

# Fastener NEWS REPORT

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## GLOBAL BUSINESS & MARKET INFORMATION

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#### EJOT Investing in Finland & Germany

Trust in the Finnish manufacturing industry is high at the **EJOT Group**, headquartered in Germany, as it is investing heavily in its Finnish organization, **EJOT Sormat Oy**. Celebrating 100 years, EJOT is known for its high-quality, innovative products and as a pioneer in the fastener industry. Now EJOT will invest in new machinery in Finland and in new premises and real estate to be built for EJOT Sormat Oy. With these measures, EJOT will meet the growing demand and ensure that manufacturing processes will continue to set future standards. Some 70% of EJOT Sormat Oy's production is exported. The new and modern premises will be located by a good transport connection along Road 8 near Turku. They are built entirely for EJOT Sormat Oy's current and future needs, and will meet the growth-driven requirements for product development, manufacturing and warehousing.



EJOT Group is also building a new TecCenter for the Market Unit Construction (construction fasteners) at the Bad Laasphe, Germany site. Directly next to the production site "In der Aue", the building area is already prepared. The total investment is around €8 million. According to the current schedule, the building will be finished at the start of 2023. The rectangular building has a floor area of 24 x 53 m. On the first floor, there is an area where customers can experience EJOT in 3D within an "augmented reality". The showroom offers a lounge atmosphere and products to touch. The large seminar room provides capacity for about 60 people and is completed by another large meeting room and catering facilities. [www.ejot.com](http://www.ejot.com)



#### Agrisolutions Acquires Chicago Fastener Manufacturing

**Agrisolutions**, the global leader in wear parts, components and accessories, has acquired **Chicago Fastener Manufacturing (CFM)**, University Park, IL, USA. The acquisition closed on February 3, 2022.

Chicago Fastener Manufacturing is a USA manufacturer of cold headed metal fasteners for on and off-highway applications. Product families include structural bolts, hex heads, carriage bolts, square head machine bolts, wheel bolts and plow bolts as well as various per-print specials. CFM products are a part of applications in agriculture planting, harvesting and soil management as well as construction, mining and railroad equipment. Materials include medium carbon, boron and alloy steels. "We are excited to welcome Chicago Fastener Manufacturing into the Agrisolutions family. CFM's capabilities and talented group of employees will add manufacturing capacity to help us better serve our customers in the USA," said Agrisolutions Global President, **Blair Cook**. [www.agrisolutionscorp.com](http://www.agrisolutionscorp.com) • [www.chicagofastener.com](http://www.chicagofastener.com)



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### Fabory to Acquire Fastto Nederland BV; Celebrates 75 Year Anniversary

Fabory will acquire Fastto Nederland BV from founder/owner Guido Voskamp. Fastto is a recognized fastener specialist with a relevant product portfolio and strong customer advocacy. The Fabory-Fastto combination shows a strong strategic fit with deep fastener expertise coupled with a differentiated service level and application know-how.



"Fabory is impressed by Fastto's customer intimacy. The team's enthusiastic customer focus is inspiring. It is easy to understand how Fastto has built long-standing customer relationships," says Francisco Terol, CEO.

Voskamp says, "I envisioned a fastener specialist like Fabory when I started Fastto. The combination will benefit from an extensive product range combined with relevant expertise and a differentiated service mentality to support customers in their needs for fastening solutions.

Fabory has been a specialist in fastening solutions for 75 years, and has seen a 75-year development full of events that made the company what it is today. [www.fabory.com](http://www.fabory.com)



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## Semblem® "Solutions At Work" Videos

Elmhurst, IL, USA-based Semblem Corporation is pleased to present a new mini-video series, titled, "Semblem Solutions at Work". This series will focus on the latest fastening technologies available from Semblem, many of which are less than two years old. Each video will showcase a solution to an existing fastening problem that the company's customers have faced and how a Semblem product corrected the problem.

