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MWFA Hall of Fame & Scholarship Awards Night 2024

On November 7, 2024, the **Mid-West Fastener Association (MWFA)**, Park Ridge, IL, USA, will hold a special evening celebrating the association's 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees and Scholarship recipients. The MWFA is also pleased to welcome **Joe O'Neil** as the guest speaker. As the longest-tenured ticket executive in the **NBA**, Joe managed the **Chicago Bulls'** legendary 90s dynasty, overseeing the hottest tickets in sports and earning six NBA championship rings.

And thanks to member generosity and successful 2024 events, MWFA awards over US\$50,000 in scholarships this year, surpassing US\$1 million in scholarships awarded since the program began. MWFA scholarship recipients have demonstrated outstanding dedication, and many will attend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 MWFA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



MWFA will also be honoring this year's Hall of Fame Inductees, one company and two individuals, who have made significant contributions to the MWFA and

shown unparalleled commitment to our industry: **Kanebridge Corporation**, **Glen Brin** of **DarLoc Corporation** and **Robert Sachs** of **XL Screw**.

Additionally, anyone interested in serving a three-year term on the MWFA Board of Directors or wishing to nominate a candidate, can contact **Francesca Lewis** at mwfa@mwfa.net before October 31, 2024. www.mwfa.net

Grainger Building Massive Distribution Center

Grainger, Chicago, IL, USA, a leading broad line distributor of maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) products, joined community members and officials from the greater Houston metropolitan area to ceremonially break ground for the company's 1.2 million ft² Houston Texas Distribution Center in Harris County on October 1, 2024. "This isn't our first stop in the Lone Star State. Texas is home to more Grainger locations than any other state,



including 34 standard branches, a sales office in San Antonio, the Dallas Fort Worth Distribution Center and neighboring bulk warehouse," said **Rob Reynolds**, Grainger Senior Vice President, Branch and DC Operations. "Grainger's Houston Texas Distribution Center is going to be a state-of-the-art building that serves as a significant and tangible investment in our future." **Anand Lal**, Grainger's Group Vice President, Supply Chain, added, "Our goal is to ship next-day, complete orders. To do this, we need to have a broad range of products stocked close to our customers. Greater Houston is an ideal location given with its proximity to current and potential customers." Grainger intends to open the new facility in 2026, employing 400 people within a year. pressroom.grainger.com

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NORMA Group Wins Patent Lawsuit Against China Competitor

NORMA Group, a market leader in engineered joining technology, has won a patent lawsuit

 it had filed against a Chinese competitor. The Supreme People's Court in Beijing ruled at the end of June 2024 that a product from **Suzhou Shengnuo Connection Technology Co. Ltd.** infringes on a NORMA Group patent for an advanced worm-drive hose clamp. The competitor has been prohibited from manufacturing or selling this clamp. Shengnuo must also pay damages to NORMA Group. The verdict is final.

www.normagroup.com

Wrought Washer Acquires TurnaSure Wrought Washer Manufacturing

Milwaukee, WI, USA, a leading maker of high-quality washers and fasteners, has acquired



TurnaSure, a renowned manufacturer of direct tension indicator (DTI) washers. This strategic acquisition will bolster Wrought Washer's product portfolio and further enhance its commitment to providing innovative solutions to the construction and manufacturing industries.

www.wroughtwasher.com

TR Relaunches EPW Thread-Forming Screws for Thin Sheet Metal

TR Fastenings, of the **Trifast plc** group, has relaunched its patented EPW self-extruding thread-forming screw, engineered to cut assembly time and cost. Designed and manufactured in Europe, the TR EPW creates its own internal thread in thin sheet metal and suits the HVAC, automotive, electronics, medical and telecoms industries.



The EPW screw can be easily installed by hand with an electric screw driver making it convenient and versatile. It works by aligning to the pilot hole in the sheet metal, forming an extruded collar and creating a robust thread profile before tightening and clamping securely, all in one easy step.

It can be installed manually and via

robotic systems, and is easily removed and fully reusable for a strong, long-lasting joint. Optimum vibration resistance keeps the assembly secure. High radial compression on the screw thread offers a superior hold. The lightweight, practical and strong EPW screw is suitable for electrical earth connections.

