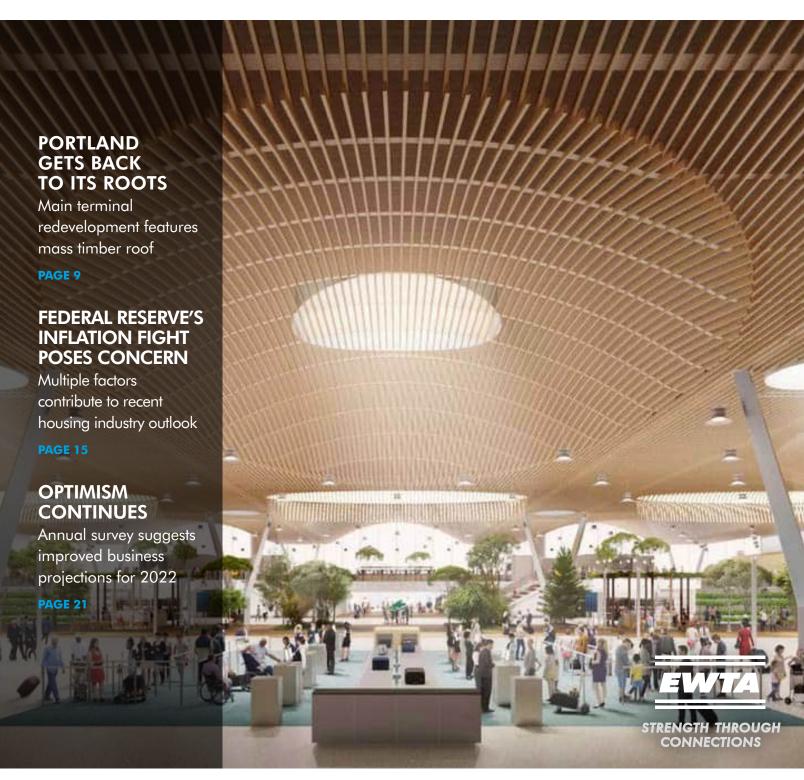
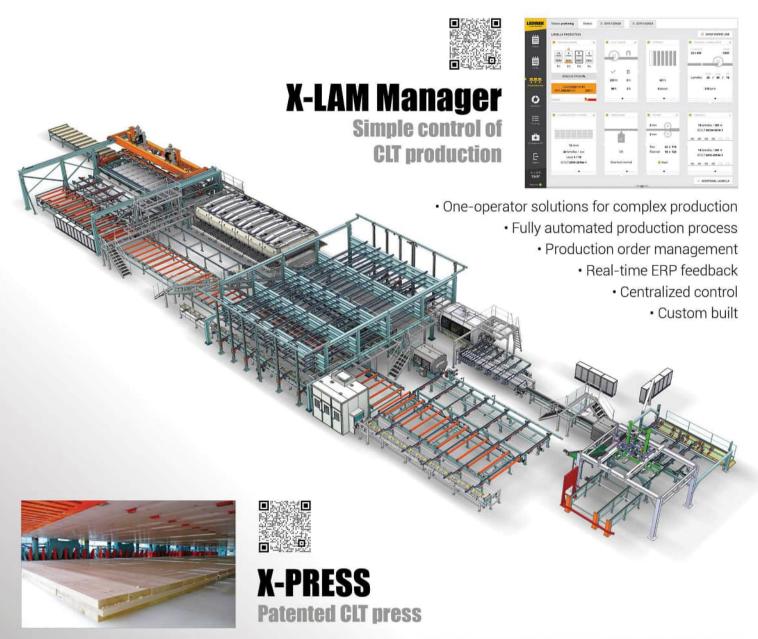
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The terminal's creative design brings the beauty of the Pacific Northwest to the gateway to Oregon.

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It appears that the pandemic we have been living through the past two years has taken a pause. No one knows when or if another variant might put restrictions back in place, but for now, mask requirements are relaxed or have been removed, and people are traveling and meeting in person. Conventions and events are happening!

At the 2022 International Mass Timber Conference held recently in Portland, Oregon, the design, engineering and construction of mass timber projects was shared, and examples of its beauty displayed. In this issue, we feature how mass timber is used in the redevelopment of the Portland International Airport's main terminal. Turn to page 9 to read how two Pacific Northwest companies worked together to create a brand new, stunning mass timber roof.

Looking ahead, APA Market Research Director Joe Elling provides an outlook on how recent steps put in place by the Federal Reserve may impact the housing industry. What lies ahead for our industry? Flip to page 15 for complete details.

Check out the Supplier of the Year Award winners! The 2021 winners were once again chosen through online balloting by APA member representatives. Turn to page 27 to read about the four award recipients.

Earlier this year I attended PELICE (Panel & Engineered Lumber International Conference & Expo), in Atlanta, Georgia, and the International Mass Timber Conference in Portland. The energy at both events was filled with positive outlooks, piqued interest in new products and services, and a sense of celebration as in-person connections were re-established with industry friends and colleagues.

Speaking of reconnecting, we are excited to announce that the 2022 APA Annual Meeting and EWTA Info Fair is scheduled for Oct. 15 – 18, 2022, at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa in Aventura, Florida. The online registration sites are currently under development, with the exhibitor site available late May and the Annual Meeting registration site available in August. Complete details will be sent to all members.

It has been fun to meet members and industry colleagues at this year's events and gatherings and I look forward to meeting others this October in Miami. Until then, let's connect via email, phone, virtual meeting or social media.

Stay safe and healthy and keep those connections strong.

