

++ END OF THE ROAD FOR DAYLI?

Reports are flying thick and fast about Rudolf Haberleitner's ambitious concept by which he wanted to revolutionize the retail in Austria with his dayli convenience neighborhood Stores on former Schlecker sites. Major Investor Novamatic quit following a dispute over Sunday opening times. Haberleitner laid responsibility for the stress around Sunday opening at the door of the unions, who had flooded him with complaints after he attempted to use the catering concession to push through Sunday opening. Haberleitner has now announced the closure of 180 sites because the dispute with the union has cost him double-digit millions in unplanned losses. He also said the banks had shown little cooperation and even the Austrian press had contributed to the threatening failure, alleging that their reports of the concept had been mainly negative. Rudolf Haberleitner announced at the same time that a new investor might be waiting in the wings as early as this week. He said the checking of the books had already been completed by one potential investor, and a second was still working on it. Allegedly both are from abroad. The to and fro in Austria does not seem to be influencing Haberleitner's plans for Germany. For example the Lebensmittel Zeitung (food newspaper) quoted him as saying that the financing problems in Austria are currently not affecting the German market. However, there is still no firm date for Dayli to open in Germany, which has already been postponed several times.

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++ FLEXIBLE AND HYGIENIC BAG DISCHARGE

The Bühler AG, Uzwil, Switzerland, has introduced a new discharge station which is designed in a modular way. It is versatile and flexible and is therefore available as a tipping station for bags as well as a combined discharge station for bags and big bags. Different hoist frames allow for customized solutions with regard to the big bag placement: Besides ceiling mounting, a standard option and a compact version for lower

building heights can be ordered as well, it is reported in a press release. In regard to hygienic design the Bühler discharge station has a fine surface finish and wide angles, so that product deposits are prevented. The design is completely closed and sealed, i.e. no loose connections such as screws and nuts are inside the hopper. A magnet and



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sieves with different screen openings ensure that no foreign material find their way into the product stream. Additionally, the flow rate can be easily adapted by using a height-adjustable hopper. The pneumatic rocker activates the product and therefore allows for an full discharge of the big bag.

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++ RONDO: DR. WITZAK SUCCEEDS ROHRER

The current CEO of the RONDO Burgdorf AG, Robert Rohrer, will move over to the Board of Directors, so that the operational management of the international RONDO Group will, in future, be the responsibility of Dr. Michael Paul Witzak. Dr. Witzak was appointed in early May 2013 as CEO in the Rondo Group and will take over the operational management in August after an intensive training program. He has years of experience in the management of medium-sized companies. Having studied electrical engineering and completed a doctorate in the field of production engineering, Dr. Witzak has worked in various positions at well-known companies in the machinery and plant engineering industry. "With Michael Witzak we have gained

an experienced leadership personality with industry knowledge who will continue the successful path of the Rondo group," said Rohrer. Rohrer will take care of strategic issues and special tasks. Rondo is a Swiss manufacturer of dough processing equipment, based in Burgdorf.

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++ CAPWAY PAN TEAMS UP WITH EVERBAKE

The Dutch group Capway is bringing its baking tray and pan business, which is combined in the Capway Pan Netherlands, Dronten, into a joint venture with the EverBake Group in Biddinghuizen, the Netherlands. Production will be concentrated at the EverBake site. The Capway Systems based in Houten, which focuses on engineering and manufacturing complete lines, will remain independent. EverBake supplies ovens, bakery machines etc. to small and medium-sized bakery businesses in Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands, and also to supermarket chains. EverBake's turnover last year was between EUR 3–4m. The size of Capway Pan's turnover is about the same, while Capway Systems reported its 2012 turnover as EUR 15–20m. The Capway Systems/Pan BV company declared insolvency in August 2012 and returned to the market a few weeks later under the new name Capway Systems Netherland BV, but with considerably fewer employees. The owner is still the founding family van Capelleveen.

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++ COOP CLOSURES BAKERY IN CHUR

The Coop Genossenschaft in Basel, Switzerland, will close its bakery site in Chur in four years. This was announced by the Südostschweiz (South-Eastern Switzerland) newspaper in late May 2013. The reason is said to be that there is a bigger demand for bread baked directly in the branches. It is said that the current workforce of 60 will be "downsized through natural fluctuation" by 2017, and an internal solution will then be sought for all the remaining employees.

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