The videos for 2022 will focus on fastening in high-strength materials, improvements to flow drilling fastener designs and new self-extruding fastener designs that increase usable thread engagement without capital intensive

installation equipment. The first video in the series is focused on difficulties using traditional thread rolling fastener in high-strength steel applications (980XG3 steel), and how the use of Rolok® HS® could eliminate these problems. The videos will appear on YouTube and on the Semblem website. [www.semblem.com](http://www.semblem.com)



## SFS achieves record results in dynamic market environment

In a market environment characterized by high demand, supply chain bottlenecks and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the SFS Group seized upon opportunities that arose in each of its segments to boost its sales by 11.0% to some CHF 1893.1 million in the year 2021, an outcome based on its ability to fill customer orders.

All end markets and regions contributed to this good growth. The result was a high level of production capacity utilization that strengthened profitability and generated an EBIT margin of 15.9%. Net income came to CHF 248.0 million. Consolidation effects contributed +0.8% to growth, and currency translation effects had a negative effect of -0.1%. As a result, sales exceeded 2019 figures and confirm SFS' good positioning throughout the cycle. [www.sfs.com](http://www.sfs.com)

## LISI Group hits financial targets in 2021

LISI Group sales in 2021 were €1163.9 million, down -5.4% from 2020. This reflects in particular the negative effects of the reduction in

inventories in the aeronautics sector. Also, key financial indicators are in line with set targets. At some €45.5 million, the comparable EBIT, before extension of depreciation periods as of January 1, 2021, stands €4.0 million higher than in 2020. And the comparable current operating margin increased by 0.5 points to 3.9% of sales (3.4% of sales in 2020).

These improvements reflect in particular the lowering of the break-even point for the second consecutive year thanks to the cost slashing actions undertaken since the start of the pandemic.

The comparable net income is up very sharply to €28.4 million vs. -€37.3 million in 2020. And free Cash-Flow is largely positive at €49.5 million.

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## Brighton-Best Announces Staff Changes

**Brighton-Best International (BBI)** announces the promotion of **Bruce Wiggins** to Warehouse Manager for the Houston, TX, USA, branch. Wiggins is going on his 17<sup>th</sup> year with BBI, and has held several positions including Assistant Manager. We are excited about the future of our Houston team and thank Bruce for taking on this new responsibility.



Brighton-Best International also congratulates **Lucie Rushton**, located in **BBI-Australia**, for her promotion to Branch Manager at



**Brighton-Best International-Melbourne**. Rushton brings extensive experience in customer solutions along with several years of experience with BBI.

Brighton-Best International also announces the appointment of **Emilio Garcia** as the new Territory Manager for the West Coast & Mexico Region. Garcia brings extensive experience to the field with his knowledge of quality assurance and fastener sales.



Please join BBI in congratulating Wiggins, Rushton and Garcia on their recent promotions.

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### European Anti-Dumping Measures on Fasteners Imported from China

The **European Commission** has published a regulation imposing anti-dumping duties on certain iron or steel fasteners imported from China. Duties have been set between 22.1% and 86.5%. The measures follow an investigation, which showed the presence of significant dumping on the market, with Chinese imports heavily undercutting European sales prices, therefore injuring the European fasteners industry.

[trade.ec.europa.eu](http://trade.ec.europa.eu)

### Würth Revcar Fasteners Leases Building for New Headquarters

Local reports say that the former **Home Shopping Network** building in Roanoke, VA, USA, has been fully leased to **Würth Revcar Fasteners, Inc.**, a **Würth Industry North America** company and part of the worldwide **Würth Group**. The 387,558 ft<sup>2</sup> distribution warehouse building

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will be the single largest Würth facility in North America and serve as the headquarters for Würth Revcar Fasteners, a full line/full-service assembly component supplier and approved Level One Fastener Distributor.

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## Simon Ward steps down from Doncasters role

Burton upon Trent, UK-based Doncasters Group has announced that Simon Ward has stepped down from his position as Divisional Managing Director of its European operations with immediate effect.

During his 17 year career with Doncasters, Simon was instrumental in the development of the Group's fabrications division prior to its divestment and supported the Group's restructuring in 2020 as Chief Commercial Officer following which he took the mantle of divisional managing director of Doncasters' European businesses. He leaves to pursue interests outside of Doncasters.



