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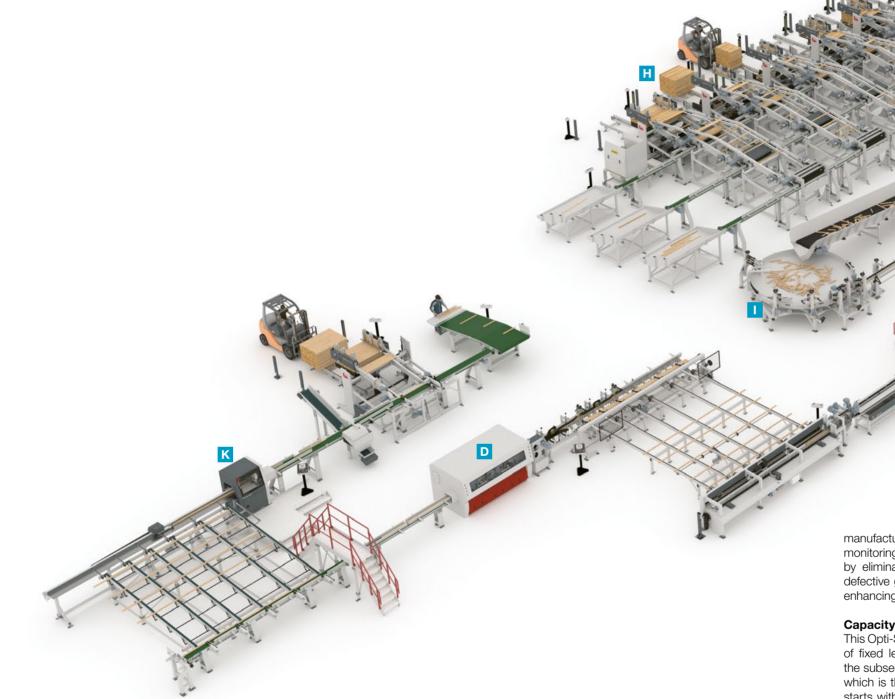
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No fewer than three Opti-Kap 5103 cross-cut saws cut workpieces according to defect detection and optimization.



deeply rooted in the Baltics' timber industry, the highest standards while ensuring affordability pride themselves on constant innovation in is essential for sustaining it on a global scale. manufacturing technologies and upholding the This entails optimizing production and constant highest quality standards. This commitment updating of production facilities to reduce costs inspires the creation of furniture that meets and maximize resource utilization. The ultimate even the most rigorous requirements and safety goal is to continue to offer practical, modern standards. AVOTI's new optimizing cross-cut furniture that meets high-quality and safety line, featuring three high-speed Opti-Kap 5103 standards at a favorable price, making it widely cross-cut saws, automated feeding and stacking available to customers worldwide. via six Opti-Stack 3000 triple stackers, as well as a range of MiCROTEC scanning equipment, **Resource conscious production** promises to enhance production capacities. AVOTI's products are tailored to meet the diverse At the same time, a brand-new Opti-Joint V-8 needs of a very wide, global consumer base. vertical finger-jointing line with automatic infeed, To achieve this goal, they have implemented cross-cutting, and stacking system aims to manufacturing technologies that prioritize bulk boost raw material utilization.

#### Among giants

furniture producers by serving as a supplier to equipment, such as their recently installed a renowned furniture giant. Establishing such a System TM Opti-Solution, enable the creation crucial sales channel requires significant hard of highly customized, top-quality solid wood work, business acumen, and a willingness to furniture. Through streamlined, automated

The Latvian solid wood furniture experts, adapt to change. At the same time, upholding

production and efficient use of resources, while maintaining unwavering commitment to quality control and environmental protection. AVOTI has become one of the largest solid wood Their state-of-the-art automated production

sorting area.





The Opti-Joint V-8, vertical finger-jointing system ensures maximum utilization of raw materials.



Workpieces are stacked on six Opti-Stack 3000 stackers on pallets automatically fed from pallet



monitoring, AVOTI prevents resource wastage by eliminating overproduction, downtime, and defective goods, resulting in cost savings while enhancing labor efficiency and safety.

