



News Feature

Kosme UK offer the total beverage solution

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Kosme UK is a leading global machinery equipment supplier to the beverage industry offering complete, flexible and cost efficient packaging solutions for all bottling lines. Kosme's comprehensive range of turnkey filling, labelling, capping, packaging and conveying operations guarantee a total system approach which ensures a tailor made packaging solution to all customers requirements..

Kosme UK has seen its annual turnover rise dramatically since its inception in 2002, which is due to a culmination of excellent customer service coupled with their wide range of state of the art bottling equipment.

Kosme has earned a name in the world of packaging. Their product range of machines produced by the company includes a vast number of systems for all requirements of technology, which range in size from both medium-low output and with high throughput.

Working with customers, from comprehensive design to project management is integral to Kosme's success. The company can now fully satisfy the most demanding of bottling requirements from a diverse equipment portfolio which including, stretch blow moulders, filling equipment, labelling machines, packaging and palletising systems and conveyor systems.

Kosme has a strong, local UK presence and are able to undertake site evaluations to ensure clients needs are met and a bespoke solution is specified. Also this is the ideal time to optimise efficiency in the design phase of a bottling line. Using their expertise and knowledge Kosme can work with the client to clarify layout, ergonomics, traffic bottlenecks, equipment selection, automation and other possible issues before commissioning even begins. Kosme can identify any production bottlenecks and install key equipment to improve production efficiency.

Kosme understanding of the bottling industry means they have worked with some of the biggest processors in the industry, recently the company supplied a new labeller to Britvic, to help production of their new Drench spring water line. Britvic Project Manager Max Collingwood had no hesitation in choosing Kosme as he explains: "Kosme have supplied us a number of machines and when the need arose to upgrade our water bottling line labeller we felt Kosme was an obvious choice, given the high standard of their service and machines. Due to the urgent need and high profile of the product line we also needed to be sure that the new machine could be delivered on time and within budget, so Kosme's ongoing high level of customer care and service gave us confidence to approach them again. The security of having an on-site engineer during the commissioning of the labeller and their ongoing UK-based servicing has given us the peace-of-mind we needed during a vital upgrade."

Based in Roverbella, Mantova, Italy, Kosme is an independently run company that works in close collaboration with its majority shareholder Krones, the World-Wide market leading packaging and bottling company. Through their research, development, manufacturing facilities and synergy with Krones, Kosme have increased their product offering to every aspect of the bottling line, from the start to the finish product.

Kosme machines are designed to process glass, plastic and PET bottles and are ideal for alcoholic products such as wine, spirits and beer, as well as soft drinks and water. At the beginning of the line, Kosme offers custom blow moulding machines designed to the specific requirements of each customer. Furthermore, the company KSB stretch blow moulding machines have achieved a leading market position in the PET bottle producing industry. The KSB Series represents a key step forward in the design of complex beverage bottling plants, a field in which Kosme has extensive experience in.

Kosme has a wide range of fillers (from single machines to monoblocs, utilising simple rinsing or combined cycle, weight/volume fill, gas injection and capping) Kosme's fillers are an efficient solution to any requirements.

Kosme continues to produce cutting edge solutions for the labelling market. Their range of labellers are able to satisfy any application requirement by combining the most sophisticated models with high throughput (from 2,500 to 60,000 bph), top quality execution, low cost operation, minimal maintenance and complete ease of use.

There are over 60 basic models covering all the main labelling technologies, including cold glue, hot melt, self-adhesive and roll-fed.

Kosme maintains an understanding of the latest trends and developments that affect their customers. They apply their knowledge and experience to design and develop cost effective packaging solutions that increase productivity and efficiency. One such example is Kosme's modular labelling machines, which have the specific intention of appealing to production line managers providing them with 'future-proof' solutions. Planning the future of a production line in the long-term, with certainty, is a highly difficult task that can make decision makers think twice about investing in specific machinery.

When bottling, a combination of multiple neck, back and body labelling positions with either wet glue or self-adhesive labelling methods can easily be achieved with more versatility than conventional machines. Individual attachments can also be adapted, for multiple functions such as different label types, sizes and positions.

Kosme's modular labelling system is particularly useful when production lines need to utilise a number of different product labels. Essentially one combination machine can perform the roles of several independent machines.

Palletisers, depalletisers, case formers, cartoning machines, case sealers, wrappers and robots are additional key products that Kosme manufactures for companies both with medium-low output and with high through. Furthermore, Kosme continues to develop and invest, which is evident in the launch of its new high-speed end-of-line Flypack Shrink Wrapper- to meet demand in response to the emergence of secondary packing as an important aspect of packaging lines.

The Kosme Flypack machine is ideal for grouping together products, such as bottles, cans and glass jars in multi-packs, running at an impressive 45 packs per minute. It utilises separate product compacting, wrapper and heat-shrink units to unite already packed products together in a secondary pack. With its tray erector and layer pad inserter module, it can also handle trays. The machine can easily cope with different formats of product including cylindrical, rectangular and square containers in glass, PET or aluminium.

As processors are put under increasing pressure, more and more reliance is being put onto packaging and processing machines. With many production houses running 24/7 to keep up with demand. Due to this trend Kosme UK has also focused on offering a full national service for maintenance, parts and spares for all past and present Kosme products.

Because Kosme UK works closely with their engineering colleagues in Italy, Kosme UK's team all have extensive training and experience of the machines they work on and access to the very latest diagnostic and fault-finding equipment and software.

Kosme offers maintenance contracts to all customers, ensuring that a qualified engineer visits the customer either monthly or bi-monthly to identify if any parts need replacing ahead of time to prevent breakdown or downtime. Many companies benefit from this service as they use this time for the engineer to teach additional operators to use the Kosme machine.

This ongoing training is invaluable as many bigger processors are finding out. Toby Heasman, Brewery Manager of Hall & Woodhouse who make the famous Badger Beer brand comments, "We are pleased with the work that Kosme did throughout the installation and commissioning of our labeller. Also within the contract, we requested an after sales service. This was closely linked into training our operators and craftsmen by Kosme technicians".

Kosme continues to supply machines to a wide range of high profile production lines and producers and supplies updated machines to replace older Kosme equipment, on the strength that the originally supplied machines have proved to be reliable, efficient and cost effective. This is testament to the quality of engineering and after-sales support that the company continues to offer.

Through time, Kosme has maintained the essential features that established the company's famous reputation over the years, custom solutions, high performance, highly reliability, and simplicity of use. Richard Portman, Managing Director of Kosme UK has a clear vision for the future, one that continues the balance of retaining satisfied clients and promoting new products and services to a widening scope of potential customers.

Richard comments, "Kosme UK offers the complete package, competitive price, durable, cutting-edge technology, with a comprehensive back-up service to support every beverage packaging requirement".

For further details on Kosme UK and their complete beverage solutions please phone 01283 523713 or visit the website at www.kosme.co.uk

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Notes to Editors

Kosme UK is a leading supplier of bespoke, turnkey filling, labelling, packaging and conveying machines for the packing and bottling industry. Working with customers, from comprehensive design, to project management, Kosme's goal is to fully satisfy the most demanding of packaging and bottling requirements. The company also offers extensive, on-site technical support and servicing with a dedicated UK team and parts for a rapid response to customer needs.

Kosme UK is an independently run part of the Kronos Group, in close working partnership with Kosme's research, development and manufacturing facilities in Italy.

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