Mike Quinn, Doncasters' CEO stated, "Simon has been a valued

member of the executive leadership team. His commercial and leadership skills have been invaluable to the group and have helped position the Group's European businesses for ongoing success. On behalf of the Board as well as Simon's friends and colleagues across Doncasters Group, I'd like to wish him all the best for the future."

Doncasters European operations will report directly to CEO Quinn until a successor is appointed.

[www.doncasters.com](http://www.doncasters.com)

## Bulten sees further acquisitions as key to its growth strategy

The Board of Directors of Bulten AB has decided to retain the financial targets set at the beginning of 2020 up to 2024. To achieve these targets, acquired growth primarily in North America, along with continued increased market share in and outside of the automotive sector will be important parts of the strategy.

"We have a clear ambition to grow both organically and through acquisitions. With the addition of PSM International in 2020, we have established a strong platform for growth in Asia. The goal now is to continue our growth journey, for



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### JW Winco Publishes New Handbook

JW Winco's new handbook will support designers and engineers with the largest selection of standard parts. The handbook has the most comprehensive number of standard parts with more than 75,000 items on some 2184 pages. The printed Standard Parts Handbook is a reference tool for mechanical engineers, designers, drafters and innovators for machine and equipment builders.



[www.jwwinco.com](http://www.jwwinco.com)

### New EJOT Self-Drilling Screw

The new ETA-certified EJOFAST® JF3-Plu from EJOT has improved load-bearing capacity in timber and is available in diameters of 4.9 and 6.8 mm. The self-drilling screw is suitable for fastening profiled steel and aluminum sheets or sandwich panels to timber substructures. The single-start self-drilling screw has a tip geometry without a classic cutting edge. The concavely drawn-out tip enables considerably safer application to the surface, and the thread shape allows for high assembly speeds.



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example by focusing on acquisitions in North America. With further acquisitions, a continued focus on increasing our market share within and outside of the automotive industry and also through our strong sustainability offering, our target remains to achieve sales of SEK 5 billion by 2024," says Anders Nyström, President and CEO.

[www.bulten.com](http://www.bulten.com)

### Optimas adds robotics to boost fastener production capacity and efficiency

Optimas Solutions, Wood Dale, IL, USA, a global industrial manufacturer/distributor and supply chain solutions provider, has introduced Universal Robot's UR10e robotic technology to its CNC machining operations. Now, cold heading and machining can be done onsite at Optimas' Wood Dale facility, making fastener production faster and more seamless for customers.

Optimas has deployed the UR10e collaborative robot to simultaneously feed two CNCs that machine cold headed fasteners to customer specifications. The marrying of near-net cold forming and high tolerance machining enables Optimas to increase output with shorter cycle times and a lower carbon footprint of these processes.

Optimas' robot-enabled CNC machining has been programmed for one part type that is in extremely high demand now. The company plans to expand its capability to machine cold form parts up to 22 mm in diameter by 200 mm in length.

[www.optimas.com](http://www.optimas.com)

### Bossard reports robust profitability and new records

In a strong economic environment, the Bossard Group generated sales of CHF 995.1 million in the financial year 2021 (prior year: CHF

812.8 million), despite bottlenecks in the supply chains and market uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sales growth amounted to 22.4% (+22.2 in local currency). Organically, sales increased by 21.2%.

EBIT was CHF 123.3 million (prior year: CHF 86.4 million), for a remarkable increase of 42.8%, resulting in an EBIT margin of 12.4% (prior year: 10.6%).

Net income grew by 44.7% to CHF 98.0 million (CHF 67.8 million in the prior year).

The Bossard Group achieved new records in sales as well as in EBIT and net income.

Bossard remains optimistic about the future and is targeting an average organic growth rate of over 5% and an EBIT margin of 12% to 15% in the medium term following a phase of increased investments.

[www.bossard.com](http://www.bossard.com)

### Stanley Black & Decker announces accelerated share repurchase program

Stanley Black & Decker, New Britain, CT, USA, announced it entered into certain accelerated share repurchase (ASR) agreements with Bank of America, N.A. and Citibank, N.A. to repurchase an aggregate of some US\$2.0 billion of the company's common stock. This program is in addition to US\$0.3 billion of open market repurchases completed quarter to date. The ASR agreements were entered into pursuant to the company's current authorization to repurchase up to the greater of US\$2.5 billion of common stock or 20 million shares of common stock. The company intends to fund the initial payment pursuant to the ASR agreements through borrowings under one of its existing 364-day credit agreements.