#### Capacity and quality

This Opti-Solution is designed for the production of fixed lengths and finger-jointed lamellas for the subsequent production of glulam from pine, which is the main material of AVOTI furniture. It starts with packs of timber entering the line via an Opti-Feed 6000 feeding system. The workpieces are separated before they pass through a MiCROTEC Warpscan scanner to define the curve and cup, followed by an M3 Scan to detect

A mounted trim saw is used to cut off bad and optimization. Finally, they are stacked by business. six Opti-Stack 3000 triple stackers, on pallets With a name that means "spring" in Latvian, automatically fed from pallet magazines.

#### Finger-jointing for utilization

Opti-Joint V-8 vertical finger-jointing machine via of customers.

manufacturing processes and continuous the manual compartment table or from the two automatic batch building systems connected to the spin-feeder

> After the finger-jointing process, which transforms short workpieces into lamellas of more uniform quality and length, the lamellas enter a moulding machine. They then move to an Opti-Kap 1000 cross-cut saw, which cuts them according to the customer's cut lists. Finally, workpieces of two different lengths are sorted and either stacked by an Opti-Stack 3000 stacking system or transferred for manual handling.

Commitment to innovation and excellence AVOTI's dedication to cutting-edge technology the moisture level. The workpieces that meet the including their System TM optimizing cross-cut quality criteria pass through a lamella moulder and finger-jointing lines, distinguishes them as before continuing on to the stress grading and a leader in the solid wood furniture industry. This investment allows them to continually increase production capacity and improve raw ends or tops of workpieces before they enter material utilization, reflecting their commitment the MiCROTEC Goldeneye scanner for defect to innovation and efficiency. In line with their goal detection and quality optimization. They are then of providing modern, high-quality furniture at an sorted and distributed to the three high-speed affordable price, AVOTI also exceeds industry Opti-Kap 5103 optimizing cross-cut saws, which standards by upholding the highest ethical and cut them according to the defect detection quality benchmarks across all aspects of their

AVOTI is poised for continued growth and success, mirroring the water that gives life to their wood and, ultimately, to the furniture In order to make maximal use of their raw dreams of their customers. By embracing material, AVOTI has a finger-jointing line attached change and maintaining high standards, AVOTI to their optimizing cross-cut line. All workpieces is well positioned to remain an industry leader that are suitable for finger-jointing are fed to an and continue to meet the needs of a wide range

# From local to LIGNA 2025:

# About System TM's new look, showcasing trusted quality and building living spaces.

Let us tell you a little story about a Danish machine producer that set out to change solid woodworking. Today, System TM is a leading global producer of high-performance timber processing systems for the solid wood industry and will be exhibiting together with HOMAG in Hall 14 at the world's largest woodworking industry trade fair - LIGNA 2025.



#### **By Aislinn Esterle**



LIGNA: A hot spot for the woodworking community for 50 years.

It was 1977 when Poul Thøgersen founded wood resources, including a wide range of Thøgersen Maskinfabrik (TM) as a family-owned, local machine manufacturer to make manual woodworking easier, using the insurance money he received from a work-related accident. Meanwhile, the LIGNA trade fair in Germany cake is that they will be shining in brand new entered its second edition, exceeding all visitor colors, with our new machine design making its expectations and making waves in the field of accident prevention. Since then, System TM has gradually grown into an internationally recognized manufacturer of system solutions that optimize both staff and wood resources, and has joined the German HOMAG Group. In the meantime, LIGNA has become a leading trade fair for the global woodworking industry.

#### We are moving

LIGNA is an important platform for us to connect with our customers and prospects from around the world. We relish the opportunity to showcase our equipment and share our passion for optimizing staff and wood resources with the solid wood community, making our machines accessible to customers who might not otherwise be able to see them in action.

After two decades of exhibiting in Halls 12 and 27, we are ready to try something new this year. Not only have we changed our logo and company colors, but we are also moving into Hall 14 to officially join the HOMAG family.

Since LIGNA is one of the most important trade shows in the industry, we knew we had to level up again. And that is exactly what we are doing for the anniversary edition this year! Visitors can look forward to two best-practice into a System TM Opti-Solution, ensuring the machine concepts for optimizing staff and best production optimization at high capacity.