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U.S. HOUSING STARTS AVERAGE 1.75 MILLION ANNUAL RATE IN FIRST QUARTER

Housing starts in the U.S. ran at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.79 million units in March. For the quarter, U.S. housing starts averaged a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.75 million units, the best quarter in 16 years. Multifamily construction is especially strong, as the rental market is historically tight. This is reflected in the Zillow rent index, which was up almost 17% from March 2021. Builder sentiment edged lower, as builders saw less traffic compared to March. The rate on a 30-year fixedrate mortgage returned to the 5% threshold in mid-April. This increase has lifted the mortgage payment on median-priced existing homes sold in the U.S. by roughly 38% relative to when the mortgage rate was 3%. Based on the CPI, inflation on a year-ago month basis in the U.S. hit 8.6% in March, the highest rate in 41 years. This points to further tightening of monetary policy in the U.S., and we should not be surprised to see the rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in the 5.5% to 6% range in the second half of 2022.

APA product recognition makes important strides in Taiwan

APA member products have gained market access and acceptance in Taiwan with strong support from the U.S.D.A. Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and APA's Technical Services Division.

Major building code changes implemented in January 2021 now recognize fire-rated roof and floor assemblies using PS 2-rated sheathing for wood frame construction without requiring fire tests. This recognition, which opens a new category of buildings and new markets for structural panels, is an outgrowth of an APA-FAS technical mission of Taiwanese government officials and researchers to the U.S. and continued technical exchanges with APA to address fire safety concerns.

Taiwanese companies have specified and are using APA member Douglas-fir glulam in two

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Lunping Cultural Landscape Park Pavilion, Taoyuan City, Taiwan Photo from Jim Walsh of Walsh Industries

large landmark projects that demonstrate market acceptance for APA member products in heavy timber and hybrid construction applications. The first is a Taoyuan City government project, the eye-catching Lunping Cultural Landscape Park Pavilion. The second is the Taichung Airport Terminal Expansion Project, which will enable the facility to handle 3.7 million passengers per year. Both projects were supplied by a U.S. glulam exporter working with APA members mills and a fabricator in Oregon. The projects, their use of APA member products and the building code changes was highlighted at an APA exhibit in late April at Taiwan's largest architect show in Taipei. APA in-person marketing and promotion will continue at the Timberize Taiwan Exhibition from March through May in Kaohsiung, Taiwan's second-largest city.

DATE SET FOR 2022 APA ANNUAL MEETING AND EWTA INFO FAIR



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Exhibitor registration and sponsorship opportunities will be sent to EWTA members in May, with annual meeting registration details available in August.

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In Memoriam

Roger Roatch

Roger Roatch, former APA – The Engineered Wood Association Field Services Region Manager, died Dec. 21, 2021, at the age of 59. He spent much of his 30-plus-year career in wood products with APA, where he covered field territories in California and the Pacific Northwest and managed the association's western region field staff team. Roatch is survived by his wife, Jeanette, sons Bryce, Brandyn, Blayne and Jarod and their families, and many other family and friends.



Roger Roatch

Tor Gustavsen

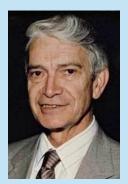
Tor Gustavsen, former Managing Director of Argos Solutions, died Feb. 5 at the age of 60. Gustavsen was a dedicated and passionate leader for Argos Solutions. His colleagues, partners and customers knew him as a man who genuinely cared for those around him and is missed by all. He is survived by his wife and children and a large group of extended family and friends.



Tor Gustavsen

Richard "Dick" Caletti

Richard "Dick" Caletti, former Standard Structures president, died Feb. 26 at the age of 93. Standard Structures, founded in 1947 by Caletti's father, pioneered the glulam beam industry and later expanded its products to include I-joists and open-web trusses for commercial and multifamily roof and floor systems. Caletti served on the APA I-joist/ SCL Management Committee for many years before his retirement. Before joining the industry, Caletti studied civil engineering at Santa Clara University and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Floramay.

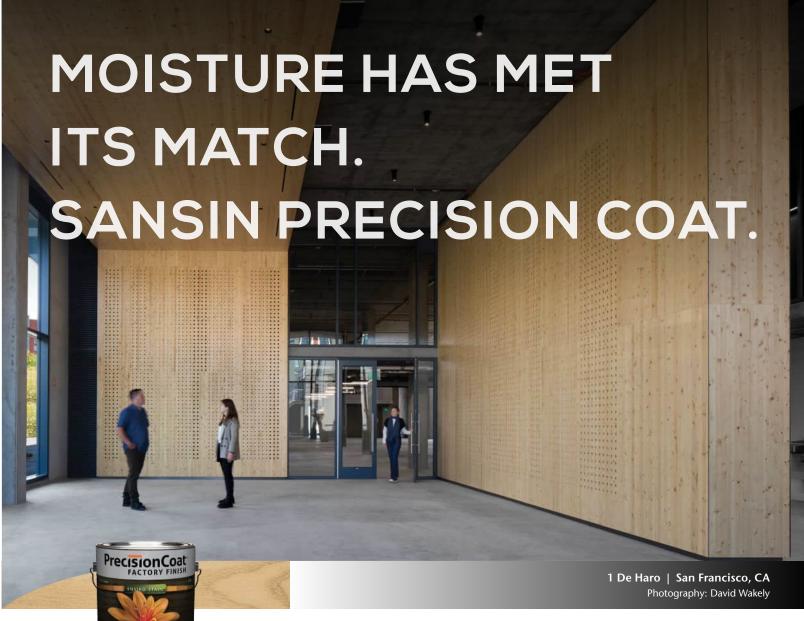


Richard "Dick" Caletti

EWP production up in first quarter of 2022

Supported by an increase in housing starts, structural panel and engineered wood products production was up in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. Glulam led the way with production up 4.3% for the quarter, followed by a 3.8% increase in OSB output. More modest increases were registered by LVL and plywood, up 2.1% and 1.2%, respectively. The level of I-joist production was unchanged from the fourth quarter of 2021. U.S. imports of softwood plywood from sources other than Canada are estimated to have fallen from 438 million square feet in the fourth quarter to 418 million square feet in the first quarter of 2022. U.S. imports from non-Canadian OSB producers are estimated to have totaled 52 million square feet in the first quarter of 2022, down from 193 million square feet in the fourth quarter of 2021. For additional information, turn to page 15 for a 2022

turn to page 15 for a 2022 Market Outlook by Joe K. Elling, Director of Market Research for APA – The Engineered Wood Association.