[www.stanleyblackanddecker.com](http://www.stanleyblackanddecker.com)

## Southwestern Fastener Association Golf Outing

The Southwestern Fastener Association (SFA) golf outing takes place on March 29, 2022, at the Texas Rangers Golf Club, Arlington, TX, USA. Join SFA for this great day of golf and networking. The format for this outing is a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start. Guests starting swinging at 12:30 PM and box lunch will be provided. Not a golfer or can't make the date? You can support the event by becoming a hole sponsor (US\$250) or an event sponsor (US\$750). Sponsors will be named on the event page, event email blasts and will be thanked during the event. Hole sponsors will have their logo posted near the tee box and event sponsors will have their logo posted throughout the event. To become a



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### New VIBO Hexagon Socket Countersunk Head Screws

VIBO's new range of ISO 10642, DIN 7991 and UNI 5933 hexagon socket countersunk head cap screws is now available from for ex-stock sale. The new range is available in class 10.9, in diameters M6 (lengths from 12 to 25 mm) and M8 (lengths from 12 to 30 mm) with black color and white zinc plated finishing.



[www.vibo.com](http://www.vibo.com)

### Threadline Acquires Atlantic Bolt

Threadline Products, a fastener fabrication company serving the industrial and construction industries as well as OEMs, has announced the acquisition of fastener fabricator, Atlantic Bolt, Inc. The merger of the two Charlotte, NC, USA-based companies joins teams with a combined 74 years of experience in serving contractors, departments of transportation, and OEMs.



Threadline strives to help you meet your customers' expectations, and offers one day shipping to over 10 states along with exceptional turn-around.

[www.atlanticboltinc.com](http://www.atlanticboltinc.com)  
[www.threadlineproducts.com](http://www.threadlineproducts.com)

### Stafa launches LogiBin® to optimize supply chain

The new and innovative logistic bin system available from Stafa, Maarheeze, The Netherlands, helps to optimize your supply chain.

LogiBin® is a smart method to ensure sufficient fasteners in stock, without requiring a lot of space. Based on Kanban, with LogiBin, employees on the floor have direct insight into the status of an item via the RFID scan panel.



Stafa listened to improvement suggestions from users of similar systems, including them in LogiBin. [www.stafa.nl](http://www.stafa.nl)

### Ramco Michigan acquires CNC equipment

Ramco Michigan recently added additional tight-tolerance CNC equipment to expand its machining capabilities. The company's latest acquisition is an Okuma dual-turret with gantry load production machine, which will machine parts from net shapes. Ramco has the capability to machine components from 4 to 250 mm diameter.

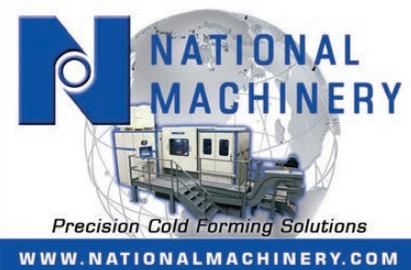
The Okuma dual-turret with gantry load production machine is capable of CNC machining from a net shape (vs. hex bar material), which results in substantial savings in machining time for Ramco Specialties customers.

[www.ramcospecialties.com](http://www.ramcospecialties.com)

### Bolts global market to reach US\$81.1 billion by 2030

Allied Market Research, Portland, OR, USA, published a report, titled, "Bolts Market by Type (Half Screw Bolt and Full Screw Bolt), Material (Plastic and Metal), and End User (Automotive, Aerospace, Construction, Industrial Machinery and Other): Global Opportunity Analysis and Industry Forecast, 2021–2030". According to the report, the global

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### Advance Components Celebrates 50 Years

**Advance Components** celebrates 50 years of distributing industrial fasteners, exceptional customer service and trusted partnerships with suppliers and customers. And the firm continues to bring new products to its lineup, increase its knowledge of product applications, update its warehouse capabilities and remain on the cutting edge of industry trends.