#### scanning equipment from our scanning partner MiCROTEC. This has not been seen at any trade show in the world for more than six years. So, expect us to make some noise! The icing on the debut at LIGNA 2025.

#### Automated optimization

We are ready to turn up the volume on HOMAG's home turf with a fully automated timber processing line to demonstrate our optimization and auto mation abilities. It consists of an automatic infeed system model Opti-Feed 6000 Vack, no less than two high-speed cross-cut saws model Opti-Kap 5103 and one of our most successful stacking systems model Opti-Stack 3000.

Run by a single supervisory operator, the solution starts with a vacuum de-stacking unit that feeds workpieces into the line, which are then automatically moved through a series of scanners to collect data for optimization.

#### The power of wood scanning

In partnership with MiCROTEC, we will showcase a range of advanced scanning equipment including Endscan, Viscan, Warpscan, M3 Scan moisture meter and a Goldeneye multi-sensor quality scanner. MiCROTEC's AI-powered solutions identify wood characteristics accurately and at high speed, increasing production yield and grading accuracy. All of these innovative scanning solutions can be seamlessly integrated



#### Cross-cut automation

After scanning, the workpieces are realigned and collected in batches before entering the two Opti-Kap 5103 optimizing cross-cut saws. The saws automatically cut the workpieces into fixed length components. The fixed length workpieces are then transferred to an Opti-Stack 3000 automatic stacker and stacked on a pallet in a herringbone pattern with stabilizing sticks. The off-cuts from the cross-cut process are blown out through the saw's waste gates.

#### Full speed for high capacity

In addition to our fully automated Opti-Solution, we will show a smaller cross-cut line to emphasize optimal wood utilization and high cross-cutting capacity. This line includes a MiCROTEC Goldeneye multi-sensor scanner with X-ray module and laser technology, capable of detecting defects on all four sides of the workpiece and optimizing them into different product types

This demonstration illustrates the effectiveness of MiCROTEC's scanner when integrated with our intelligent cross-cut saw. The workpieces are automatically cut to size based on the scanner data and optimized by the saw's software. This setup allows us to show different scenarios of cutting out defects detected in relation to the wood quality.

#### **Building living spaces**

Together with HOMAG, Weinmann and Kallesoe, System TM will for the first time be showcasing our expertise in timber processing in Hall 14, underlining our solid wood competence for the future.

Under the motto "Building living spaces", the HOMAG Group will combine years of know-how in close cooperation to demonstrate the power of designing sustainable living spaces, covering the entire value chain with compatible solutions.

#### Join us in Hall 14 to help us rock the house and find out how a HOMAG solution can take your business to the next level!

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Arndt Silberg, Plant Manager, Egger Sawmill Brilon GmbH:

**We had a close** and transparent exchange with System TM throughout the entire progress of the project. As a customer, it was important for us to always be involved in the relevant decisions. This meant that we always had the opportunity to contribute our wishes and always knew what the next steps would look like.

Ever since it was founded in 1961, EGGER - then a simple sawmill - has recognized that wood is one of our most valuable resources and therefore too valuable to simply throw away. This guiding principle led to the construction of the first capacity and minimum operator requirements particleboard plant in St. Johann, Austria, and to operate the line, following the System TM EGGER Group is an international manufacturer of wood-based materials with a product portfolio the potential to maximize yield by producing a that ranges from furniture and interior design to the flooring industry and building products.

#### **One-stop shop**

System TM was still a blind spot for EGGER when plans for a new production line began to take shape. It was on the recommendation of long-time scanning partner MiCROTEC, which packs of timber are automatically transported had supplied the EGGER sawmill in Brilon with state-of-the-art scanning technology, that talk began about a line that would transform the production of a traditional building component. "We had a very good relationship with the EGGER team from day one," recalls Per Juul Jensen, Area Sales Manager at System TM, adding, "We did everything we could to meet the space and production requirements together with the EGGER project team. The further we got into the process, the more it became clear that we have an advantage over the competition because we are a project organization and can offer a complete system solution."