The EPW is an innovative high-strength fastener made in TR's own factory in Italy and available to global markets in a range of materials, sizes and head styles. EPW screw surface coatings include standard zinc plating, highly corrosion resistant zinc nickel and organic zinc flake.



www.trfastenings.com

Jim Henning to VP of Sales at AFC Tooling Group

AFC Industries, Saginaw, MI, USA,



has appointed Jim Henning as the new Vice President of Sales for the AFC Tooling Group. With over 35 years experience in the tooling and manufacturing industry, he brings a knowledge and expertise from leading companies such as Walter, Kennametal, Widia and Dapra.

Henning will oversee key strategic initiatives within the AFC Tooling Group. He will focus on aligning marketing and sales strategies to drive revenue growth, while leading efforts to expand AFC's customer base through business development. He will also work with the executive team on pricing strategy and contract compliance to support overall sales objectives.

www.afcind.com

MSC Industrial Supply promotes Martina Mclsaac to President & COO

MSC Industrial Supply Co., a premier distributor of Metalworking and MRO supplies to industrial customers

throughout North America, has announced the promotion of Martina Mclsaac to President and Chief Operating Officer, effective September 23, 2024.

Previously serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Mclsaac has helped MSC deliver improvements to its customer experience, supplier relationships, working capital efficiency, supply chain operations and more. In her new role, she will have formal responsibility for the entirety of MSC's day-to-day operations, which include Sales, Marketing, Solutions, Supply Chain, Category Management, Supplier Relations, Sustainability and Information Technology.

www.mscdirect.com

Bossard acquires Aero Negoce International Group

The Bossard Group, Zug, Switzerland, has successfully concluded



the acquisition of the French Aero Negoce International (ANI) Group announced on July 24, 2024.

Aero Negoce International SAS, founded in 1993 and headquartered in Béziers, France, employs



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Accu Introduces Its New Range of Tite-Fix Screws

Accu, a division of Accu Limited in the UK, is now stocking a full range of Tite-Fix screws. This Yorkshire-based fixing company is known for designing some of the best-performing and most innovative performance screws on the market. Accu has built its reputation by listening to what tradespeople need, whether in woodworking, engineering or manufacturing, and delivering high-quality, no-nonsense products designed for specific scenarios and project applications.

The new Tite-Fix screws are incredibly easy to drive. The tri-lobular shank reduces friction and splitting, while also prevent-

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ing the screw from loosening once it's in place and the material settles around the shaft. Because it's not cylindrical, the three points of the shank create a locking sort of mechanism. And the twin-thread design eliminates the need for a pilot hole in most applications, saving you time and effort.

The company's screw products are considered top-notch, with packaging that is more than 85% recyclable, with no single-use plastic. www.accu.co.uk

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Carl Spackman Elected Pac-West President

Carl Spackman of Copper State Bolt & Nut Co. was elected President of the Pacific-West Fastener Association (Pac-West) at a recent meeting of the Pac-West Board of Directors.



Mallory Nichols of Advance Components was elected as the association's Vice President, and Ryan McCaffrey of Pacific Coast Bolt was elected again as Secretary/Treasurer. Hans Fuller of Fuller Metric will serve as Immediate Past President.

Michael Chen of S. W. Anderson Co., Ryan Kuss of Parker Fasteners and Ryan Shannon of Nylok were elected by the Pac-West membership to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Other Pac-West Board members are Joe Cenik of H.W. Eckhardt, Aaron Jones of Star Stainless Screw, TJ McFarland of Brikksen, Alfonso Ramirez of Southwest Fastener and Patty Trautmann of Beawest Fasteners.

Thank you to retiring Board members George Martinez of Brighton Best International, Clay Weaver of Industrial Threaded Products and Michael Yandoli of M & M Fasteners Supply.

www.pac-west.org

33 people and expects net sales of around €25 million for the current financial year. ANI is a leading French distributor of fastening solutions and provider of logistics services in the aerospace industry. The company also has locations in the USA and in Malaysia.

Through this acquisition, Bossard significantly expands its market presence in the strategically important aerospace industry and in France. In combination with Bossard Aerospace, the Group becomes a leading provider of fastening systems and logistics services in the European aerospace industry.

www.bossard.com

India Fastener Show 2024: November in Pune

The highly anticipated *India Fastener Show 2024* is gearing up for its third edition in Pune, India, and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Taking place from November 22 to 24, 2024, at the Pune International Exhibition and Convention Centre (PIECC), Moshi, this year's edition will feature a remarkable lineup of 150+ exhibitors representing 650+ brands from India and abroad, showcasing in-

novations in fasteners, fixing and fastening technologies that will propel your business forward.



