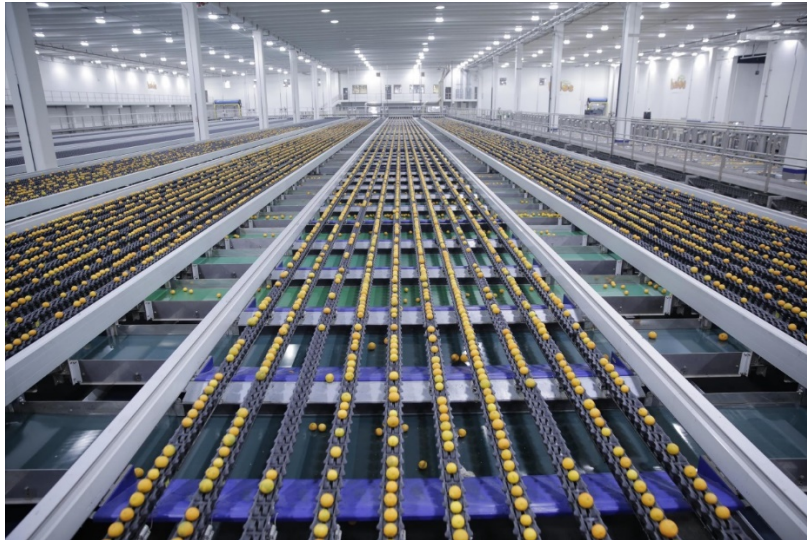


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Compac strengthens UK position with Xact partnership

Delivering world leading integrated sorting & packaging solutions to meet demanding retail market and satisfy consumer needs for convenient food that has consistent quality, safety and availability.



One of the world's most advanced citrus packhouses

Today Compac announces an exciting new partnership with Xact, one of the United Kingdom's leading integrated solution providers and a specialist in packaging and marking equipment.

The partnership combines Compac's [award-winning](#) Spectrim grading technology with Xact's best-in-class solutions and offerings, which include Giró's fresh produce packaging equipment.

Together, the organisations can provide industry leading fruit sorting and packaging solutions that deliver unrivalled quality and consistent fresh produce to the demanding retail market in the United Kingdom.

Compac CEO Mike Riley says that he's thrilled to form a strategic partnership with Xact.

"Compac and Xact recognise the emerging automation opportunities in the United Kingdom repack sector. In combination with Xact, our solutions are tried, tested and proven in some of the most advanced packaging lines in the world and we can't wait to initiate these solutions with Xact in the United Kingdom."

Xact managing director David Hughes says this partnership marks the start of an exciting relationship.

"We feel this generates tremendous value for both parties. We have developed strong relationships with the major players in the United Kingdom fresh produce industry and we feel the market is ready for the range of technologies provided by Compac.

"Xact has a solid reputation for providing integrated solutions to the UK and we share a common vision with Compac, both in terms of the markets requirement for Compac's high-value products and services but also the need to provide our customers with more sophisticated experienced as they look to meet increasing consumer demands."

Compac's 2017 plans emphasise expansion in Europe and the Xact relationship gives Compac a complementary partner that is locally integrated in the United Kingdom market. The partnership enables customers to create safe, quality products which have high consumer demand.

Riley continues: "We share similar views on the responsibility of our role in the food production industry and both organisations have a customer centric focus to deliver world-class integrated solutions and services."

About Compac:

Compac provides integrated post-harvest solutions and services to the global fresh produce industry using the world's most advanced grading technology. Combining industry leading solutions with award-winning grading platforms like Spectrim, the company's mission is to enable its customers to improve returns, gain operational efficiencies, and ensure a safe food supply via smart, useable technologies. To achieve this, Compac operates centers of excellence, regional offices and manufacturing locations within the United States, Europe, South America, Asia, Africa and Australasia.

Compac is member of the TOMRA Group who design and manufacture sensor-based sorting machines with more than 6,000 systems operating worldwide. Since its founding in 1972, today TOMRA employs more than 2,600 people and has progressed from being a pioneer in automated recycling technology to a company today offering the widest range of sensor-based solutions that are helping to lead a cross-industry revolution toward resource sustainability to ensure optimal quality and yield, resulting in increased productivity, throughput and an effective use of resources.

About Xact:

Xact is one of the UK's leading providers of specialist packaging and marking equipment for the fresh produce industry, providing complete solutions including net packaging, checkweighers and metal detectors, inkjet marking and labelling systems. The company has established market leadership in the UK fruit and vegetable packaging market over the last 30 years with its range of Giro netting machines and consumables. Whilst these packs have been an established feature on the shelves of the UK's major supermarket chains for some years, the company has recently introduced a number of new ranges which have developed its position still further within the UK fresh produce industry.

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