[www.advancecomponents.com](http://www.advancecomponents.com)

### Birmingham Fastener Acquires K-T Bolt

**Birmingham Fastener** announces the acquisition of **K-T Bolt Manufacturing, Inc.**, Katy, TX, USA. With over 100 years of combined fastener production, this acquisition strengthens Birmingham Fastener's product offering and manufacturing diversity.



It allows the company to add teammates to its world-class staff and will yield long-term benefits for customers.

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### Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Net Income (Net Loss)	%Δ
Arconic Corporation	2138	13.1	(38)	-337.5
Dorman Products, Inc.	398	32.2	34	-5.2
Lawson Products, Inc.	102	4.0	(1)	-450.2
TriMas Corporation	209	11.1	13	-45.9
WESCO International, Inc.	4852	17.5	168	726.9

Latest Quarterly Sales/Net Income data in US\$ millions. % Δ relative to 2021 quarterly data.

### TR Fastenings Launches Range of Compression Limiters

**TR Fastenings'** new compression limiters have been developed to meet growing global demand from multi-sector manufacturers developing products using plastics, particularly in the EV space. Compression limiters reduce stress generated by traditional threaded fasteners. They are nonthreaded inserts used where a compressive load is applied to a plastic assembly to prevent the plastic's integrity from plastic being compromised. These are used extensively in electric vehicles and the battery housings. As technological



advances continue, so does the need to continually develop the primary components that make up an electric vehicle. New giga factories and battery housing makers in Europe, Asia and North America will look to include these products in many upcoming automotive R&D projects. TR Fastenings is ideally positioned to meet this demand. TR's compression limiter range consists of symmetrical, flanged, split seam and oval, made from steel, stainless, brass and aluminium. [www.trfastenings.com](http://www.trfastenings.com)

### Fastener Distributor Index (FDI) Rebounds to 56.0

The FDI rebounded over January's dip, coming in at 56.0 versus the previous reading of 52.7, seasonally adjusted. Offsetting the sentiment of current activity, the Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) declined markedly to 55.6 after a strong 62.8 reading last month. Despite the weakening pace, this the 21<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of positive (+50.0) outlook. Tune in to episode #174 of the *Fully Threaded Radio* podcast as *Fastener*

*Technology International Magazine* editor **Mike McNulty** welcomes **Brighton Best International** President, **Jun Xu**, to provide additional thoughts and commentary. Please share the FDI with your fellow North American fastener distributors: [www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fFastenerDistributorIndex](http://www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fFastenerDistributorIndex)

[www.fullythreaded.com](http://www.fullythreaded.com)

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#### Fastener Distribution Trends: February 2022

FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE										
February 2022										
	Index Values								Direction	Rate of Change
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul		
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	58.6	57.6	58.7	61.1	60.8	61.1	59.9	59.5	Growing	Faster
<b>FDI</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>59.6</b>	Growing	Faster
<b>FLI</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>65.3</b>	Growing	Slower
<b>(Other Metrics)</b>										
Sales	79.1	64.5	75.7	76.6	58.5	62.3	66.7	74.4	Growing	Faster
Employment	48.3	55.0	54.7	63.6	65.2	54.8	53.8	61.3	Declining	Faster
Supplier Deliveries	72.4	71.7	79.7	78.8	75.8	87.1	90.4	87.1	Growing	Faster
Respondent Inventories	56.9	41.7	46.9	53.0	51.5	43.5	36.5	53.2	Growing	Faster
Customer Inventories	25.9	18.3	15.6	15.2	21.2	9.7	7.7	17.7	Declining	Slower
Pricing, month-to-month	81.0	81.7	85.9	83.3	84.8	83.9	90.4	87.1	Growing	Slower
Pricing, year-to-year	94.8	95.0	96.9	95.5	95.5	93.5	96.2	98.4	Growing	Slower
<b>6-Month Outlook -February</b>										
Higher Same Lower										
38% 52% 10%										

FDI and Pricing are diffusion indexes. At 50, the performance of the category listed met expectations. A reading above 50 suggests the category outperformed expectations, while a reading below 50 suggests the category underperformed expectations.