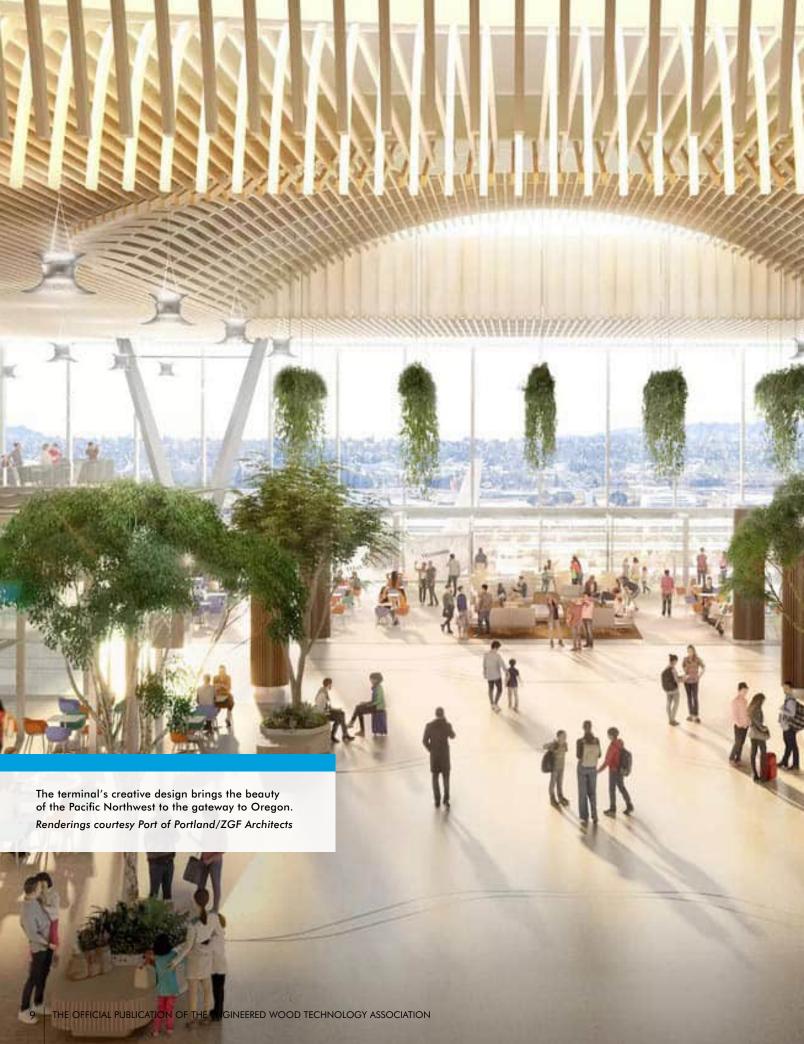
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PORTLAND GETS BACK TO ITS ROOTS

Main terminal redevelopment features mass timber roof

By Larry Oenning, P.E.

Passengers traveling through the Portland International Airport (PDX) are in for a stunning surprise. The 81-year-old airport is undergoing a major transformation as part of the \$2 billion PDX Next overhaul project. For the pièce de résistance, the main terminal building is getting equipped with a brand new, stunning mass timber roof.

The \$1.2 billion main terminal redevelopment has been in the works for the last four years, as the Port of Portland has worked closely with local design firm ZGF Architects and KPFF Consulting Engineers to develop and perfect their vision.

Aiming to incorporate more Pacific Northwest-inspired architecture that is both sustainable and earthquake resilient, designers looked to mass timber.

The extensive 300,000-square-foot roof renovation features approximately 2.5 million board feet of timber. But the real star of the show is the nearly 300 magnificent 80-foot arched glulam beams from APA member Zip-O-Laminators.

The custom glulam beams feature various sized arches that will be intentionally placed to create a domed or vaulted effect in the ceiling.

The diaphragm is constructed from 2-inch mass plywood panels (MPP) from APA member Freres Lumber Co., which will be molded into place over the arched glulam. MPP is a large-scale, laminated-veneer-lumber-based engineered wood panel that can be used as an alternative to cross-laminated timber (CLT).



Inspired by a walk through a calming Pacific Northwest forest, the design team hopes to create a relaxing atmosphere for travelers.

Renderings courtesy Port of Portland/ZGF Architects

Two local companies specializing in mass timber joined production to help bring the Port's vision to life. "We've met every week for the last two-and-a-half years just going through the design and figuring out all details," said Jared Revay, mass timber project manager at Swinerton Builders.

