

Welcome



Welcome to our first issue in 2022, the UN International Year of Glass!

Progress towards carbon-neutral glass manufacturing has been core to *Glass Worldwide*'s editorial content in recent times. The theme continues in this issue with coverage of the latest developments in melting technology being adopted by glassmakers in conjunction with their technology suppliers and collaborative industry bodies.

But it should be remembered that technological advances in numerous other areas of the manufacturing process are also vital to glass being recognised as the sustainable material of choice in all its applications. This issue features the first of two comprehensive Buyers Guides devoted to the important subject of process control and inspection, with specially written contributions from leading authorities in the business. Complemented by a diverse selection of Technology articles, glassmakers and processors can find practical solutions to the everyday issues they face on their hollow, flat and speciality glass production lines.

Glass Worldwide articles throughout 2022 will continue to assist our international readership with improving productivity, efficiency, quality and profitability so if you don't already receive your own personal copy then please visit www.glassworldwide.co.uk to order your subscription. Visitors to the website can also find the latest Hot Topics news, Virtual Marketplace showcase, latest events listings and a digital archive of current and back issues.

In addition to a series of market reports devoted to the glass industries in India, South Korea, Spain and the USA, this issue boasts exclusive interviews with industry figureheads including Ajit Jhunjhunwala (Managing Director of La Opala), Rick Zoulek (Executive Vice President of Guardian Glass Americas), Aston Fuller (General Manager of Glass Futures) and Gerry Wilkins (Senior Director for Sales & Marketing at Gerresheimer in the USA and Canada). As official journal of the AFGM, we are also pleased to announce Harris Hendraka as the federation's new chairman and we look forward to continuing to promote developments throughout the ASEAN region during his tenure.

Finally, we were very sad to hear last month of the passing of Mr B L Kheruka, Executive Chairman of Borosil, whose

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contribution to the glass industry in India and beyond over many decades cannot be overstated. *Glass Worldwide* was proud to support the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation in awarding Mr Kheruka the prestigious C K Somany Award for Innovation and Technology in 2019 and we send sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

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