Source: Baird, FCH Sourcing Network, Institute for Supply Management

## CORE Industrial Partners' CGI Acquires DFF Corporation & Haven Manufacturing

**CORE Industrial Partners**, a Chicago, IL, USA-based private equity firm, has acquired **DFF Corporation**, through CORE portfolio company, CGI Automated Manufacturing. DFF is a leading precision manufacturer specializing in medium-to-high-volume production of precision machined components and electromechanical assembly products.



DFF is the latest addition to the CGI platform launched by CORE in August 2021 and the sixth overall company to join the platform. CGI operates approximately 200 CNC machines, eight lasers in 650,000 ft<sup>2</sup> with more than

700 employees across eight facilities in seven states. CGI certifications include ISO 9001, ISO 13485, ISO 17025 and AS9100D, in addition to ITAR and FDA registrations.

Also through CGI, CORE has announced the acquisition of **Haven Manufacturing**), a full-service contract manufacturer of highly engineered components. Specializing in components for medical devices, medical equipment and related applications, Haven provides a full suite of manufacturing services including design assistance, prototyping, EDM, waterjet, laser etching, blasting, grinding, passivation and CNC machining capabilities. [www.coreipfund.com](http://www.coreipfund.com)



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bolts industry generated some US\$46.8 billion in 2020, and is anticipated to generate US\$81.1 billion by 2030, witnessing a CAGR of 5.7% from 2021 to 2030.

An increase in demand from the automotive industry is expected to present new opportunities for the bolt market in the during the forecast period.

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### Quarterly Dividends Report...

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- **Nucor Corp.**, Charlotte, NC, USA, declared its 196<sup>th</sup> quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.50/share on common stock, payable May 11, 2022, to holders of record on Mar. 31, 2022. [www.nucor.com](http://www.nucor.com)
- **Stanley Black & Decker**, New Britain, CT, USA, declared a Q1 cash dividend of US\$0.79/share, payable Mar. 22, 2022, to holders of record on Mar. 8, 2022. [www.stanleyblackanddecker.com](http://www.stanleyblackanddecker.com)
- **Wesco International, Inc.**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, declared a cash dividend on 10.625% Series A Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock of US\$664.0625/share, or US\$0.6640625/depository share, payable Mar. 31, 2022, to holders of record on Mar. 15, 2022. [investors.wesco.com](http://investors.wesco.com)

## Notebook

### Bufab Names Erik Lundén New President & CEO

The Board of Directors of **Bufab AB** has appointed **Erik Lundén** as the new President and CEO of **BUFAB** Bufab. Lundén, currently Division Manager for Parts & Services at **Sandvik Mining & Rock Solutions** in the Netherlands, will assume his role on August 15, 2022. In connection with this, the current acting President and CEO, **Johan Lindqvist**, will assume the role of VP and Vice CEO.

[www.bufab.com](http://www.bufab.com)

### USITC Investigates Steel Nails from India, Oman, Sri Lanka, Thailand & Turkey

The **USITC** has determined that there is a reasonable indication that a USA industry is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of steel nails from India, Oman, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Turkey that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

As a result, the **U.S. Department of Commerce** will continue its investigations of imports of these steel nails, with its preliminary countervailing duty determinations due on or about March 25, 2022 and its preliminary anti-dumping duty determinations due on or about June 8, 2022.

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## Fastener Training Week at the IFI: May 2-6, 2022

The **Fastener Training Institute** announced its next *Fastener Training Week* in-person training class from May 2 to 6, 2022, at the **Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)** near Cleveland, in Independence, OH, USA. This advanced technical training program is offered in partnership with IFI for fastener distributors, manufacturers and end-users.



*Fastener Training Week* offers five intensive days of education and plant tours as part of the FTI Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CFS) advanced technical training program. After completing this training in a small group environment and passing a final exam, attendees are eligible for the Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CFS) designation.

*Fastener Training Week* covers timely topics such as manufacturing processes, consensus standards and QA taught by leading industry experts **Salim Brahimi**, IFI Director of Engineering and Technology, and **Laurence Claus** of **NNi Training and Consulting**. Participants will also tour manufacturing, secondary processes and testing facilities.

