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Lecta to showcase next-generation barrier paper solutions at interpack 2026 in Düsseldorf from May 7 - 13

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Presenting its latest innovations for rigid packaging, flexible packaging and wet glue labelling: "Next-Gen Barrier Papers. Performance in Packaging."

At interpack 2026 (7-13 May, Düsseldorf), Lecta will present its latest barrier paper innovations for packaging and labelling at Hall 8A – Stand D30, highlighting paper as a high-performance, recyclable alternative to conventional plastic films.

With the slogan "Next-Gen Barrier Papers. Performance in Packaging.", the showcase will bring together a portfolio of functional, recyclable and high-performance paper-based solutions for rigid packaging, flexible packaging and wet-glue labelling. With a strong focus on advanced barrier technologies, the solutions illustrate how paper-based materials are evolving to meet demanding technical requirements, combining product protection, processability and circularity, key priorities for brand owners, converters and packaging specialists.

Rigid Packaging for Food Service

During interpack, a new generation of EraCup paper cups will be unveiled. Developed by Lecta in collaboration with its partners, this solution – unique in the market – is based on renewable, bio-based and non-chemically modified resources, and is fully SUPD-compliant. Engineered for high-speed industrial runnability, it combines advanced functionality with environmental responsibility.

This pioneering development marks a new step forward in sustainable packaging. Discover it at the show.

Flexible Packaging

In flexible packaging, a range of high-performance barrier papers developed from renewable raw materials will be featured, designed for product protection, converting efficiency and compatibility with existing packaging lines.

Among them, Metalvac Seal Oxygen Barrier stands out as a metallized paper offering excellent oxygen and water vapor barrier properties, as well as strong resistance to grease, providing a more sustainable alternative to conventional multi-material structures.

New developments for confectionery packaging will also be introduced.

Wet-Glue Labelling Paper Solutions

For wet-glue labelling, the portfolio includes one-side coated and metallized specialty papers engineered for high printability, consistent quality and reliable performance.

With the theme "Performance for Every Market. Impact on Every Shelf", these solutions support applications across beverages, food and home care, combining technical reliability with strong visual impact at the point of sale.

Technical Sessions and On-Stand Presentations

In addition to product displays, technical presentations and on-stand sessions will take place on 8 and 12 May, focusing on paper cup innovations and high-barrier metallized papers. These sessions will offer practical insights into real converting applications and promote direct exchange with brand owners, converters and industry professionals, reinforcing a collaborative approach to innovation.

Visitors interested in attending the sessions or learning more about the solutions showcased are invited to visit us Hall 8A – Stand D30 or contact their local Lecta sales representative. A number of surprises will be unveiled throughout the show.

At interpack 2026, Lecta brings next-generation barrier papers into focus, engineered for performance and designed to transform packaging.

ABOUT LECTA

Lecta is a leading European manufacturer and distributor of specialty papers for labels and flexible packaging, coated and uncoated paper for publishing and commercial printing, and other high value-added innovative products such as its range of environment-friendly, recyclable barrier papers. Lecta products are based on natural, renewable resources that contribute to a circular economy, creating a better, more sustainable world for all.

All of Lecta's manufacturing sites are certified to the strictest environmental standards – ISO 14001 and EMAS – and hold PEFC and FSC C011032 chain of custody certificates. Furthermore, all Lecta sites have successfully completed audits for ISO 50001 energy efficiency, ISO 9001 quality and ISO 45001 occupational health and safety certification.

Tetra Pak and Italian dairy company Sterilgarda Alimenti launch 1-litre aseptic carton with paper-based barrier

- Wednesday 22 April

Tetra Pak, in collaboration with leading Italian dairy company Sterilgarda Alimenti, has unveiled the first-ever 1-litre package featuring a paper-based barrier, marking another significant milestone in the carton packaging industry's transition towards low-carbon, renewable materials.

Introducing a paper-based barrier into the Tetra Brik Aseptic 1000 Edge carton package – one of the company's most popular formats with its distinctive slanted top panel – increases the renewable content to 90% when combined with plant-based polymers.

Designed for ambient distribution, the carton supports shelf life and performance comparable to traditional aseptic packaging with an aluminium foil barrier, while reducing the carbon footprint by up to 50%, as verified by the Carbon Trust¹.

Giampaolo Rossi, Plant Director at Sterilgarda Alimenti said: "We at Sterilgarda Alimenti stand for tradition and innovation. Through our continuous improvements in technology and product quality, we aim to provide the best possible answers to evolving consumer needs. Conscious consumption is becoming increasingly important, which is why adopting pioneering technologies is key across all our activities. Tetra Pak's new paper-based barrier is a groundbreaking innovation in beverage packaging and



represents a significant contribution to our journey towards greater sustainability.”

