycondensates as well as the decontamination for foodgrade quality of recycling plastics.



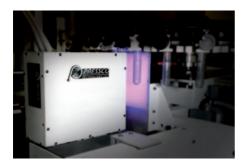


The experience of POLYMETRIX comprises more than 700 plants for the thermal treatment of polymers including installations for 34 million tons per annum for vPET and 2.5 million per annum for rPET production.

Recently POLYMETRIX successfully startedup an integrated bottle bales to rPET food grad pellet plant in Japan. The POLYMETRIX recycling technology is known to deliver leading quality rPET in terms of purity, color and a wide range of IV grades.

www.polymetrix.com





FILTEC and PRESSCO are leaders in rigid container inspection technologies. For over 65 years, FILTEC has provided fill line quality assurance inspection solutions for customers in the food and beverage packaging industries around the world. PRESSCO has over 50 years' experience providing metal can and plastic bottle inspection solutions for converters and fillers worldwide.

Together, FILTEC and PRESSCO offer a complete, end-to-end quality inspection suite of solutions to improve line efficiency, support sustainability initiatives, optimise productivity, reduce costly waste and line downtime, connect to vital business data, and protect product quality. The partnership of FILTEC and PRESSCO is the result of the creation of the Kestrel Vision group, a global leader in quality inspection solutions for rigid packaging. The collaboration of PRESSCO and FILTEC has many benefits, including access to a large pool of global engineering and service professionals, and the capacity to offer combined solutions from both companies' product portfolios.



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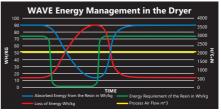
# ReduPET GmbH – Driving innovation and efficiency in PET preform systems

ReduPET GmbH was founded in 2018 in Glarus, Switzerland, by Stefan Bock, who brings nearly 40 years of experience in plastic hollow-body production and more than 30 years of application expertise in the PET industry.

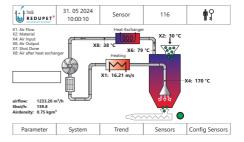
The company focuses on the interplay of all system components in preform production to achieve maximum energy efficiency, minimal PET consumption, and consistently high preform quality. Such holistic consideration of the entire system remains rare in the industry, yet it is essential for sustainable and costeffective production.

At the heart of this approach is the drying process, which has a decisive impact on energy demand, preform quality, and material waste. Recognising this, ReduPET developed its own breakthrough technology: the SuperBooster. Designed specifically for the challenges of rPET processing, the SuperBooster enables exceptionally gentle and efficient drying without damaging the material – a critical factor in advancing circular economy goals.

To make the drying process fully transparent, ReduPET also created WAVE (Waste Analysis and Visualisation of Energy). WAVE provides precise, user-friendly monitoring of dryer efficiency without requiring in-depth prior knowledge. To date, no dryer manufacturer offers such a tool, despite the sharp rise in



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energy costs and the widespread reality that most dryers in operation run suboptimally, with operators left unaware of their inefficiencies.

Beyond drying technology, ReduPET designs and delivers high-performance cooling systems tailored to each preform design.

With more than 50 systems already supplied – ranging from 32-cavity to 144-cavity setups – customers worldwide value the company's ability to optimise cooling for both performance and efficiency.

In addition, ReduPET regularly conducts in-house training programs on efficiency optimization and is frequently consulted as an independent expert in PET industry disputes, valued for providing sound and technically grounded assessments.

Through this unique combination of decades of expertise, proprietary innovation, and a holistic systems approach, ReduPET GmbH is setting new benchmarks for energy efficiency, sustainability, and quality in PET preform production.

www.redupet.swiss

### VISITS TO DATE (AS OF SEPT. 2025)







































CEO Benoît Sanchez (right) and Sales Director
Olivier Perche (left)

At 1 BLOW, where we met CEO Benoît Sanchez and Sales Director Olivier Perche, the company is advancing stretch blow moulding solutions. Founded from ADS in 2010, it employs 40 staff and exports 90% of 245 machines. Its new magnetic-track preform slide system improves energy efficiency, reduces waste, and supports circular economy principles through modular, precise, and flexible production.

www.1blow.com

### France: SGT Plastique CEO Romain Clearebout

SGT Group in Rezé, where we visited the new plant, produces PET preforms and food-grade rPET under CEO Romain Clearebout. Around 40% of preforms leave the factory with rPET content, produced in-house via an energy-efficient liquid state polycondensation (LSP) process. Short transport routes, high-quality sorting, and precise mixing of rPET and virgin PET support sustainability and circularity across the group's operations.

www.sgt-pet.com





### France: PDG Plastiques

F.I.t.r.: François Desfretier, CEO and Philippe Blonda, Business Development

PDG Plastiques in France, where we met François Desfretier, CEO, and Philippe Blonda, Business Development, serves customers with challenging projects. Its highly specialised machine park handles preforms and bottles with varying rPET content, mixed in a dedicated station. Recent projects include reducing material in 20L container bases, showcasing PDG's commitment to lightweighting, sustainability, and efficient rPET processing.