And this year, the exhibition is co-located with the *Factory Automation Expo & Conference*, where visitors can witness the latest in factory automation, robotics and manufacturing technologies—making India Fastener Show a comprehensive experience for professionals from manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, engineering and other related sectors.

www.indiafastenershow.com

Applied Bolting Technology™ celebrates 30 years of innovation

Applied Bolting Technology™, Bellows Falls, VT, USA, commemorates its 30th anniversary this year. Established in 1994, the company has grown into a global leader renowned for its innovation, reliability and exceptional customer service in the industrial bolting sector. Special-



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Weidmuller Introduces BOLTcontrol System

Weidmuller USA, Richmond, VA, USA, has introduced BOLTcontrol, a monitoring system that detects



broken bolts or studs in the blade root that connects

to the hub and alerts operators immediately. With BOLTcontrol, broken bolts are held securely in place with detection plates preventing damage that would result if the pieces fell into the hub and ricocheted as it rotated. By continuously monitoring the rotor blade bolts, BOLTcontrol lowers downtime, reduces repairs and ensures safe turbine operation.

www.weidmuller.com

Roberto Izaguirre to CEO at Arrow Fastener Company

GreatStar Tools USA, a leading manufacturer of hand tools, has promoted Roberto Izaguirre to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Arrow Fastener Company, LLC. He previously served as Arrow Fastener's



COO. Izaguirre is now responsible for overseeing all facets of the company and for working with the Executive Leadership Team to ensure continued growth and success.

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FDI Surges to 59.0 & FLI Rises to 50.5

The FDI surged to 59.0 in September versus 53.8 the previous month, seasonally adjusted. Similarly, the Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) rose to 50.5.

Listen to episode #205 of *Fully Threaded Radio* as Martin Fastening Solutions Executive Vice President Scott McDaniel and *Fastener Technology International (FTI)* magazine Editor Mike McNulty provide

further commentary and analysis.

Please share the FDI with your fellow North American fastener distributors and encourage them to participate:

www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fastener-distributor-index



Fastener Distribution Trends: September 2024

FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE												
September 2024												
	Index Values										Direction	Rate of Change
	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan			
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	47.2	47.2	46.8	48.5	48.7	49.2	50.3	47.8	49.1		Declining	Same
FDI	59.0	53.8	47.5	52.1	52.9	51.6	53.0	50.5	49.7		Growing	Faster
FLI	50.5	47.4	49.6	50.9	52.8	50.0	47.3	47.9	50.4		Growing	Faster
(Other Metrics)												
Sales	58.4	50.2	43.3	52.6	53.6	54.6	56.1	47.8	50.0		Growing	Faster
Employment	55.4	50.0	50.0	53.2	59.1	60.0	56.7	50.0	50.0		Growing	Faster
Supplier Deliveries	60.7	62.9	46.9	59.7	59.1	45.0	51.7	56.3	48.7		Growing	Slower
Respondent Inventories	64.3	67.7	62.5	64.5	60.6	63.3	66.7	67.2	61.5		Growing	Slower
Customer Inventories	55.4	50.0	48.4	45.2	45.5	48.3	48.3	48.4	51.3		Growing	Faster
Pricing, month-to-month	58.9	56.5	51.6	59.7	56.1	50.0	53.3	56.3	56.4		Growing	Faster
Pricing, year-to-year	62.5	45.2	42.2	54.8	50.0	33.3	45.0	56.3	47.4		Growing	Faster
6-Month Outlook - September							Higher	Same	Lower			
							39%	36%	25%			

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

izing in bolting solutions for critical applications across industries such as gas and oil, solar energy, manufacturing and infrastructure, Applied Bolting Technology has continually adapted to the evolving needs of its clients.



The company's signature product, the Squirter® DTI, makes bolt tensioning more accurate and efficient.

www.appliedbolting.com

SPIROL inaugurates new Malaysia branch

SPIROL announces the opening of its newest branch in Johor, Malaysia.

This new division represents a significant milestone in SPIROL's infrastructure development and supply capability in the Asia Pacific region. This new state-of-the-art sales and service location will support SPIROL's commitment to providing top-tier

local services to clients worldwide. The new branch, to be fully operational by September 1, 2024, will service SPIROL customers in Southeast Asia, South Asia and North Asia including India, North Asia, South Korea, Japan and Australasia.

www.spirol.com

ISANTA approved by ANSI to SNT-101, 2024

The International Stable, Nail and Tool Association (ISANTA) recently received notice that the ANSI Board of Standards Review has approved





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E-Z LOK Purchases a LOCTITE® Machine

E-Z LOK, located in Gardena, CA, USA, and a leading manufacturer and master distributor of threaded inserts for metal, plastic and wood has purchased a LOCTITE® machine.