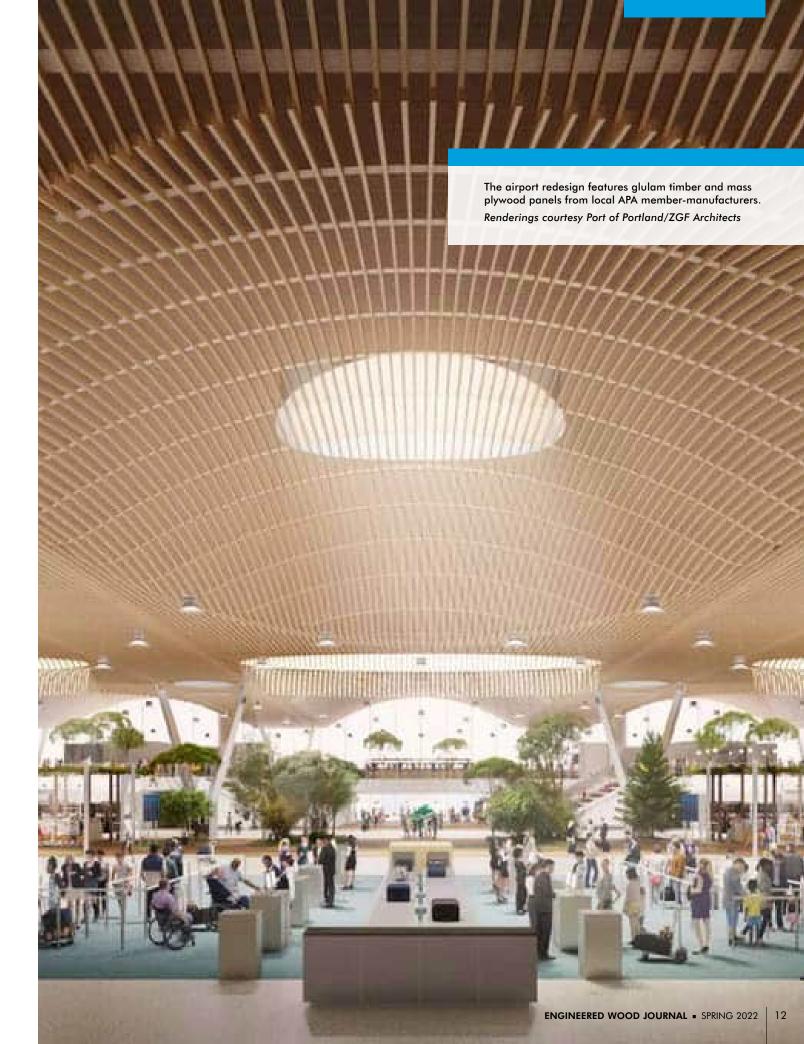
"The biggest challenge we've faced so far was with the design and fabrication and figuring out what the 2D shape of the MPP needed to be so that when you bend it, it fits precisely within the other pieces on the roof," said Revay. "Every single piece on the roof is unique, with a unique number, that fits precisely within the contorting and bending of the roof. It's critical all the joints align perfectly and that the panels are installed with great precision."

The 2-inch-thick MPP is being molded into shape over the arched glulams manually, with exact fastening.

Timberlab, Swinerton Builders' mass timber company, is serving as the fabrication partner on the project. "There are a number of MPP fabrications that are smaller, more unique and quite complex, and Timberlab is the only facility in the region that has the five-access fabrication capabilities that can handle this volume," said Revay.

The roof is being preassembled on-site in 18 massive cassettes that will be slid into place over the existing roof in a specific sequence. Revay expects each cassette sequence will take about one month for installation.

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Construction on the main terminal roof is expected to finish fall of 2022, with the rest of the interior construction continuing through 2023. The final pieces of the PDX Next project are scheduled for completion in 2025.

Wanting to honor and celebrate the local area, the Port prioritized sustainably and locally sourced timber for the project.

"We really wanted to support the local economy," said Revay, explaining that all the timber used was sourced from within a 600-mile radius.

Oregon, the top producer of softwood lumber in the United States, has deep roots within the mass timber industry.

"MPP technology is relatively new and was developed by the Freres family who has been based in Oregon for nearly 100 years," said Sam Dicke, business development representative with Timberlab. "Being able to use their product and support a great family-owned company is a really cool way to showcase that Oregon history."

The complex and unique design proved to be challenging, but the team persisted, fueled by a passion to create a beautiful, sustainable space that pays homage to the area's rich history and creates a space to be enjoyed by travelers from around the world for years to come.

"Nearly 20 million people go through this airport a year. That's about 50,000 people a day that will be seeing what's possible with mass timber," said Dicke. "That is the coolest thing in the world."

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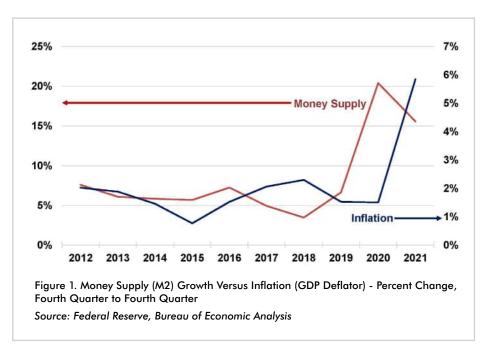


FEDERAL RESERVE'S INFLATION FIGHT POSES CONCERN

Multiple factors contribute to recent housing industry outlook

by Joe K. Elling

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has increased concerns regarding the inflation outlook and the steps Federal Reserve policymakers plan to take to put the inflation genie back in the bottle for the next two years. The Federal Reserve appropriately loosened credit conditions to support the global economy when COVID-19 forced the temporary closures of businesses. There was also merit to the argument that disruptions to the global supply chain raised production and distribution costs, which contributed to higher goods prices. However, belief that the inflation increase was "transitory" and price increases would slow in the second half of 2021 appears to have been misplaced. As a result of the Federal Reserve's effort to monetize the \$3 trillion budget deficits run by the federal government in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to also support the economy, the nation's money supply increased by 36%



from the fourth quarter of 2019 to the fourth quarter of 2021. As shown in Figure 1, inflation has not slowed, as the inflation rate in the U.S. is running in the 6% to 8% range, depending on the measure used.

Federal reserve to tighten policy

Following the March 16 Federal Open Market Committee meeting, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the Federal Reserve would be raising the target range for the federal funds rate 25 basis points, and that six more 25 basis point increases are to follow through the rest of 2022. Powell also said the Federal Reserve would start to reduce the size of its balance sheet in May. More recent statements made by Federal Reserve policymakers suggest that they may be more aggressive in tightening credit conditions than Jerome Powell's March 16 statement.

