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ITR Economics: "Tariff Mania but No US Recession"

In a recent blog post, **ITR Economics** reports on tariffs, "ITR's macroeconomic perspective is that the tariffs are not going to tip the US into recession. The numbers do not indicate that a recession is a reasonable expectation. Trade is simply not that large a percentage of US GDP comparatively, and the US economy is the largest on the planet. The US trade deficit in goods amounted to 3.1% of US GDP in 2024. The US is 26.3% of global GDP. By comparison, China is 16.8% of the global economy. Size matters, especially when trade is a smaller slice of the US economy versus others.

"The hope behind tariffs is that they will curtail imports more than retributions by other countries will curtail our exports or potentially lead to a negotiating position where the US can "force" additional exports into other countries. Considered in a vacuum, this would seem to be a plus for US GDP. However, prices will tend to rise for both domestically produced and imported products. Rising prices add to inflation, and rising inflation adds pressure for higher interest rates. It is also inevitable that some industries/companies will be net winners because of the tariffs, while others will be losers because of supply chain disruption and/or pricing. The net result is that the US economy will continue to grow, but uncertainty, pricing and resulting interest rate pressures tend to be a drag on how fast the economy will grow.

"We deem it unlikely that a rapid increase in the flow of foreign direct investment into the US will result from these tariffs. A lot of capital has already been spent in Mexico and elsewhere as part of "nearshoring" or supply chain resiliency; it is doubtful that companies can simply decide to replicate that effort in a short period of time.

"While a "trade war" will not stop the US economy from growing, imposing punitive tariffs on Canada and Mexico could tip them into recession. Mexico's economy is already weakening. Hurting the economy of these important trading partners will hurt our ability to increase exports to them and potentially create unintended consequences regarding the economic relationships."

blog.itreconomics.com/blog/tariff-mania-but-no-us-recession

Fastener Fair Global Set for a Record Edition

On March 25 to 27, 2025, the international fastener and fixing industry will



gather in Stuttgart, Germany, for the landmark 10th edition of *Fastener Fair Global* – the world's leading showcase for breakthrough technologies in this sector. This year's event presents around 1000 exhibitors from 40 nations on 52,000 m² gross space, spanning four large exhibition halls.

On display will be thousands of fastener and fixing solutions for manufacturing, construction and industry, including related production machinery, tools and equipment. A brand-new Innovation and Sustainability

Pavilion will highlight specialist solutions shaping the future of this rapidly evolving sector. The official event website provides extensive information on the exhibition for show visitors, including a full exhibitor list and online show preview to search for companies, products and services. www.fastenerfairglobal.com

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Court Upholds Jury Verdict in Favor of Safety Socket

According to **Jim Erbs of Safety Socket**, the jury in a federal



court trial in June of 2024 found that

high-strength fasteners produced by a supplier for military applications were counterfeit under federal trademark laws. The case is **Safety Socket LLC v. Relli Technology, Inc.**, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The jury further found that Relli committed willful counterfeiting when it sold fasteners bearing the registered trademarks of Safety Socket to fill orders for military part numbers, destined for use in combat vehicle contracts, without Safety Socket's authorization to sell them as such. Relli's post-trial challenge to the jury's verdict of willful counterfeiting was denied by the Court on February 10, 2025.

This was the second such litigation successfully pursued by Safety Socket. The prior case was **Safety Socket LLC v. Accurate Aerospace, Inc.**

Safety Socket LLC has supplied high-strength fasteners for demanding commercial, military and aerospace applications for over 80 years.

www.safetysocket.com

Keller & Kalmbach and LAW NDT

Found Joint Venture: MEXS Vertriebs

Keller & Kalmbach and LAW NDT have formed a joint venture, **MEXS Vertriebs GmbH**, to set new standards in modular measurement and testing technology for fasteners with the MEXS 400 testing system. MEXS Vertriebs is 40% owned by Keller & Kalmbach and is based on a close cooperation between both partners to revolutionize industrial quality management.

The MEXS 400 is a modular inspection system specifically designed for 100% inspection of fasteners and other high-precision components. Its main strength lies in its exceptionally fast

reconfiguration: the inspection stations are mounted on mobile trolleys and can be exchanged within minutes. The tool-less exchange of material carriers also allows for rapid reconfiguration of inspection processes, significantly increasing production flexibility. Users can structure their test processes flexibly while maintaining high productivity. The ability to service test stations outside of the running process reduces downtime and increases efficiency.

