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Carbon Fiber Europe welcomes new member Aksa Carbon

Carbon Fiber Europe, a sectorial alliance of the European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA), is pleased to welcome Aksa Carbon as a new member. Aksa Carbon joins the alliance's founding members Hexcel Composites SASU, Mitsubishi Chemical Europe, Teijin Ltd, and Toray Industries.

Dr Axel Leuchter, Teijin Ltd Deputy General Manager, Head of EU Sustainability Group, and Vice Chair of Carbon Fiber Europe, comments: "The addition of Aksa Carbon to our alliance strengthens our voice and further enhances our collective ability to advance Europe's leadership in carbon fiber materials and their applications."

Gürcan Koman, Aksa Carbon General Manager said: "We are delighted to join forces with Carbon Fiber Europe and EuCIA. As Aksa Carbon, we deliver fully integrated solutions spanning the entire value chain of carbon fiber composites – from precursor to carbon fiber to prepreg – alongside engineering, technology and expertise. And through this alliance, we look forward to working with industry partners to promote the role of carbon fiber in enabling lightweight, high-performance and more sustainable solutions across multiple applications."

Carbon Fiber Europe representatives are available for meetings during JEC World 2026 in Paris on 10-12 March. To schedule an appointment at EuCIA's booth 6M119, email contact@eucia.eu.

In addition, the alliance has launched the website carbonfibereurope.eu to showcase the value of carbon fiber to key European market sectors such as aerospace and defense, automotive, wind energy, construction, and sports and leisure.

Supporting the sustainable growth of Europe's carbon fiber industry

Launched in November 2025, Carbon Fiber Europe's mission is to promote the positive contributions and innovative power of European carbon fiber products to society and to foster their safe and sustainable use within Europe. Its actions are focused on four strategic pillars: Advocacy & Representation; Sustainability & Circularity; Innovation & Standards; and Health & Safety.

The alliance has established three working groups dedicated to promoting the carbon fiber industry and its products, advocating for the industry's interests in EU legislation, and fostering the development of the carbon fiber recycling ecosystem.

As part of its efforts to promote circular economy practices, Carbon Fiber Europe has joined the European Circular Composites Alliance (ECCA), a sectorial alliance of EuCIA launched at JEC World 2025. ECCA members will be available to meet JEC World visitors on booth 5D49-03 in the Circularity Village.

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About EuCIA

The European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA), headquartered in Brussels, represents European national composites associations and industry-specific sector groups and alliances at EU level. With the support of its members, EuCIA actively contributes to building an economically and environmentally sustainable European composites industry. Our initiatives aim to ensure the healthy growth and continued competitiveness of more than 10,000 companies and an estimated 200,000 employees involved in composites manufacturing across Europe.

The members of Carbon Fiber Europe

Hexcel Corporation, parent company of Hexcel Composites SASU, is a global leader in development and manufacturing of lightweight, high performance structural materials including carbon fibers, specialty reinforcements, prepregs and other fiber-reinforced matrix materials, honeycomb, resins, engineered core and composite structures. Hexcel products are used in variety of end applications in Commercial Aerospace (e.g., commercial aircraft), Defense & Space (e.g., military aircraft, space launch vehicles and satellites) and Industrial (e.g., automotive, recreational products). Hexcel products help its customers enhance performance of their products while reducing weight, which decreases fuel consumption and associated CO_2 emissions.
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wide range of industries. The stem of all activities is to contribute to the KAITEKI corporate philosophy, which strives for the well-being of people and planet. www.mitsubishi-chemical.com

Teijin Ltd specializes with its Teijin Carbon Fiber Business Unit in the production and development of carbon fibers and carbon fiber based materials. Under the carbon fiber brand Tenax™ and Tenax Next™, Teijin Carbon offers high performance material solutions for industries such as aerospace, automotive, energy, electronics, civil engineering and sporting goods. With Tenax Next™, the company also pioneers sustainable innovation by using circular feedstock, significantly reducing its carbon footprint. www.teijin.com

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