#### **Higher yield**

What began in the 1990s on a green meadow in Brilon, Germany, as a production site for particleboard, has developed into one of the EGGER Group's strategically most important locations. The plant, which houses the new System TM line, accounts roughly for 1.5 Mio. m<sup>3</sup> of the approximately 10.4 Mio. m<sup>3</sup> of woodbased materials produced annually by the EGGER Group.

The combined System TM optimizing cross-cut and finger-jointing line with automatic infeed, strength grading, material handling and stacking

Finger-jointed roof battens from EGGER are one of many products manufactured in Brilon. (picture credit: EGGER Group)



system will strengthen the production of sawn timber at the Brilon site with an output goal of approx. 70,000 m<sup>3</sup> of finger jointed products per vear. It is optimized for best wood utilization, high was catalyst to the company's growth. Today, the philosophy of optimizing staff and wood resources. With this system, EGGER is exploiting new type of roof batten and other products for their timber construction customer base.

#### Expertly cut and graded

An Opti-Feed 6000 Vack system marks the beginning of this Opti-Solution, automatically feeding workpieces into the line. Complete to the destacking system, which operates in two positions. In position one, the dunnage on top of the packs is removed. In position two, a lift table automatically raises the pack, allowing the vacuum system to remove layers from the pack and transfer them to the material handling system. The drying sticks and dunnage exit on a roller conveyor and are automatically collected. The remaining workpieces continue to the single piece feeder where each workpiece is distributed onto a chain conveyor, aligned and cut by a trimming saw before passing through a series of MiCROTEC scanning devices. They can then be rejected or rotated 180° before being transferred to a planer and passing through a MiCROTEC Goldeneye for defect and quality detection.

After scanning, the workpieces are transferred to an Opti-Kap 5103 cross-cut saw, which cuts them according to the determined quality. The offcuts are removed, and the shortened workpieces are transferred to a sorting conveyor with various length and quality sorting options, completing the cross-cutting process.

#### Optimized production

This combined cross-cut and finger-jointing line is the epitome of production optimization. After the saw, the workpieces are separated into A-quality and B-quality The A-quality is sent to the batch builders on the Opti-Joint V-L finger-jointing machine, while the B-quality is collected in a buffer for later use.