Prior to March 16, the rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage had risen to 3.85% after starting

the year at 3.2%. Since March 16, the rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has risen by almost 90 basis points to 4.72%. (See Figure 2.) The prospects for further tightening by the Federal Reserve suggest the rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will quickly hit the 5% mark and we should not be surprised to see a 5.5% rate at year-end 2022.

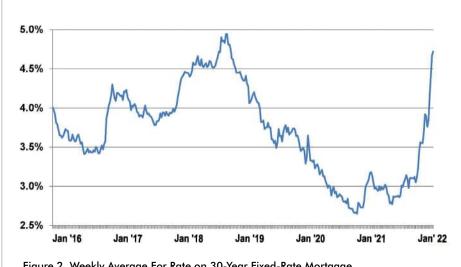


Figure 2. Weekly Average For Rate on 30-Year Fixed-Rate Mortgage Source: http://www.freddiemac.com/news/finance/.

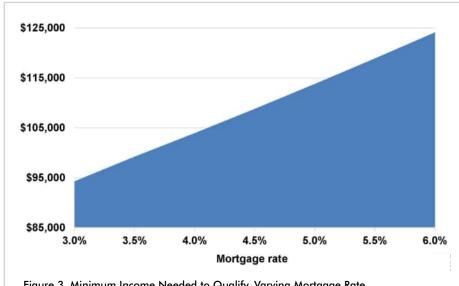


Figure 3. Minimum Income Needed to Qualify, Varying Mortgage Rate Source: NAHB

Rising mortgage rate impact on affordability

The housing markets in the United States, for homeownership or rental, are tight. Vacancy rates in both markets are at record lows. The increase in home prices has been well documented in the business media. Based on the Case-Shiller Home Price Index, the average price of an existing

home has appreciated 30% from December 2019 to December 2021. The increase has greatly exceeded the growth in household incomes.

In order to illustrate the impact of the increase in the mortgage rate on affordability, we will call on a recent analysis done by the research staff at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The parameters for the analysis include the following:

- The median price of a new home sold in 2022 is \$412.500
- The amount of household income that can be devoted to the mortgage payment, property taxes and insurance equals 28%
- 20% down payment
- Range of interest rates on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is 3% to 6%.

Shown in Figure 3 is the income needed to qualify for the mortgage where the interest rate runs from 3% to 6%. At 3%, the qualifying income is near \$95,000, and at 6%, near \$125,000, an increase of 31.5%.

Using the NAHB estimated distribution of household income for 2022, the number and share of households that can qualify for the mortgage to buy a home with the mortgage rate ranging from 3% to 6% is shown in Figure 4. At a 3% mortgage rate, the number of qualifying households is 42 million, and the share of qualifying is roughly

32.5%. At a 6% mortgage rate, the number and share of qualifying households falls to 27.5 million and 22.5%, respectively.

The sense of urgency to buy a home, given the prospects of mortgage rates moving higher, and still attractive margins being realized by homebuilders point to single-family starts running at 1.10 million or more in 2022. Rent

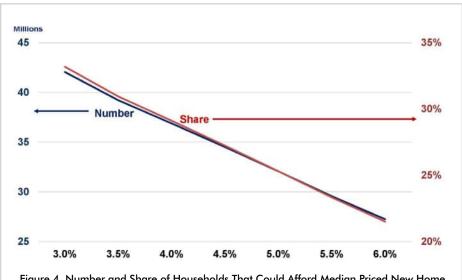


Figure 4. Number and Share of Households That Could Afford Median Priced New Home Source: NAHB

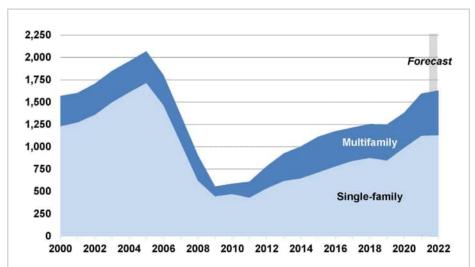


Figure 5. U.S. Housing Starts, (Thousands)
Source: Census Bureau. APA Forecast

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992	870	882	819	490	245
2,839	2,617	2,244	1,851	745	393
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increases averaging 17% across the U.S. based on the Zillow Observed Rent Index are sending the signal to apartment developers to build more rental housing. Multifamily starts totaled 474,000 units in 2021, and the forecast calls for multifamily starts to be near 500,000 units in 2022. (See Figure 5)

Considerations beyond 2022

Some housing industry analysts suggest the U.S. housing stock is underbuilt by 3 million to 5 million units. If so, this means the prospects for housing starts to average 1.6 million units or more annually through the rest of the decade are positive. However, there is still great uncertainty regarding the underlying trend in new housing demand driven by household

formations. As shown in Table 1, population growth has slowed dramatically in the last two years. The increase in the number of people passing away was a function of the coronavirus. Assuming the worst of the pandemic is behind us, the number of deaths should decline. It is unclear, though, where immigration will head after 2022 because there does not seem to be agreement regarding immigration policy in the U.S. Not only does the level of immigration have an implication for prospective household growth, but low immigration points to minimal growth in the labor force and, in turn, potential growth in the U.S. economy.

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BUSINESS OUTLOOK OPTIMISM CONTINUES

Annual survey suggests improved business projections for 2022

By LaDauna Wilson

Year two of a global pandemic is behind us, and with strong housing starts and engineered wood production, Engineered Wood Technology Association (EWTA) members surveyed earlier this year reveal continued optimism for the industry. Reflecting on the events of 2021, respondents indicate that despite operating under pandemic restrictions, they see continued strong demand for their services and products. The trend is expected to continue, as 72% of the respondents look for improved business projections in 2022.