According to E-Z LOK Director of Sales & Marketing, **Kyle Lindsly-Roach**, "We decided several years ago that bringing LOCTITE application in-house would allow us to more efficiently and cost effectively apply the coating." E-Z LOK purchased the machine nine months ago. It applies LOCTITE to the external threads of the solid wall inserts, which proceed through a curing oven. After-



Coated metal threaded inserts.

wards, the inserts are ready to use. Having this machine at E-Z LOK's Gardena headquarters, brings several benefits. Not only does the company save time by no longer using outside processors, but E-Z LOK can apply the LOCTITE in a semi-automated fashion, thus increasing their throughput. Discussing its importance, Lindsly-Roach said, "LOCTITE is an integral part of our company's hallmark E-Z LOK inserts for metal, as it is this adhesive that holds the insert in place once installed." Learn more at: www.ezlok.com

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Reinhold Würth Celebrates 75th Work Anniversary

From a hardware wholesaler with two employees to a global market leader with more than 88,000 employees—this impressive development is the life's work of Professor **Reinhold Würth**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the **Würth Group**. On October 1, 2024, he celebrated his 75th work anniversary. Family, friends, numerous guests from the world of politics, business and the arts as well as the company management congratulated Professor Reinhold Würth during a ceremony at **Carmen Würth Forum** in the German town of Künzelsau.



news.wuerth.com

Growermetal Establishes Sales Branch in Germany

Growermetal SpA informed its customers, employees and suppliers that on October 1, 2024, a new sales branch was inaugurated: **Growermetal Germany GmbH**.

The company has undergone a process of expansion for some time in order to make its sales network more and more timely and widespread. The opening of the new sales location will strengthen Growermetal's presence in the German and European market.

Growermetal General Manager **Klaus Vogt** is available to support all of the company's partners in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

www.growermetal.com

ANSI/ISANTA SNT-101, 2024, Safety Requirements for Portable Compressed-Air-Actuated Fastener Driving Tools. The approved standard replaces the 2015 version of SNT-101 as of its September 19, 2025 effective date. SNT-101, 2015 remains effective until that date.

www.isanta.org

FDH Aero announces new contract agreement for COMAC C919 Platform

Commerce, CA, USA-based FDH Aero, a global provider of supply chain solutions for the aerospace and defense industry, announced it has secured a multi-year contract with AVIC-XAIC Xi'an Aircraft Industrial Corporation (XAIC) to support China's COMAC C919 passenger jet platform. AVIC-XAIC is one of the major sub-tier company, which is taking the work of Wing assembly and mid-fuselage for C919.

FDH is one of a select few distributors already delivering a suite of supply chain solutions to the COMAC C919 platform. The new contract extends upon FDH's current work and existing relationship with AVIC-XAIC to include new product offerings including Just-in-Time

delivery services managed by XAIC onsite FDH personnel based in Xi'an, China.

www.fdh aero.com

Woodbridge International closes Bristol Machine sale to Industrial Threaded Products

Woodbridge International, New Haven, CT, USA, a global mergers and acquisitions firm, announces the acquisition of its client, Bristol Machine Company by Industrial Threaded Products (ITP). Bristol Machine Company, which is headquartered in Ontario, CA, USA, is a premier distributor and fabricator of fastening systems and industrial products that support industries including construction, marine and power.

Industrial Threaded Products (ITP) services the fastener hardware require-



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Distribution Solutions' Gexpro Acquires TCR Distribution Solutions Group, Inc. announced that its operating company, **Gexpro Services**, will acquire **Tech-Component Resources Pte. Ltd. (TCR)**, a small and growing Southeast Asian distributor of fasteners, mechanical components and other products serving OEMs.



www.distributionsolutionsgroup.com

Fastener Training Week in Cleveland in November **Fastener Training Institute (FTI)** hosts its final *Fastener Training Week* of 2024 in Cleveland, OH, USA, November 18 to 22. This five-day fastener training program takes place at the **Industrial Fasteners Institute**, presented by **Birmingham Fastener**, and taught by expert instructors, **Laurence Claus** and **Salim Brahimi**. Fastener Training Week graduates are eligible for



Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CFS) designation upon class completion and passing an exam. Register by November 4, 2024 for early-bird rates.