Tatiana Liceti, Executive Vice President, Packaging Solutions at Tetra Pak commented: “As environmental sustainability continues to shape the food and beverage industry, this innovation is an important step forward. It introduces a new barrier material that helps producers move closer to their environmental goals. For me, this is about harnessing the power of paper to make beverage cartons more renewable. This is the result of working hand-in-hand with our customers, supporting them as they offer responsible choices that consumers increasingly expect.”

This industry-first news follows another major step in Tetra Pak’s development of next-generation sustainable packaging materials: a €60 million investment in a new pilot plant for paper-based barrier technology at the company’s facility in Lund, Sweden.

Tetra Pak’s aseptic beverage carton with a paper-based barrier was first launched in 2023 in a portion package format on flexible lines. The technology was later expanded to high-speed lines and in 2024, it was recognised as a groundbreaking sustainability innovation in packaging, receiving the “Resource Efficiency” award at the Sustainable Packaging News Awards 2024.

The paper-based barrier simplifies the carton’s material structure, reducing it from three to two main materials: paper and polymers. The increased paper content can support recycling infrastructure by improving material recovery and quality, while maintaining the strength and rigidity required to protect aseptic products throughout their lifecycle.

To further enhance the environmental profile of food cartons, Tetra Pak is committed to investing approximately €100 million annually through to 2030 in the development of sustainable packaging solutions. This includes the creation of packages with simplified material structures and increased renewable content.

¹ Source: Carbon Trust-verified Tetra Pak ‘Carton CO2 Calculator’ model version 12 (valid from 2026-01-01). Scope: cradle-to-grave measurement of a Tetra Brik Aseptic 1000 Edge LightWing 30 carton with plant-based polymers in coating and cap and paper-based barrier compared to the same package with aluminium foil layer and fossil-based polymers in coatings and cap. Geography: Europe.

Amcor, Metsä Group’s Metsä Spring and G. Mondini accelerate all-in-one fiber packaging innovation through strategic collaboration

- Tuesday 21 April

Amcor, a global leader in developing and producing responsible packaging solutions, today announced an advancement in its collaboration with Metsä Group, a Finnish forest industry group, and G. Mondini, a leading provider of food packaging equipment.

The collaboration enables a fully integrated fiber-based tray system that combines a lightweight barrier liner and top web, tailored for protein and chilled ready-meal applications.

The solution will be featured at Interpack, Europe’s largest packaging event, from 7-13 May in Düsseldorf, where it will run live on G. Mondini’s Trave Streamline machine. The Amcor development team worked closely with G. Mondini to ensure seamless machine performance for meat and food producers, with their demonstration marking a significant step toward the adoption of fiber-based packaging.

Engineered to protect perishable foods and extend shelf life, the AmFiber tray and film combination responds to rising consumer confidence in more

sustainable materials. It offers brands a distinctive packaging format that enhances shelf appeal and supports environmental commitments.

The AmFiber tray is designed using Muoto, a novel molded fibre packaging solution developed by Metsä Group’s innovation company, Metsä Spring. It offers a recyclable* solution based on renewable wood sourced from northern forests. It is complemented by Amcor’s range of advanced barrier liners and top-web films to address different product applications. Designed for use with MAP and Skin technologies, the solution can help reduce plastic use while prolonging shelf life. Plus, it can include convenience features such as microwaveable, ovenable, and easy-peel options.

Paolo Mondini, General Manager at G. Mondini SpA, said, “At G. Mondini, we have always believed that truly more sustainable packaging can only succeed if it performs flawlessly on the production line. Our collaboration with Amcor and Metsä Group is a perfect example of what happens when machine expertise, barrier technology, and fiber innovation come together. The result is packaging that upholds the most rigorous food safety requirements, delivers state-of-the-art consumer experience, and meets retailer expectations. The Trave Streamline running live at Interpack will demonstrate that fiber-based solutions are not just an environmental choice, they are a high-performance one.”

“Our collaboration with Amcor began about a year ago, and it is highly rewarding to see this partnership – together with the valuable contribution of G. Mondini – now delivering tangible results. By combining Muoto’s exceptional quality and built-in sturdiness with excellent barrier performance, we are creating a solution that truly comes to life. This collaboration shows how the right partners can bring together performance, reliability, and suitability for demanding food applications,” states Antti Valtonen, VP Muoto Project at Metsä Spring.

Ilya Syshchikov, Amcor’s Vice President, Global Fiber, said, “High-performing packaging requires a fully integrated system, where every element, from tray and barrier liner to top web and machinery, works seamlessly together. By collaborating with Metsä Group and G. Mondini, we are creating a complete packaging solution that simplifies implementation, addresses customer challenges, and helps brands focus on delivering exceptional products.”

The new all-in-one packaging solution will be shown in live demonstrations at Interpack in the G. Mondini booth (Hall 5 / Booth F24). The G. Mondini Trave Streamline packaging system enables trays to pass through the sealing process with reduced friction, improving production efficiency. In addition, G. Mondini’s digital printing capabilities allow direct customization of fiber trays, enabling strong brand differentiation while preserving a natural appearance.