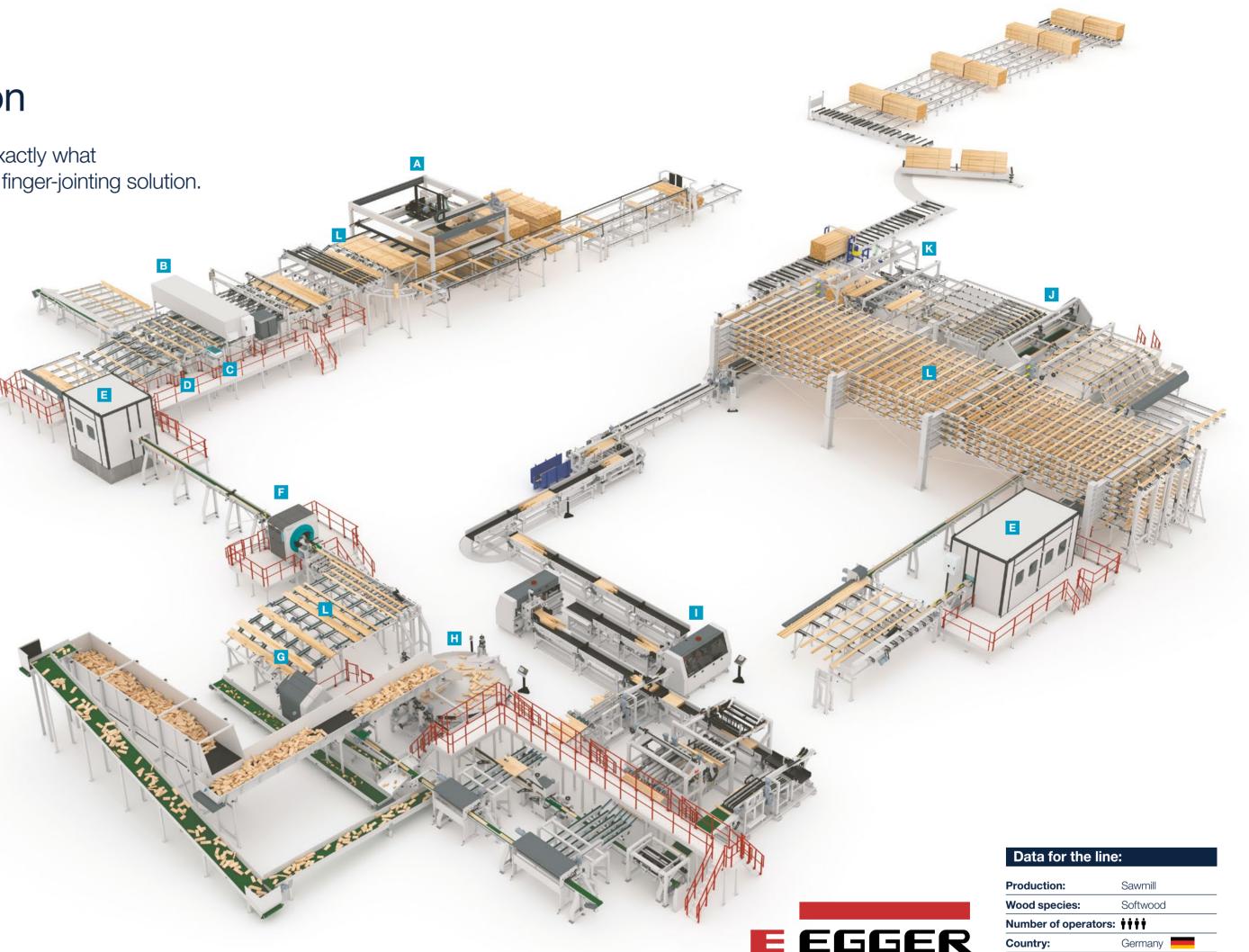
The optimization capabilities of System TM's technology, coupled with MiCROTEC's scanning intelligence, allow this production line to upgrade previously unusable material and transform it into a completely new product, making full use of the raw material.

This approach to production optimization not only generates better revenue, but also significantly into batches and passed to the finger-jointing improves material utilization, resulting in a more machine's shapers, where the distinctive finger consistent product. Furthermore, EGGER uses production by-products and a portion of application, alignment and pre-press stations recycled wood to produce new, high-quality, wood-based materials. All of this is a big step finished, finger jointed workpieces, which can towards becoming even more sustainable and be up to 6,650 mm long, enter a conveyor line an important step towards achieving their Net for sorting and glue drying. Zero goal by 2050.

#### A sharp turn

This finger-jointing line has a special feature that helps the workpieces turn a sharp corer. packs by an Opti-Stack 6000 stacker and A turntable moves the batches from the fingerjointing shapers to the alignment station, not in further processing. a straight line, but around a corner. This feature was designed specifically for this line to take the **A new chapter in production optimization** available space into account.

But before that, the workpieces, which can be solution at EGGER Sawmill Brilon GmbH up to 2,500 mm long, are automatically gathered represents a shift from traditional production



profile is cut. They then pass through the glue before entering the finger-jointing press. The

A subsequent planer can split the planks into two separate workpieces before they enter a multi-head cross-cut saw that cuts them into different lengths before they are stacked into

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methods. "The investment fits very well to the EGGER strategy to create "MORE from WOOD", as we will be able to increase the ratio of high-quality timber products through the finger-jointing line," states Georg Lingemann, CEO, EGGER Brilon. The innovative approach to rethink traditional products and find new ways to maximize material utilization also aligns with the company's sustainability goals. By integrating cutting-edge technology and optimization strategies, EGGER is transforming its production process, reinforcing its commitment to sustainable practices and operational excellence In addition, this particular System TM line is highly flexible in terms of product dimensions, which means it is easier for EGGER to reconfigure the line to produce a new range of products, making them more agile in responding to market changes and challenges.

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- Vertical finger-jointing machine

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**HOMAG:** The world's leading manufacturer of woodworking machinery for furniture production, offering a comprehensive range of solutions to meet the needs of small and medium-sized companies, as well as global enterprises.

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