The MEXS 400 incorporates over 90% of the requirements of customers from machine operators to top management. Learn more at: www.keller-kalmbach.com

Key management changes at Phoenix Specialty Mfg.

Phoenix Specialty Mfg. Co., Bamberg, SC, USA, a leading supplier of specialty stamped parts including washers and spacers, announces three key management changes. Terri Cross joins Phoenix Specialty as the company's new Materials and Purchasing Manager, bringing over 25 years of experience in supply chain management.



Lisa Rikard has been named Quality Manager, contributing over three decades of manufacturing experience, primarily in the quality sector. In addition to these new hires, Phoenix Specialty has also promoted Buck Fralick to Engineering Manager. With more than 20 years of manufacturing experience, Buck has been an integral part of the Phoenix Specialty team since 2018.

www.phoenixspecialty.com

IFE Group partners with Global Supply Chain Solutions

IFE Group has partnered with Günter Retkowski and GSCS as its Sales Representative for IFE Americas in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon and Washington. With over 20 years of experience in global supply chains across various industries—including fastening technology and fluid system components—Günter Retkowski founded Global Supply Chain Solutions LLC, which specializes in sales and business development, supporting manufacturers entering the North American market and customers seeking engineered or standard solutions for connecting and fastening needs.



Customers currently working with All America Systems in the Western Great Lakes region should continue doing so. IFE Americas maintains its partnership with All America Systems in this region, though the relationship is no longer exclusive.

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FTI Announces All-Day Training at Fastener Fair USA on May 27, 2025

The **Fastener Training Institute (FTI)** will present **Fastening 101** ahead of **Fastener Fair USA** in Nashville, TN, USA, on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. FTI says come for the class and stay for the show—or come to the show and take the class.

“Our **Fastening 101** class content is extensive and offers much more than the basics,” said **Jo Morris**, FTI Managing Director.

Students will explore nuances of fastener applications and design concepts to understand why certain head styles, drive features, thread forms, materials, heat treatments and plating and coatings are used.

This all-day class, sponsored by **Star Stainless**, is for OEMs, engineers, sales people, QA professionals, purchasers, those in sourcing and quoting, marketing and management as well as anyone interested in learning

more about fasteners. The class is taught by **Laurence Claus**, **Industrial Fasteners Institute’s** Director of Education and Training.

Attendees will leave with a vast appreciation of the diversity and breadth of fastener designs, understand how fasteners are produced and recognize cost variations across fasteners.

The cost for **Fastening 101** with exhibit hall access, May 28-29, is US\$399. For those wanting to attend the networking party at Honky Tonk Bar on May 28, the cost is US\$469. Prices increase on May 6, 2025.

www.fastenertraining.org



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Cold Heading Quality Wire Markets Trends & Forecasts

The “Cold Heading Quality Wire Market Opportunities and Strategies to 2033” report from **ResearchAndMarkets.com** describes the cold heading quality (CHQ) wire market and covers 2018-2023 (historic period) and 2023-2028, 2033F (forecast period). It evaluates the market across each region and for the major economies in each region. The global CHQ wire market was valued at US\$14.58 billion in 2023, having grown at a CAGR of 2.76% since 2018. It is expected to grow to US\$18.24 billion in 2028 at a rate of 4.59% and is then expected to grow at 4.75% to US\$23.01 billion in 2033.

www.researchandmarkets.com

AFC Opens New Facility in Monterrey, Mexico

AFC Industries has opened a Monterrey, Mexico facility, with a commitment to supporting OEMs and manufacturers in Mexico and across North America with solutions to streamline operations, reduce costs and ensure supply chain excellence. The Monterrey facility will be a key hub for **AFC Industries de Mexico**, to deliver inventory management programs, JIT delivery and value-added services.

www.afcind.com

Ian Walsh to CEO at FDH Aero

FDH Aero, a global provider of supply chain solutions for the aerospace and defense industry, announced that Ian Walsh has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), succeeding Scott Tucker, who will continue to support FDH in an advisory capacity as its non-executive chairman, focused on strategy and M&A efforts.



Walsh brings over 35 years of executive leadership across the U.S. Marine Corps, commercial and general aviation, defense and industrial end markets. Walsh had served as Chairman, President and CEO of Kaman Aerospace, a provider of components and subsystems to commercial aviation, aerospace, defense and medical end-markets.