By uniting Amcor’s barrier films, Metsä Group’s solid expertise in processing wood, and G. Mondini’s machinery know-how, the partners have created an innovative all-in-one solution that advances sustainability and is proven to run efficiently on Mondini systems, as well as other major packaging platforms.

*The fiber recovery rate for the tray with liner is greater than 80%, according to the CEPI recyclability laboratory test method Ver.3 (2025).

About Amcor

Amcor is the global leader in developing and producing responsible consumer packaging and dispensing solutions across a variety of materials for nutrition, health, beauty and wellness categories. Our global product innovation and sustainability expertise enables us to solve packaging challenges around the world every day, producing a range of flexible packaging, rigid packaging, cartons and closures that are more sustainable, functional and appealing for our customers and their consumers. We are guided by our purpose of elevating customers, shaping lives and protecting the future. Supported by a commitment to safety, over 75,000 people generate \$23 billion in annualized sales from operations that span over 400 locations in more than 40 countries.

About Metsä Group

Metsä Group has its roots in the Finnish forest: our parent company Metsäliitto Cooperative, is owned by approximately 90,000 forest owners. We make wood products that people around the world need every day. We focus on pulp, paperboards, tissue, and greaseproof papers, wood products, and wood supply and forest services. We are committed to regenerative forestry that measurably strengthens the forest ecosystem. We promote a culture of diversity, equality and inclusion. In 2025, our sales totalled EUR 5.8 billion, and we employ about 8,800 people.

About G. Mondini

Founded in 1972, G. Mondini is a global leader and innovator in tray sealing technology, delivering engineering-driven, fully integrated food packaging solutions designed to meet any production requirement. Built around real production needs, each system combines advanced automation, intelligent controls, and product handling to maximize efficiency, quality, and Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE). The Trave range, including Streamline and Sinfonia, sets the benchmark for precision, reliability, and performance across plastic, cardboard, and fiber applications. A pioneer in sustainability, G. Mondini continues to innovate with solutions such as PaperSeal, reducing environmental impact without compromising performance.

RDM Group opens paper mills for Paper Week 2026 to experience recycling up close

- Tuesday 21 April

From 13 to 19 April, RDM Group took part in Paper Week, the national week dedicated to education and awareness on paper and cardboard recycling, promoted by Comieco and supported by institutions, schools and businesses across the supply chain.

Among the most significant initiatives, “Open Paper Mills” returned once again, giving students and citizens the opportunity to visit the facilities and discover first-hand how the recycling cycle actually works — a well-established highlight of Paper Week.

For the 2026 edition, RDM Group’s paper mills in Santa Giustina, Ovaro and Villa Santa Lucia welcomed school groups from local institutions (250 students took part), as well as citizens, families and associations with an interest in sustainability.

During the guided tours, participants were able to observe the reprocessing stages of separately collected paper, as well as the machinery and technologies that transform waste into new raw material. It was a concrete way to highlight both the workings of a supply chain that maximizes the use of existing fibres and the essential role citizens play in ensuring quality recycling through correct everyday habits.

For RDM Group, opening its paper mills was not just a gesture of transparency, but a concrete commitment to environmental awareness. Seeing first-hand how waste is reprocessed — and understanding the value of the daily work of household waste sorting — proved essential in showing how much each individual can contribute to the recycling cycle.

Showing how paper collected by citizens was transformed back into a resource made the result of their efforts tangible and strengthened trust in the recycling supply chain. Bringing young people and adults closer to a more conscious environmental culture brought us closer to our ultimate goal: demonstrating that the circular economy is not an abstract concept, but a real industrial process with a significant social impact.

The 2026 edition confirmed Italy’s role as a European leader in the recycling of cellulose-based materials, with an efficient and widespread supply chain that represents a model of circular economy recognised across Europe.

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	980 - 1190	15 (1.40%)	Apr 2026	980 - 1190
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	980 - 1180	15 (1.41%)	Apr 2026	980 - 1180
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	700 - 710	15 (2.17%)	Apr 2026	700 - 710
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	680 - 705	15 (2.21%)	Apr 2026	680 - 705

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	940 - 1190	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	940 - 1190
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	665 - 690	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	665 - 690

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	980 - 1190	15 (1.40%)	Apr 2026	980 - 1190
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	700 - 710	15 (2.17%)	Apr 2026	700 - 710

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	980 - 1190	15 (1.40%)	Apr 2026	980 - 1190
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	680 - 700	15 (2.22%)	Apr 2026	680 - 700

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Apr 2026	960 - 1145	0 (0.00%)	Apr 2026	960 - 1145
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	1102 - 1314	3.5 (0.29%)	Apr 2026	1102 - 1314
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Apr 2026	685 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Apr 2026	685 - 735
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	786 - 844	2.5 (0.31%)	Apr 2026	786 - 844