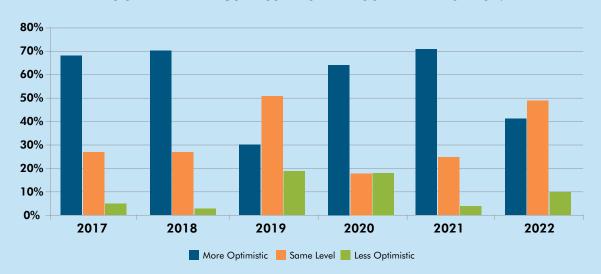
The Engineered Wood Technology Association Business Outlook survey, sent each January to members, is a web-based survey that presents five questions designed to capture members' perceptions of their company growth, employment levels and other business-related issues. Current and past responses are reflected in the following charts, providing a five-year snapshot of the trends.

Optimism remains strong

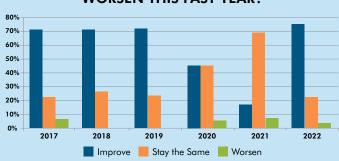
One of the questions in the survey asks, "How optimistic are you about your wood-related business this year compared to last?" In 2021, respondents were asked these questions while facing mandatory lockdowns and restrictions. As a result, survey responses show that 71% of the companies were more optimistic, 25% remained the same and 4% were less optimistic. This year, 41% of the survey respondents claim to be more optimistic when looking toward 2022, and 49%

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE CHARTS

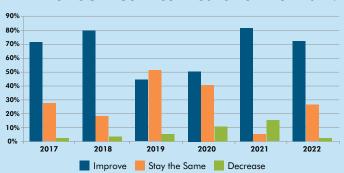
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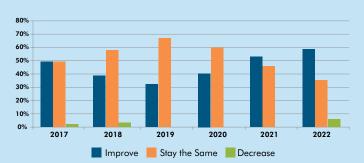
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state they will remain at the same level. Only 10% view 2022 with less optimism than 2021.

Improved business operations

Seventy-five percent of respondents saw their company's wood-related business improve in 2021 as businesses reopened and the demand for building products increased. Business operations stayed the same for 22% and was worse for 4%. This is a contrast from the prior year's responses in which 17% of businesses reported an improvement in business, 69% stayed the same and 15% reported a decline.

When asked "What is your business projection for 2022?", 72% of the respondents felt business would improve, down from the projections of 81% in the prior year. Twenty-six percent believe business will stay the same (compared to 4% in 2021), and 2% think there will be a decrease in business (compared to 15% in 2021).

According to survey respondents, employment levels for EWTA members saw improvements in 2021, and companies anticipate that will continue

into the new year. When asked if staffing changed during the year, 47% of the respondents reported an increase in the number of employees (up from 17% in 2020), 49% maintained the same employment levels (compared to 69% in 2020), and 4% decreased staff (down from 15%). Fiftynine percent expect an increase in employment projection for 2022, with 35% maintaining the same level and 6% predicting a decline.

Important recovery factors shift slightly for 2022

When asked to rate the relative importance of factors in relationship to the stability and/ or expansion of their business, the top concern of EWTA members for 2022 is the availability, price and supply of raw material. The state of the U.S. housing market and the cost of transportation follow as the second and third items labeled as "very important." This shows a slight shift from the 2021 responses in which the state of the housing market was number one and raw material supply was number three.

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	Very Important	Important	Unimportant
Raw material prices or supply	67%	29%	4%
State of the U.S. housing market	66%	34%	0%
Transportation costs	64%	28%	8%
Labor issues	56%	36%	8%
Economic uncertainty	55%	43%	2%
Government regulation	41%	43%	16%
Government economic/tax policy	41%	43%	16%
International exchange rates/trade policies	38%	38%	24%
Marketplace competition	31%	51%	18%

Transportation was ranked as 5 out of 9 in the range of importance. Once again, the state of the U.S. housing market is the only category with no "unimportant" level selected.

Adjusting to meet challenges

When asked how businesses were adapting to the current economic conditions, companies report that they have implemented a variety of strategies to continue providing products and

services to the engineered wood industry. The strong housing market and panel prices have created a demand for new machinery and services as wood manufacturers are looking for ways to meet demand. However, there are also concerns related to lack of labor, trucking/ transportation and raw materials, as voiced by multiple respondents. One member stated that they expanded the practice of second-sourcing raw materials to reduce risk of shortages while another is now sourcing raw materials globally due to shortages domestically.

and in-person appointments, which were offset with virtual meetings and optimizing practices to meet the needs of current customers. As COVID restrictions are lifted and travel and trade shows return, people and their companies unanimously reported that they are looking

For many companies, 2021 involved less travel

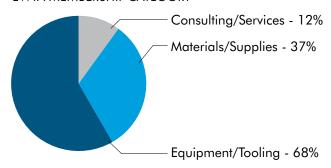
forward to reconnecting with customers and associates in person.

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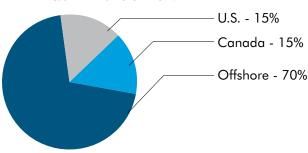


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EWTA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY



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2021 ANNUAL SUPPLIER AWARD PROGRAM WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Four EWTA companies have been selected by APA members to receive the 2021 Supplier of the Year and Innovation of the Year Awards. The EWTA Supplier Awards Program is designed to recognize EWTA member companies that excel in serving their APA member manufacturer customers and companies which develop innovative solutions to processing problems and challenges. All EWTA member companies in good standing are eligible to participate in the program and win awards. Congratulations to all the winners!

Supplier of the Year Award Winners

The Supplier of the Year Awards are based on the quality, service and delivery of EWTA member products and services to APA member companies. Awards are presented for each of EWTA's membership categories: Equipment and Tooling, Materials and Supplies, and Consulting and Services. Following are the 2021 winners for each of the categories.