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www.fdh aero.com

TriMas completes GMT Aerospace acquisition

TriMas has completed the acquisition of the aerospace business of GMT Gummi-Metall-Technik GmbH.

TriMas Based in Germany, GMT’s aerospace division (GMT Aerospace) produces a wide range of tie-rods and rubber-metal anti-vibration systems engineered for commercial and military aerospace applications. GMT Aerospace is now part of the TriMas Aerospace group.

www.trimas.com

The advertisement features the text 'NEED INSERTS?' in large, bold, white letters at the top. Below it, the slogan 'We make it EZ' is written in a white, cursive font. The background shows several metal inserts of different sizes and colors (gold, silver, red) on a reflective surface. At the bottom right, the 'EZ LOK' logo is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with the 'Z' and 'L' being significantly larger than the other letters.

The advertisement has a dark blue header with the 'RAR' logo and the text 'RICK RUDOLPH ASSOCIATES LLC' in white. Below the header, the text 'The Northeast's Premier Manufacturer's Sales Representative' is written in white. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Tel: 617-240-5326', 'rick@rickrudolphassociates.com', 'morgan@rickrudolphassociates.com', and 'www.rickrudolphassociates.com'.

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Field Fastener Expands in Arkansas & Arizona

Field Fastener, Machesney Park, IL, USA, has strengthened its network with the opening of two new facilities in Batesville, AR, USA, and Phoenix, AZ, USA, increasing Field's global footprint to 13 strategically located sites, all designed to optimize service capabilities and bring greater value to customers. The new locations are a direct response to Field's commitment to delivering superior customer experiences, helping businesses reduce inefficiencies and driving cost savings.



www.fieldfastener.com

TriMas Aerospace Wins Multi-Year Airbus Contract

TriMas, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA, announced that **TriMas Aerospace's** Monogram Aerospace Fasteners™, Allfast Fastening Systems® and Mac Fasteners™ brands have been awarded a multi-year global contract with **Airbus**, expanding the company's existing contract scope across all fastener business units. Additionally, this multi-year contract further strengthens TriMas Aerospace's position across the global Airbus supply chain.

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FDI Rallies to 51.6 & FLI dips to 47.3

The FDI rallied back to 51.6 last month, after its softer 47.6 reading in January, seasonally adjusted.

The Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) continued its slide, impacted by challenging news on tariffs, dipping to 47.3.

Listen to episode #212 of *Fully Threaded Radio* as **Martin Inc. EVP, Scott McDaniel**, and **Fastener Technology International**
Fastener Distribution Trends: February 2025

(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 AT A GLANCE																			
February 2025																			
	Index Values										Rate of Change								
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	Direction									
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	50.3	50.9	49.3	48.4	46.5	47.2	47.2	46.8	48.5	Growing	Slower								
FDI	51.6	47.6	48.1	46.4	56.5	59.0	53.8	47.5	52.1	Growing	Faster								
FLI	47.3	49.9	51.4	52.3	52.6	50.5	47.4	49.6	50.9	Declining	Faster								
(Other Metrics)																			
Sales	53.0	37.7	36.5	48.9	61.8	58.4	50.2	43.3	52.6	Growing	Faster								
Employment	50.0	51.7	47.0	51.7	51.7	55.4	50.0	50.0	53.2	Same	Same								
Supplier Deliveries	60.0	55.0	56.1	46.7	61.7	60.7	62.9	46.9	59.7	Growing	Faster								
Respondent Inventories	66.0	61.7	63.6	65.0	63.3	64.3	67.7	62.5	64.5	Growing	Faster								
Customer Inventories	44.0	50.0	48.5	40.0	48.3	55.4	50.0	48.4	45.2	Declining	Faster								
Pricing, month-to-month	74.0	53.3	53.0	58.3	56.7	58.9	56.5	51.6	59.7	Growing	Faster								
Pricing, year-to-year	72.0	55.0	53.0	56.7	56.7	62.5	45.2	42.2	54.8	Growing	Faster								
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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

Nucor EVP Gregory J. Murphy to retire; Benjamin Pickett & Douglas Wilner to be promoted

Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, NC, USA, announces that Gregory J. Murphy, Executive Vice President (EVP) of Business Services and General Counsel, plans to retire effective June 7, 2025 following a 36-year career. Murphy will transition out of his current responsibilities on March 9, 2025, when Benjamin M. Pickett will be promoted to Executive Vice President of Business Services and Douglas R. Wilner will be promoted to President of Corporate Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Pickett and Wilner to ensure a seamless transition.

www.nucor.com

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Over the next several months, Murphy will continue in his Executive Vice President capacity as an advisor to Leon Topalian, Nucor's Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer, and will work with Messrs.