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Bossard to Acquire the Ferdinand Gross Group, Expanding Presence in Germany & Eastern Europe

The **Bossard Group** has signed an agreement to acquire the **German Ferdinand Gross Group**. Headquartered in Leinfeld-Echterdingen, Germany, the Ferdinand Gross Group is one of the leading distributors of fastening technology in Germany. The Ferdinand Gross Group, which is celebrating its 160th anniversary this year, employs approximately 260 people and also operates locations in Hungary and Poland. With the contemplated acquisition of the Ferdinand Gross Group, which expects net sales of around €80 million for the current financial year, the Bossard Group will further expand its already



strong market presence in Germany and Eastern Europe. Additionally, in combination with **Bossard Germany**, a leading distributor of customized fastening technologies, Bossard will be able to serve its customers in Germany and Eastern Europe even more comprehensively.

The closing of the transaction is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2025 and is subject to the approval of regulatory authorities and other customary closing conditions. The Ferdinand Gross Group acquisition will be financed through the use of existing credit facilities. Learn more at: www.bossard.com

ments of commercial manufacturers and construction wholesale distributors, nationwide. ITP makes customers connections through extensive knowledge and service.

www.woodbridgegrp.com

www.itpbolt.com

www.bristolmachinecompany.com

US LBM acquires Texas Tool Traders

US LBM, a leading distributor of specialty building materials in the USA, has acquired Texas Tool Traders, a premier supplier of construction fasteners, tools and supplies to framing contractors, builders and remodelers across Texas.

Texas Tool Traders operates 14 locations statewide, supporting customers in the Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston metro areas.

In addition to Texas Tool Traders, US LBM operates in the state under multiple brand names including

Texas Building Supply, which supplies a wide range of specialty building materials to production, custom, multi-family and commercial contractors.

www.uslbn.com

VIBO awarded CRIBIS Prime Company recognition

VIBO CEO, Raoul Bontempi, was presented with the CRIBIS Prime Company Award, certifying the company's highest level of reliability as a counterparty in B2B business transactions. This award is particularly significant, as it is only given annually to 6% of the more than six million Italian companies. CRIBIS, specialized in providing business information on Italian and foreign companies, awards the Prime Company acknowledgement through the CRIBIS D&B Rating.



www.vibo.com



TR Fastenings Launches New Range of Latching Systems

TR Fastenings offers a new range of latching systems for the HVAC industry. Klima-Flex™ has been specifically developed to deliver a safe, effective and reliable product line for insulated and pressurised doors and cabinets to meet stringent requirements for air conditioning, ventilation and heating equipment housing. The Klima-Flex range consists of:

- Klima-Flex 1
- Klima-Flex 2
- Klima-Flex Latch Hinge
- Klima-Flex 2D Hinges

- Klima-Flex 3D Hinges Latching solution in both positive and negative pressure conditions is offered. www.trfastenings.com



Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Income (Loss)	%Δ
Fastenal Company	1910	3.5	298	0.9

Quarterly Sales & Net Income data in US\$ millions.

Conference Calls & Webcasts...

- **Bulten Group**, Gothenburg, Sweden, will hold a live presentation of Q3 results for analysts, the media and investors on Oct. 22, 2024, at 3.30 PM CEST. www.bulten.com
- **Distribution Solutions Group**, Fort Worth, TX, USA, will report Q3 results on Oct. 31, 2024, and will host a 9 AM ET conference call. investor.distributionsolutionsgroup.com
- **Genuine Parts Company**, Atlanta, GA, USA, will release Q3 financial results on Oct. 22, 2024, at 8:30 AM ET. www.genpt.com
- **Howmet Aerospace Inc.**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA will announce Q3 2024 financial results on Nov. 6, 2024, at 7 AM ET. www.howmet.com
- **Illinois Tool Works Inc.**, Glenview, IL, USA, will hold its Q3 2024 earnings webcast at 9 AM CDT, at: investor.itw.com
- **Nucor**, Charlotte, NC, USA, will share its Q3 earnings release on Oct. 22, 2024, at 10 AM ET. www.nucor.com

- **Simpson Manufacturing**, Pleasanton, CA, USA, will report Q3 2024 results on Oct. 21, 2024, in a 5 PM ET conference call. ir.simpsonmfg.com
- **Stanley Black and Decker**, New Britain, CT, USA, broadcasts its Q3 earnings webcast on Oct. 29, 2024, at 8 AM ET. www.stanleyblackanddecker.com

Dividend Report...

