

++ **WARBURTONS ACQUIRES GILES FOODS**

Warburtons Limited from Bolton has acquired Giles Foods Limited in Blakelands, both UK, a manufacturer of unbranded specialty bread such as garlic breads, dough balls, French and Italian breads and pastries, tarts and buns. The products are sold to retailers, restaurants, pub chains and catering companies. It is the first acquisition for more than 20 years. The family-run business Gildes Foods employs 300 people across two sites in Milton Keynes and Warminster, and has an annual turnover of GBP 26m (approx. EUR 30.4m). The company will remain as a separate business, with the current management team staying in place.

www.warburtons.co.uk +++

++ **NETHERLANDS: SUNDAY OPENING HOURS UNDER DISCUSSION**

The First Chamber of the Dutch parliament (Senate) has declared by a majority that in future local authorities can decide for themselves whether or not the retail will be allowed to open

on Sundays. Local authorities are to be permitted to allow the opening twelve times a year. The plan is for it to be even more frequent in popular tourist destinations. +++

++ **ROBERTS BAKERY SELLS GLUTEN-FREE DAVIES BAKERY**

Frank Roberts and Sons Ltd in Northwich, UK, has sold its gluten-free baking business Davies Bakery in Cheshire to US business Boulder Brands, Inc. in Paramus, New Jersey. The company will set up a subsidiary in the UK under the name Boulder Brands UK and will include its Udi's Gluten Free Foods brand in it, so that around 50 Udi's products will be manufactured and distributed within the UK. The deal is estimated to be worth GBP 310m (EUR 363m).

www.frank-roberts.co.uk +++

++ **AUSTRALIA: BREAD PRODUCTION MARKET TO INCREASE IN 2013**

In 2012–2013, industry revenue within the Australian bread production market has been forecast to increase by 5.2%, to reach a valuation of AUD 3.01bn

(approx. EUR 2.22bn). This is reported by the British news portal Companies-andmarkets.com. The company explains that the growth is due to the rise of health and nutrition-conscious consumers. The bread business is an important market factor in down-under, with supermarket chains accounting for 62% of the total market share for the volume of bread sold. This sector is primarily supplied by in-house private label brands (including in-store bakeries), and brands under the two key manufacturers, Goodman Fielder Limited from Sydney and George Weston Foods Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated British Foods Plc in London, UK. The remaining 38% are a combination of other independent bread stores and bakery chains such as Bakers Delight, Melbourne, who holds the greatest market share of 14%. All in all, the forecast of the revenue within the Australian bread production market sees an annual growth by 1.9% in the next five years, to total AUD 3.3bn in 2017–18 (approx. EUR 2.44bn). +++

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New management at the AIBI

In early June 2013 the AIBI (Association Internationale de la Boulangerie Industrielle, International Association of Plant Bakers) held its 33rd Congress in Amsterdam, the secret capital of the Netherlands. The extensive program, presented by outgoing President Albert Schipper and General Secretary Susanne Döring, was an informative mixture of facts and figures about the European baked goods market and an examination of the changes in consumer behavior. A bicycle tour to local baker's shops, a canal cruise and a visit to West India House rounded off the program. As always, the opening session was the General Assembly, whose agenda this year also included new elections.

The new President of the AIBI is George Mavromaras, President of Bakehellas in Metamorfoosi, Greece, and his Deputies are Jean-Manuel Levêque of Délifrance S.A., Paris, France, and Joseph Street of the British Federation of Bakers. Armin Juncker from the German Association of Wholesale Bakeries e.V., Düsseldorf, Germany, remains as Treasurer. You will be able to read an interview with the new President and a summary of the most important lectures in the next issue. The next AIBI Congress will take place in Athens, Greece, in 2015.

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From left: Jean-Manuel Levêque, George Mavromaras, Armin Juncker, Joseph Street

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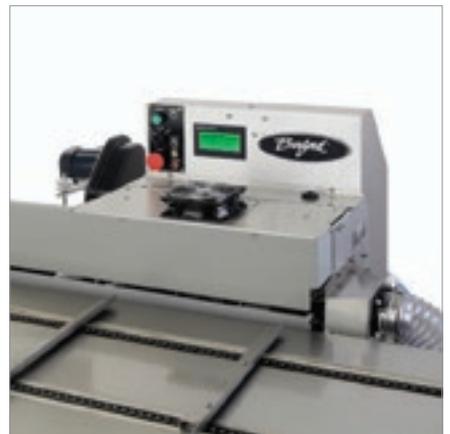
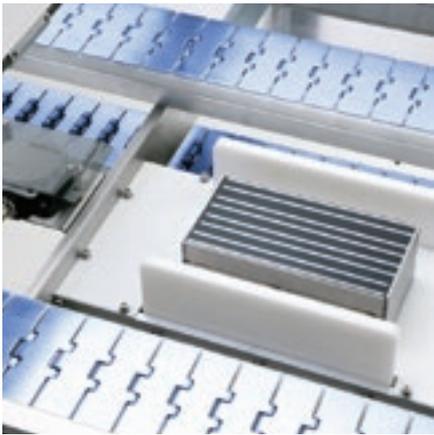
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