Jennifer Lin to Branch Manager at BBI Dallas

Brighton-Best International (BBI) announces that Jennifer Lin has been promoted to Branch Manager of the Dallas, TX, USA, location. BBI relates that Lin has been an invaluable part of the team as Operations Manager for many years, showing exceptional expertise, leadership



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SPAX® PowerLags® Structural Fasteners Win MVP Award

SPAX Engineered Fasteners, Bryan, OH, USA, a brand of **ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO. US, INC.**, announces its PowerLags® Structural Fasteners have been honored in *Pro Builder* magazine's seventh annual Most Valuable Product (MVP) Awards. Selected by *Pro Builder's* panel of judges, PowerLags fasteners received a Silver Award in the Structural Materials & Systems category.

The MVP Awards recognize groundbreaking products that provide homebuilders and contractors with innovative solutions to enhance efficiency, performance and safety. Chosen by a panel of industry experts, PowerLags stood out for their superior engineering, ease of installation and unmatched structural strength.

With features like patented thread serrations that eliminate pre-drilling, PowerLags reduce installation time and labor costs by up to 40%. The low-profile, large-diameter T-STAR Washer Head provides superior clamping force, while excellent corrosion resistance ensures long-lasting durability. SPAX PowerLags fasteners are available at national home centers and LBM dealers nationwide. Learn more at: www.altenloh.us / www.spax.us



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White Cap Acquires Kris-Con Supply & Fastener

Distributor of specialty construction supplies and safety products,



White Cap, Atlanta, GA, USA, has acquired **Kris-Con Supply & Fastener**, a supplier of specialty construction supplies and equipment rentals to commercial contractors serving the Houston and Austin, TX, USA metropolitan areas. Kris-Con is now part of the White Cap suite of brands, branches and services.

"White Cap shares our dedication to providing exceptional customer service," said **Mike and Carmen Jackson**, Co-owners of Kris-Con. "As we unite our two teams, we look forward to the growth opportunities for our associates and delivering even greater value to our customers."

about.whitecap.com

EchoBolt Expands Contract with RWE Renewables

EchoBolt has announced its new contract with **RWE Renewables**, providing bolt integrity services for the Amrumbank West and Arkona offshore wind farms. This builds on an existing relationship between the two firms, with EchoBolt providing multi-year inspection services to RWE at their London Array and Rampion offshore wind farms in the UK.

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and dedication to the company's success. BBI says Jennifer will continue success in her new role.

www.brightonbest.com

Chris Ravenscroft to President to drive global expansion at Aeromed International

Aeromed International LTD., the global division of Aeromed Group LLC, announces the appointment of Chris Ravenscroft as President of Aeromed International. This strategic leadership addition underscores Aeromed International's commitment to expanding its footprint and enhancing supply chain solutions for the aerospace and defense industries worldwide.



Ravenscroft brings over 25 years of leadership experience in sales and commercial operations within the aerospace and defense sectors across EMEA & APAC. His tenure as Senior VP & GM at Incora and VP, Head of Sales & Commercial—EMEA at Wesco Aircraft saw him spearheading market share growth and implementing effective interna-

tional sales strategies.

As President of Aeromed International, Ravenscroft will drive the global growth strategy, ensuring the delivery of mission-critical supply chain solutions across key markets.

www.aeromedgroup.com

SFS reports good result in challenging 2024 financial year

The 2024 financial year saw the SFS Group operating in a challenging economic environment characterized by uneven business performance and ongoing inventory destocking in individual end markets. Reporting sales of some CHF 3039.0 million, an EBIT margin of 11.6% and major progress in the area of sustainability, the Group achieved most of its targets. SFS is in a robust and good position to meet the current economic challenges and any opportunities that arise.



The challenging environment of the first half of 2024 improved to a lesser degree than expected in the second half of the year. Global economic momentum fell short of expectations throughout the entire

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Right Tight Fasteners Joins Fontana Gruppo

Fontana Gruppo has acquired a majority ownership in **Right Tight Fasteners Pvt. Ltd.**, a leading player in the Indian fasteners market specializing in high-strength special nuts and bolts. With over 40 years of history, the company brings to Fontana five strategically located plants across India, serving clients in the automotive, agricultural, industrial and construction sectors.