www.pdg-plastiques.com



### Spain: Retal Iberia

GM Ms Ester Masó Donadeu (right) and Chief Sustainability Officer Emmanuel Duffaut

We visited RETAL Iberia, where we met GM Ms Ester Masó Donadeu and Chief Sustainability Officer Emmanuel Duffaut. RETAL increased preform production tenfold, invested in rPET mixing and lightweighting (33 g  $\rightarrow$  22 g), and strengthened sustainability practices -earning ISO50001 certification and a record EcoVadis Bronzedemonstrating its commitment to circular economy and energy-efficient, responsible plastic packaging.

www.retalgroup.com

#### Spain: MachinePoint

CEO César Rodríguez Gabilondo (right)

At MachinePoint, we met CEO César Rodríguez Gabilondo to explore sustainable solutions in used machinery. Specialising in beverage and plastics systems, the company brokers, ships, and installs equipment worldwide. By giving machines a second life through expert advice and global networks, MachinePoint promotes circular-economy practices, reduces environmental impact, and helps medium-sized companies optimise production efficiently and responsibly.

www.machinepoint.com





### Spain: Alpla Inden Pharma

CEO Juan Guillem González

In a joint venture since 2023, Alpla Inden Pharma combines Alpla and Inden Pharma's expertise in pharmaceutical packaging. We met CEO Juan Guillem González, who highlighted production across six cleanrooms using extrusion-blow, injection-blow, and injection-stretch-blow methods. With 1.5 billion units planned in 2025, the company ensures consistent, high-quality packaging while supporting efficient, precise, and sustainable pharma manufacturing.

www.alplapharma.com



### Switzerland: Seitz Valve

F.I.t.r.: CMO Rico Schöni and Marketing Manager Angel Xiao

Seitz Valve in Switzerland, where we met CMO Rico Schöni and Marketing Manager Angel Xiao, specialises in industrial valves for stretch blow moulding systems. The company optimises compressed air use, reduces dead space, and ensures consistent quality for rPET bottles. Through intelligent, energy-efficient valves, Seitz supports sustainable PET production while serving OEMs worldwide with tailored, high-precision solutions.

www.seitz.ch

## **Germany: Hochschule Geisenheim University**

Prof. Dr Ralf Schweiggert (right) and Dipl.-Ing. Michael Ludwig (left)

Visiting the new 4,000 m² Beverage
Technology Centre (GTZ) at Hochschule
Geisenheim University, we met Prof. Dr Ralf
Schweiggert and Dipl.-Ing. Michael Ludwig.
The facility's versatile Vipoll Small-in-One
filler enables sustainable, precise beverage
preservation and rPET analysis under
practical conditions. GTZ combines teaching
and research, supporting circular-economy
solutions while training students in advanced
process engineering and beverage technology.

www.hs-geisenheim.de





#### Switzerland: Hertex

CEO Jerry A. Herculeijns (right) and COO Marcel Illien (left)

Visiting Hertex, we met CEO Jerry A. Herculeijns and COO Marcel Illien to discuss a widening rPET–vPET price gap. As of June 2025 virgin PET trades ~€1,000/t while rPET reaches €1,800/t, making on-site rPET production - via Eco Polymers' 36,000 t/a capacity and advanced sorting - key to competitiveness and circular-economy resilience.

www.hertex.ch



Germany: Kreyenborg

CEO Udo Gielen (left) and Technical Sales Manager Marcus Vogt (middle)

At Kreyenborg's Senden facility, we met CEO Udo Gielen and Technical Sales Manager Marcus Vogt. The company has developed infrared rotary drum (IRD) technology for over 20 years, enabling energy-efficient, uniform drying and crystallisation of virgin and recycled PET. The system achieves high purity, FDA/ EFSA-compliant rPET, supporting circular economy and sustainable plastics processing worldwide.

www.kreyenborg.com

#### **UK: Avient**

Marco Schaefer, Senior Marketing Manager, Adam Parsons, Site Manager, and Adrian Carmichael, R&D Director

Visiting Avient's Knowsley facility, PETplanet met Senior Marketing Manager Marco Schaefer, Site Manager Adam Parsons, and R&D Director Adrian Carmichael. The company develops material solutions, enabling circularity through lightweighting, energy-efficient production, and post-consumer recyclate use. With EcoVadis Silver, CDP A-, and EU Horizon projects, Avient drives sustainable plastics innovation and reduces environmental impact across its global operations.

www.avient.com



### **Germany: CHT**

Xiaohui Dong, Technical Manager (left) and Annegret Vester, CSO (middle)

CHT in Tübingen, Germany, is a company that develops PET recycling aids such as Tubiwash, Tubifoam, and Tubiwet, while exploring biobased, potentially food-contact-safe chemistry. We met Technical Manager Xiaohui Dong and CSO Dr Annegret Vester. EcoVadis-rated and SBTi-validated, CHT targets net-zero by 2045, embedding sustainability across suppliers, operations, and circular-economy initiatives.