*Fastener Training Week* is for those active in fastener sales, purchasing, manufacturing or quality assurance. Registration includes



3 full and 2 half days of training, educational materials, continental breakfast/lunch, transportation for plant tours, certification of completion/eligibility for CFS designation.

Class registration and more information is available at the website below, with early-bird fees available until April 17. Also, a US\$500 discount is available for **Pac-West, NFDA, IFI, MWFA, NCFCA, SFA** and **AIM Prime** members. Grants to attend are offered by the IFI.

[www.fastenertraining.com](http://www.fastenertraining.com)

## Nosek to Be Associate Speaker at STAFDA Convention

**Jude Nosek**, VP-Marketing and New Product Development, for **Keson LLC**, Aurora, IL, USA, will be **STAFDA's** Associate State-of-the-Industry Speaker at STAFDA's October 30, 2022 to November 1, 2022, *San Diego Convention & Trade Show*. He will address the General Session audience on October 31, 2022.

For 10 years, Nosek worked in marketing for **Anixter**, producing brochures, technical white papers, product sheets and catalogs. He also worked as a Project Manager and Internal Creative Director designing sales and marketing strategies and support materials executed around the globe.

Since Fall of 2004, he has handled the marketing needs of Keson, a company founded in 1968 by his grandfather, **Roy Nosek**.

[www.stafda.org](http://www.stafda.org)

## NCFCA Distributor Social 2022

The **North Coast Fastener Association (NCFCA)**, Concord, OH, USA, has announced that the 13<sup>th</sup> annual *NCFCA Distributor Social 2022* takes place on May 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM. As



# EVENTS

### April 19 – 21, 2022

Fastener Taiwan 2022  
Kaohsiung City, Taiwan  
[www.fastener taiwan.com.tw](http://www.fastener taiwan.com.tw)

### May 2 – 6, 2022

Fastener Training Week  
Independence, OH, USA  
[www.fastener training.com](http://www.fastener training.com)

### May 5, 2022

NCFCA Distributor Social 2022  
[www.ncfaonline.com](http://www.ncfaonline.com)

### May 17 – 19, 2022

Fastener Fair USA 2022, Detroit, MI, USA  
[www.fastener fairusa.com](http://www.fastener fairusa.com)

### May 25, 2022

Torque-Expo UK 2022  
Telford, Shropshire, England, UK  
[events.torque-expo.com](http://events.torque-expo.com)

### June 20 – 24, 2022

wire 2022  
Düsseldorf, Germany  
[www.wire-trade fair.com](http://www.wire-trade fair.com) • [www.mdna.com](http://www.mdna.com)

### June 21 – 23, 2022

SurfaceTechnology, Stuttgart, Germany  
[www.surface-technology-germany.de](http://www.surface-technology-germany.de)

### June 22 – 23, 2022

Fastener Fair Mexico,  
Mexico City, Mexico  
[www.fastener fairmexico.com](http://www.fastener fairmexico.com)

### August 22 – 26, 2022

MWFA FSTNR Week,  
Elk Grove Village, IL, USA  
[www.mwfa.net](http://www.mwfa.net)

### October 17 – 19, 2022

International Fastener Expo 2022  
Las Vegas, NV, USA  
[www.fastenershows.com](http://www.fastenershows.com)

### October 30, 2022 – November 1, 2022

STAFDA San Diego Convention & Trade Show  
San Diego, CA, USA  
[www.stafda.org](http://www.stafda.org)

### November 29 – December 3, 2022

Fastener Training Week  
Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[www.fastener training.org](http://www.fastener training.org)

### November 30 – December 1, 2022

Fastener Fair Italy  
Fiera Milano City, Italy  
[www.fastener fairitaly.com](http://www.fastener fairitaly.com)

### March 21 – 23, 2023

Fastener Fair Global 2023  
Stuttgart, Germany  
[www.fastener fairglobal.com](http://www.fastener fairglobal.com)

this year's event falls on Cinco de Mayo, it will be celebrated with a "Fastener Fiesta". Event registration will be announced soon.

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