The strategic partnership helps Right Tight leverage Fontana's advanced technology, robust infrastructure and best practices.

www.grupfontana.it

K.L. Jack Buys Warehouse

According to a local report, industrial fastener supplier, **K.L. Jack**, Portland, ME, USA, has seen steady growth since its start nearly 50 years ago, and to accommodate continued growth, the company bought a 5000 ft² warehouse on just under an acre of land in Auburn, ME, USA for US\$725,000.

The seller was **Twilight Years LLC**.

www.kljack.com

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GWR Fasteners Adds Citizen Miyano CNC Machine

Shropshire, UK-based manufacturer and distributor, **GWR Fasteners**, announces the acquisition of a state-of-the-art, Citizen Miyano BNA-42DHY3 7 CNC Machine. This new addition to the GWR plant will significantly enhance the ability to produce more complex parts and increase overall production capacity, allowing the company to meet the growing demand for UK-made fasteners and specialist components.

The new CNC machine is a critical investment in GWR's ongoing commitment to delivering precision-engineered components and staying ahead of the curve in an increasingly competitive market.

The new BNA-42DHY has a 42 mm bar fed capacity and a compact sub-terrain,

enabling superimposition machining. This innovation will shorten GWR's current cycle times, leading to faster machining of each component. Combined with the new machine's ease of use and quick changeover time, it will result in a more streamlined and efficient manufacturing process.

www.gwr-fasteners.co.uk



reporting period, primarily due to geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainties that resulted in lower rates of investment on the international stage as well as subdued demand.

SFS generated third-party sales of CHF 3039.0 million and organic growth of 0.1% in the 2024 financial year with persistently strong negative currency effects.

www.sfs.com

Growermetal to celebrate 75 years of innovation at Fastener Fair Global 2025

From March 25 to 27, 2025, Growermetal will participate in the tenth edition of Fastener Fair Global, the leading international event dedicated to the fastener and fixing industry, held at Messe Stuttgart in Germany. This special occasion will also mark the company's 75th anniversary celebration.



For the event, Growermetal has designed an exhibition space aimed at offering visitors an engaging experience featuring digital displays, interactive totems and dedicated video content.

"Our booth has a dual purpose—to

showcase the company's history and values while presenting the most innovative solutions that will define our future," says Michela Mauri, Marketing Manager at Growermetal.

www.growermetal.com

Bossard Group sees strategic progress in a challenging environment

In a challenging market environment of subdued demand **BOSSARD** and a strong Proven Productivity Swiss franc, the Bossard Group, Zug, Switzerland, faced declining sales. Sales in 2024 decreased 7.7% to CHF 986.4 million versus 2023. In local currency, the decline was 5.8%. Adjusted for acquisitions, sales in local currency were 7.0% lower than the prior year. EBIT amounted to CHF 100.1 million versus CHF 113.1 million last year, corresponding to a decrease of 11.5%. EBIT margin was 10.2%.

Bossard's net income declined by 2.0% to CHF 75.3 million versus last year's CHF 76.8 million.

The restrained demand evident since the second quarter of 2023 was intensified by continuing customer inventory reductions and the strong Swiss franc. However, there

Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Income (Loss)	%Δ
Bulten AB**	1475	-6.4	9	-70.0
Distribution Solutions Group, Inc.	480	18.6	(26)	-58.8
Genuine Parts Company	5770	3.3	133	-58.0
Hillman Solutions Corp.	350	0.5	(1)	87.9
Howmet Aerospace	1891	3.1	314	-5.4
Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.	388	-0.2	1	103.4
Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	517	3.1	55	1.2
Wesco International	5500	0.5	151	18.3

Quarterly Sales & Net Income data in US\$ millions, except **results in millions of Swedish Kronas

were signs of stabilization in the second half of the year, particularly in Europe and in Asia. And Bossard took advantage of the economic headwinds to make significant strategic progress.

www.bossard.com

New product brochure from Lancaster Fastener Co. Ltd.

Lancaster Fastener Co. Ltd., located in Morecambe, England, has announced the availability of a new product range overview brochure, which can be downloaded from the company's website listed below. Lancaster Fastener Co. Ltd. is a specialist importer and stockist of small-diameter industrial threaded



fastener products.