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AWARD WINNERS TO BE HONORED AT 2022 APA ANNUAL MEETING

The winners for 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be acknowledged during during the Chairman's Dinner at the APA Annual Meeting scheduled for October 17, 2022, in Aventura, Florida.

VIEW WINNERS >

EQUIPMENT AND TOOLING CATEGORY





Con-Vey

Con-Vey is a leading manufacturer of material handling equipment and a proven, high-quality supplier offering innovative solutions to customers in nearly 20 countries. Con-Vey designs and manufactures complete systems for automated material handling, wood panel processing, packaging, and laminating, including feeders, stackers, and conveyors. Con-Vey also specializes in beam presses, robotics, and PLC control systems.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES CATEGORY





Willamette Valley Company

Willamette Valley Company manufactures epoxies, putties and urethanes for upgrading all wood substrates, and also makes a wide range of water-based coatings, primers and sealers. Willamette also makes many fillers and extenders for wood adhesives and plywood glues. Pretec, the company's equipment solutions division, specializes in the design and manufacture of advanced fluid systems and the integration of robotic application systems.

CONSULTING AND SERVICES CATEGORY





CMA engineering Inc.

For more than 35 years, CMA engineering Inc. has completed a number of projects in the manufacturing end of the forest products industry. This includes the conceptual design, budget preparation, process engineering, detail engineering (mechanical, electrical, civil and structural), equipment procurement, project management, construction management, PLC/HMI programming and start-up of board plants (OSB, particleboard and MDF), plywood and veneer mills, bioenergy plants, engineered wood product plants and sawmills.

SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE

Innovation of the Year Award Winner

The Innovation of the Year Award recognizes a company with a new, original and unique product or service that is used in the field and producing positive results. The award is given for a new technology, product or service that has been shown to reduce production costs, increase productivity, improve product quality, or in some other way provide a bottom-line benefit to APA members. Following is the 2021 Innovation of the Year award winner.

INNOVATION OF THE YEAR





Arclin is a leading producer of innovative bonding and surfacing solutions for the building and construction, industrial materials and natural resource markets. Arclin provides bonding solutions for a number of applications including structural wood panels, engineered wood, composite wood panels, non-wovens and paper saturation. As a world leader in paper overlays technology, Arclin provides high value surfacing solutions for construction and building products, decorative panels and industrial specialty applications for North American and export markets.

HP600+ Resin System

Date of First Use: January 2021

Benefit 1: Reduces hot press cycle times by 5% to 15% on average, increasing mill throughput and reducing unit production costs on press-bound constructions.

Benefit 2: Reduces adhesive spread rates by 8% to 15% on average, reducing applied adhesive costs and incrementally improving tolerance to elevated veneer moisture content.

Results: Several mills have converted to the Arclin HP600+ technology so far in 2021.



Those mills, including business captured from competitors, on average have recognized a panel throughput improvement of 9.8% with a glue spread rate reduction of 8.0%, all while sustaining or improving on-grade.

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Looking forward

Strength Through Connections

The Engineered Wood Technology Association is the leading North American organization of suppliers to the engineered wood products industry.



EWTA membership provides vital connections with your customers in the North American engineered wood industry through a variety of

networking platforms.



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The Engineered Wood Technology Association (EWTA), the related nonprofit supplier organization of APA – The Engineered Wood Association, serves as a networking and information transfer vehicle between North America's engineered wood product manufacturers and their product, equipment and service providers. This membership directory, updated for 2022, includes company descriptions and contact information for current EWTA members. Visit www.engineeredwood.org/member-directory-contacts for the online directory and additional filter options. It's just one of many tools designed to help members connect with each other and the industry.

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EWTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS IN ATLANTA AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The 2022 spring EWTA Advisory Committee meeting was held in conjunction with PELICE (Panel & Engineered Lumber International Conference & Expo) on March 30, 2022, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The meeting, led by Chair Chris Degnan, and the first in-person meeting in two years, provided an opportunity to hear updates on membership, finances, communication and research projects.

During 2021, three committee representatives changed due to retirements or departures. Mark Aucoin with Hexion filled the position left open with Mark Clark's move to another division, Bob Hadden with Samuel Strapping Systems filled the position left open with the retirement of Dave Gagnon, and John Baetz

with Ashland Specialty Ingredients, now Bostik, filled the position left open with the retirement of Mark Vlaisavich.

The 2022 EWTA budget, presented and approved by the APA Board of Trustees at their fall meeting, includes assumptions of a growth in membership and 75% of past Info Fair attendance and sponsorships. The 2022 budget will not dip into reserves, but includes a projected surplus of \$61,350, ending the year with reserves of \$285,498.

Plans are underway for the 2022 APA Annual Meeting scheduled for Oct. 15 − 18, 2022, at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa in Aventura, Florida. The EWTA Advisory Committee meeting, as well as the EWTA Info Fair will be held in conjunction with that event.

Retirements announced

Dave Gagnon, Samuel Strapping Systems Group

Dave Gagnon, North American Forest Industry Manager for Samuel Packaging Systems Group retired in April 2022 with nearly 45 years in the industry. His time



Dave Gagnon

with Samuel includes 22 years with Samuel Packaging in Western Canada, four years in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and 19 years in the U.S. South. In addition, Gagnon served on the EWTA Advisory Committee for 15 years.

Mark Vlaisavich, Ashland Specialty Ingredients

Mark Vlaisavich, Strategic Account Manager at Ashland, retired in November 2021 after more than 20 years in the engineered wood industry and 35 years with Ashland.