- **Howmet Aerospace Inc.**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, has declared a dividend of US\$0.08/share on the company's outstanding common stock, to be paid on Nov. 25, 2024 to the holders of record at the close of business on Nov. 8, 2024. www.howmet.com
- **Nucor Corp.**, Charlotte, NC, USA, has declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.54/share on common stock, to be paid on Nov. 8, 2024 to stock shareholders of record on Sept. 27, 2024. www.nucor.com

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Endries Opens New Distribution Center

Endries International, Inc. announces the opening of a new distribution center in Algonquin, IL, USA. The new facility is a key milestone in the company's ongoing commitment to improving service efficiency, expanding op-



erational capabilities and supporting the growing needs of our customers. Spanning 130,000 ft², the distribution center is strategically located to reduce overall delivery times and enhance customer satisfaction.

www.endries.com

Field Fastener Makes Inc 5000 List for 9th Time

Inc. recently revealed that Field Fastener has made the 2024 Inc. 5000 list. The Inc. 5000 is an annual list



of the fastest-growing private companies in America. The prestigious Inc. 5000 ranking provides a data-driven look at the most successful companies in the economy's most dynamic segment—its independent, entrepreneurial businesses. This is the ninth time that Field Fastener has made the Inc. 5000 ranking. www.fieldfastener.com

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October 23 – 25, 2024

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Suzhou, China
www.fastenertradeshow.net

October 29 – 30, 2024

Fastener Fair Italy 2024
Milan, Italy
www.fastenerfairitaly.com

November 18 – 22, 2024

Fastener Training Week
Cleveland, OH, USA
www.fastenertraining.org

November 22 – 24, 2024

India Fastener Show 2024
Pune, India
www.indiafastenershow.com

March 8-11, 2025

IFI 2025 Spring Meeting
Hollywood, FL, USA
www.indfast.org

March 12 – 14, 2025

Pac-West's Spring Conference
and Tabletop Show
Anaheim, CA, USA
www.pac-west.org

March 25 – 27, 2025

Fastener Fair Global 2025
Suttgart, Germany
www.fastenerfairglobal.com

April 29 – May 1, 2025

2025 SEFA Spring Conference
Tampa, FL, USA
www.theseffa.com

May 28 – 29, 2025

Fastener Fair USA 2025
Nashville, TN, USA
www.fastenerfairusa.com

September 15-17, 2025

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Komar Screw Celebrates 55 Years

Komar Screw Corp. in Niles, IL, USA, celebrates 55 years in business in 2024. **Marvin Kocian** entered the fastener industry in 1961, working for distributor, **Carlton Screw**, and in 1969, founded Komar Screw. Today Komar makes cold headed screws and rivets up to 3/8" diameter, and has in-house screw machine capabilities.

Employee #1, **Norman Young**, retired from Komar in 2014 after 45 years. In the early days, Marv and Norm were Komar's purchasing, sales, warehouse and delivery men. Today, Komar has four warehouses in Fort Smith, AR, USA; Nashville, TN, USA; Cleveland, OH, USA; and Springfield, MO, USA. Komar serves OEMs as a full-line fastener distributor and manufacturer.
www.komarscrew.com

IFI Holds Successful Division Event at IFE 2024 in Las Vegas

On September 11, 2024, the **Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)** held its Industrial Products Division Meeting at the *IFE 2024*. Over 120 IFI members and guests networked during breakfast, with **Dr. Christopher Thornburg**, founder of **Beacon Economics**



as keynote speaker. Thornburg is an expert in economics with experience in revenue forecasting, regional economics, economic policy, labor and real estate markets.

IFI has plans to hold more Industrial Division events in conjunction with 2025 trade shows.

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Fastener Fair Italy 2024: Over 200 Exhibitors Confirmed

From October 29 to 30, 2024, Milan, Italy, will host the 4th edition of *Fastener Fair Italy*, at **CityLife-Allianz MiCo**. Over 200 exhibitors from 18 countries have confirmed participation, with strong representation from firms in Italy, Germany, Turkey, China and Taiwan.



The fair is an ideal event for manufacturers, distributors, suppliers and end users of fastening systems and related technologies. It is an opportunity to strengthen business relationships, discover the latest innovations and market trends, and forge new collaborations.

The Italian fastener industry is a key market for industrial sectors including automotive, aerospace, construction, electronics and renewable energy, driven by the demand for increasingly more efficient and safer solutions.

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