Trading within the fastener industry for over 40 years, Lancaster's product ranges are sourced from quality-assured manufacturers and supplied to a network of fastener distributors in more than 50 countries on a worldwide basis.

www.lancasterfastener.com

Dividend Report...

- **Illinois Tool Works Inc.**, Glenview, IL, USA, declared a Q1 dividend of US\$1.50/share, payable Apr. 10, 2025 to holders of record on Mar. 31, 2025. investor.itw.com
- **Nucor Corp.**, Charlotte, NC, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.55/stock share, payable May 12, 2025 to holders of record on Mar. 31, 2025. www.nucor.com
- **Stanley Black & Decker**, New Britain, CT, USA, declared a Q1 US\$0.82/share dividend, payable Mar. 18, 2025, to holders of record Mar. 4, 2025. www.stanleyblackanddecker.com
- **Wesco International**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend on common stock, of US\$0.45375/share, payable Mar. 31, 2025 to holders of record on Mar. 14, 2025. wesco.gcs-web.com

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Stafa: Exclusive Dealership for Friedberg HV Fasteners in Benelux & France

Stafa announces a milestone as a leading supplier of fastening solutions. The company has secured the exclusive dealership for the premium HV bolts, nuts



and washers from **August Friedberg GmbH** in the Benelux and France. This partnership allows Stafa to provide its customers with access to a top-tier, sustainable product range that is entirely manufactured in Germany.

www.stafa.nl

Ashley Nicholls to Finance Director at Bolt and Nut Manufacturing Ltd.



as its new Finance Director. With over 16 years of experience in accounting in the manufacturing industry, he brings a wealth of expertise to the firm. A Chartered Management Accountant, Nicholls will lead the finance department and shape financial strategy. A key priority for him will be overseeing implementation of a new ERP system, streamlining financial operations and supporting long-term success.

www.bnml.co.uk

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Buckeye Fasteners, Ohio Nut & Bolt and Modern Fasteners Host Open House for NCFCA

Buckeye Fasteners, along with Ohio Nut & Bolt and Modern Fasteners, recently hosted the North Coast Fasteners Association (NCFCA) for an open house and factory tours. The companies showcased their processes, from



at how their quality fasteners are produced. The open house and factory tour event provided the guests with a great opportunity to connect, share knowledge and highlight the craftsmanship behind the company's products. The hosts offer a big thank you to the NCFCA members for joining them, appreciating NCFCA's time and enthusiasm.

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The comprehensive global fastener product sourcing website, worldwidefastenersources.com,

worldwide  reports the 2025 fastenersources.com winners of its annual "HONORS Program" awards.

The HONORS Program recognizes fastener industry individuals for their accomplishments and their leadership skills in building, expanding and growing the American fastener industry.

The HONORS Program recognizes three different awards.

- The 2025 Fastener Person of the Year Award was won by **Donnie Shum** of **Fastener Supply**.
- The 2025 Fastener Legend Award was won by **Tom Collier** of **CAM-TECH Industries** and by **Ron Brunner** of **Brunner Manufacturing**.
- The 2025 Multi-Line Independent Fastener Rep of the Year Award was won by **Steve Urhausen** of **All-American Systems**.

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cold forming to punch presses, and provided guests with an inside look



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

April 29 – May 1, 2025

Fundamentals of Threaded Fastener and Joint Design
 Eden Prairie, MN, USA
www.nnittraining.com

April 29 – May 1, 2025

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

May 1, 2025

Pac-West Spring Dinner Meeting and Vendor Showcase
 La Mirada, CA, USA
www.pac-west.org

May 27, 2025

Fastener Training Institute's Fastening 101 (at Fastener Fair USA)
 Nashville, TN, USA
www.fastenertraining.org

May 28 – 29, 2025

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

June 11 – 13, 2025

NFDA Annual Meeting & ESPS
 Charlotte, NC, USA
www.nfda-fastener.org

September 15 – 17, 2025

International Fastener Expo (IFE 2025)
 Las Vegas, NV, USA
www.fastenershows.com

October 9, 2025

Pac-West Fall Dinner and Vendor Showcase
 La Mirada, CA, USA
www.pac-west.org

October 15 – 17, 2025

NFDA Executive Summit
 Key West, FL, USA
www.nfda-fastener.org

April 13 – 17, 2026

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 Dusseldorf, Germany
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October 6 – 7, 2026

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