www.cht.com





Belgium: PETCORE EUROPE Antonello Ciotti, Chairman of PETCORE EUROPE

In Brussels we met Antonello Ciotti, Chairman of PETCORE EUROPE. PETCORE is the association representing the complete PET value chain in Europe, from PET manufacture to conversion into packaging and recycling, and other related activities. The association is at the forefront of working with all stakeholders to ensure the sustainable growth of PET as a packaging material of choice, and to further increase post-consumer PET collection and recycling.

www.petcore-europe.org



**Belgium: Plarebel** 

Manon Marlier, Expert Recycling & Circular Plastics at Plarebel

Plarebel is a non-profit organisation founded in 1999 as a technical knowledge center for plastics circularity and has since grown into a key player in the circular plastics value chain. In Belgium, Plarebel is supporting Fost Plus, the approved organisation responsible for Extended Producer Responsibility for household packaging, in making plastic-containing household packaging waste circular.

www.plarebel.be



### **Belgium: UNESDA**

Nicholas Hodac, General Director at UNESDA Soft Drinks Europe (left) and Inês Rebelo, Senior Communications Manager (right)

Established in 1958, UNESDA Soft Drinks
Europe is the Brussels-based trade
association representing the non-alcoholic
beverages sector. Its membership comprises
12 companies and 27 national associations
from across Europe. UNESDA members are
involved in the production and/or distribution
of a wide variety of non-alcoholic beverages
including still drinks, carbonated drinks, energy
drinks, iced teas, flavoured waters and sports
drinks.

www.unesda.eu



### **Luxembourg: Husky**

Pedro Oliveira, Business Manager Sustainability and Recycling Solutions at Husky Injection Molding Systems (left) and team

Husky delivers industry-leading injection moulding machines and systems engineered for maximum productivity and superior part quality. Since 1953, engineering excellence has set the standard for performance, efficiency, and reliability in plastic processing. Husky produces integrated systems for moulding PET preforms, closures, packaging, and specialised applications.

www.husky.co



### **Belgium: Atlas Copco**

Kris Vermeulen, Global Product Manager PET, Air & Nitrogen, Division: Air & Gas Applications, Atlas Copco Airpower N.V. (left) and his team

Atlas Copco Group develops innovative solutions across business areas including air compression, vacuum, industrial, and power techniques. With a global portfolio of 70+ brands, Atlas Copco Group enables technology that transforms the future.

www.atlascopcogroup.com



#### **Netherlands: Holland Colours**

Coen Vinke, CEO Holland Colours (left) and Xandra van Turnhout, Head of Global Marketing & Communication Holland Colours (right)

From a modest brick shed in the Netherlands to a global presence, Holland Colours' 450+ employee-owners prioritise personal service. Holland Colours collaboratively design innovative, sustainable solutions, supplying custom colourants' and additives tailored. The concept of ESG – Environmental, Social and Governance monitoring and reporting Holland Colours has aligned itself with this change. ESG represents an evolution from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitments, something that Holland Colours has always been strongly committed to.

www.hollandcolours.com

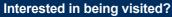


# BACK TO CHINA 2026

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The PETplanet worldwide round trip

We at PETplanet are excited to announce our upcoming "Back to China" Editour, revisitina the dvnamic PET manufacturing scene that we first explored a decade ago. China has transformed even more impressively since our last visit, cementing its status as a global powerhouse with unmatched production capacity, pioneering technologies, and bold sustainability initiatives. From advances in lightweighting and barrier solutions to thriving rPET and circular economy efforts, the industry's evolution is remarkable. Join us as we reconnect with this vibrant market, meet leading manufacturers, and gain firsthand insights into the innovations and expansions shaping the future of PET bottle production.



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2011: "Go to Brau Beviale" – Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan (cooperation with Brau Beviale exhibition Nuremberg, Germany)

2012: "Go to Brau Beviale" – Russia, Ukraine, Poland (cooperation with Brau Beviale exhibition Nuremberg, Germany)

2013: "Go with the flow" – Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil (cooperation with Drinktec exhibition Munich, Germany)

**2014:** "Go to Brau Beviale" – Italy, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, Portugal (cooperation with Brau Beviale exhibition Nuremberg, Germany)

2015: "The North American Road Show" – Canada, USA (cooperation with NPE exhibition Orlando, USA)

**2016:** "The China Road Show" - China, Hong Kong (cooperation with China Brew

China Beverage exhibition Shanghai, China)

2017: "Go with the flow" – Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, Laos (cooperation with Drinktec exhibition Munich, Germany)

2018: "The North American Road Show" – Canada, USA (cooperation with NPE exhibition Orlando, USA)

2019: "The India Road Show" - India (cooperation with Drink Technology Delhi/ Mumbai, India)

**2020:** "Let Your Inspiration Flow" - Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan (cooperation with Drinktec exhibition Munich, Germany)

2021 & 2023: "Let Your Inspiration Flow - Part 2" - Europe (cooperation with Drinktec exhibition Munich, Germany)

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