



# SYNTHETIC FIBRES & NW PRESS RELEASE

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## **RadiciGroup strengthens its position in the nonwoven sector: spunbond and staple fibre production grows**

**New production lines for both product types broaden the Group's range:  
Index 2017 will exhibit all the new products**

Two business areas, three Group companies, three primary product ranges and multiple applications: this is the RadiciGroup Index 2017 offer, the international nonwoven sector exhibition being held in Geneva 4th-7th April (**Stand 2629**). An even wider range, made possible by the Group's investment in new production lines, capable of satisfying customer demands more efficiently.

**Tessiture Pietro Radici** – part of the RadiciGroup **Extrusion Yarn Business Area** – is the company that specialises in the production of **Dylar® spunbond non-woven fabrics**, designed – as well as for use in sanitation – especially for industrial application sectors, such as building insulation, the automotive industry, agriculture, furnishings and disposable products. The non-woven fabrics are available in different weights and colours to meet the varying market demands and the range of choice is set to increase with the new production line currently under development.

*“By the end of this year – stated **Enrico Buriani, CEO of Tessiture Pietro Radici** – a new production line will be put into action to manufacture spunbond fibres (based on Bico Technology), which will allow us to increase our production capacity by about 50%”.*

**Radici Yarn and Radici Chemiefaser** of the **Comfort Fibres Business Area**, leader in the production of nylon staple fibre for technical and traditional clothing and for high quality carpets and rugs, expand their production to include products for the abrasives sector (both household and industrial), the multi-application non-woven fabrics sector and the felt sector for manufacturing and filtration. These products form part of the well-known family of **Radilon® polyamide 6 staple** fibre products, to which is added the brand new range of

**dorix® teck polyamide 66-based products**, produced in the very latest lines specifically designed to guarantee maximum performance and the very highest standard of quality available today.

Radilon® Staple Fibres and dorix® teck are available in both raw and solution-dyed versions, with a choice of various colours and a guarantee of optimum performance in any specific application.

*“In 2011 – said **Oscar Novali, Business Area Manager of RadiciGroup Comfort Fibres** - we acquired a German company with 120 years of experience in the textile world, now known as Radici Chemiefaser GmbH, to complete our already wide range of polyamide threads and fibres. At our Bavarian site, we have invested in new production facilities and will continue to do so in the future so as to meet new challenges and provide our customers with increasingly innovative and efficient products”.*

Index 2017 is an important opportunity for RadiciGroup to showcase the latest developments in nonwoven products, new investments and innovative processing technologies to the world: a RadiciGroup offer that is constantly evolving in terms of customer service and the market.

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RADICIGROUP - With approximately 3,000 employees, a sales revenue of EUR 1,011 million in 2015, and a network of production and sales sites located throughout Europe, North America, South America and Asia, RadiciGroup is one of the world's leading producers of a wide range of chemical intermediates, polyamide polymers, engineering plastics, synthetic fibres and nonwovens. These products are the result of the Group's outstanding chemical know-how and vertical integration in the polyamide production chain, developed to be used in a variety of industrial sectors such as: AUTOMOTIVE – ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS – CONSUMER GOODS – APPAREL – FURNISHINGS – CONSTRUCTION – HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES – SPORT. The basis of the Group's strategy is a strong focus on innovation, quality, customer satisfaction and social and environmental sustainability. With its business areas - **Specialty Chemicals, Performance Plastics and Synthetic Fibres & Nonwovens** (Performance Yarn, Comfort Fibres and Extrusion Yarn), RadiciGroup is part of a larger industrial group that also includes textile machinery (ITEMA), energy (GEOGREEN) and hotel businesses (SAN MARCO).

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