Mark Vlaisavich

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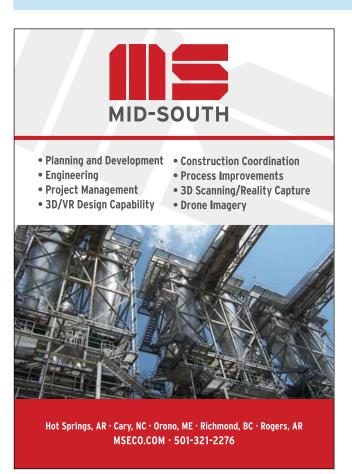
Thank you, Dave and Mark, for your service and dedication to the wood industry, EWTA and APA. Congratulations on your retirement!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2022 EWTA INFO FAIR

After a two-year pause due to global COVID restrictions, Info Fair 2022, held in conjunction with the APA Annual Meeting, will take place in sunny Florida. The event will be held at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa in Aventura, Florida from Oct. 15-18.

Sponsorship details were sent to EWTA members in late April and includes four sponsorship levels – Diamond; Platinum; Gold and Silver, with additional opportunities to sponsor the golf or tennis tournaments. Exhibit registration opens in late May, with the APA meeting registration available in August.

For information, visit www.engineeredwood.org and click on Events and Programs, or contact Events Coordinator Emily Houg at events@apawood.org.



ASSOCIATION CONNECTIONS

New Trustee joins APA Board

Two new members have been elected to the APA – The Engineered Wood Association Board of Trustees, filling vacancies created by changing roles and departures.

Jimmy Mason, LP Executive Vice President of OSB

Jimmy Mason, LP Executive Vice President of OSB, is filling the vacancy created when Jason Ringblom changed positions within LP. Mason joined LP in 2006 and assumed the role as head of the OSB



Jimmy Mason

business in 2022. He has over 20 years of manufacturing operations and leadership

experience. Prior to joining LP, Mason held positions with International Paper and Milliken & Company.

Matt Tobin, West Fraser Vice-President

Matt Tobin, West Fraser Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, started at West Fraser in the Canadian lumber sales group and has 16 years of progressive experience, predominantly in Canadian lumber. Tobin



Matt Tobin

is filling the seat left open with Mark Dubois-Phillips' departure.



EWTA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

BIELE GROUP

Since 1973, Biele Group has been a global manufacturer of customized equipment and turnkey solutions for plywood, particle board, OSB and solid wood applications. The solutions developed by Biele include veneer handling up to the final packaging lines, going through automatic lay-up systems, press lines and finishing processes, including fully automatic



solutions for Hardwood Veneer Press lines. Biele's expertise includes advanced data management and complete plant development from concept and design to installation and commissioning. Headquartered in Spain with local sales & technical support facilities in Atlanta, Georgia, Biele provides full service for projects developed in America. Paul Gavin, Sales Area Manager, can be reached at biele@biele.com.

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LEDINEK is a global leader in Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT), Glulam Beam and finger-jointed Solid Timber technology. Knowledge of mechanical engineering and practical experience in mass timber solutions gained over decades combined with our SOTA equipment, allows us to equip you with individually optimized complete solutions



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Wood Care Systems provides Bor8 Rods, a solid preservative inserted into drilled holes. When the moisture content gets high enough in the wood to host decay, the rods dissolve and diffuse through the wood and will diffuse across glue lines. Bor8 Rods are 100% Boron and will arrest and prevent wood rot for 20



years or more. They are very safe to handle, used extensively in utility poles, railroad structures and have been around since the 1980s. Jim Renfroe, President, can be reached at iim@ewoodcare.com.

MEMBER CONNECTIONS

Share your Company News

The Engineered Wood Journal welcomes news from its members. News suitable for publication in upcoming issues includes press releases about new hires, new products, company news or awards won. Please send your information or direct questions to LaDauna Wilson.

Management change at FLAMEX Inc.

Tony Thomas is the new president of FLAMEX Inc., replacing Allen Wagoner, who has served 13 years as president. Thomas has been with the company for almost 32 years, serving as Vice President for the last 13 years. Ed Pridgen will assume the role as Vice President in addition to his position as MINFOG Product Manager.

Wagoner plans to remain with the organization for an indefinite period of time to support the new management team.

BID Group to partner with Yaskawa America for new robotic systems

BID Group recently announced it has entered into a strategic partnership with Yaskawa America, Inc, Motoman Robotics Division. The focus of the partnership is to implement robotic systems into BID's operations and develop new wood processing innovations. Yaskawa Motoman is a leading industrial robotics company in the Americas. As the industry leader in Operational Lifecycle Excellence, this strategic partnership will support BID in its mission to deliver its customers top performance, innovation, remarkable service and results through the continuous improvement of its operations, products and services.

Strategic partnership offers automated coding and marking systems solution

REA JET US and Willamette Valley Company recently formed a Strategic Partnership bringing turn-key, state of the art ink jet printing and automated systems to the wood products industry. The service provides marking and coding equipment, ink and systems for OSB, Plywood, LVL, Lumber or Moulding and Millwork.

Sansin Corporation announces global expansion

The Sansin Corporation, a global leader in environmentally friendly, high-performance wood protection, has announced that it is expanding operations in Europe and the United States. The company, which is family owned and headquartered in Ontario, Canada, has opened a new facility. Centrally located in the Netherlands, it will be the European hub for sales, operations and distribution. Jan Willem Bos has been tapped as Managing Director of the European facility that will be operating under the name TimberTek Solutions B.V. A European sales and operations team will be formed to service dealers, OEMs and architectural projects with product, samples and custom requests.

Sansin is simultaneously starting up a manufacturing, distribution and sales location in U.S. under Sansin America, Inc., with plans to be fully operational by spring 2023. This facility will support future product development and finishing operations.

The new locations will help service the company's current and growing global customer base.

David Thomas joins BIELE USA

David Thomas has joined the team at BIELE USA as Technical Service Manager, bringing a strong experience in electrical and automation service engineering and project installation. Thomas will support Biele customers and production lines in North America.



David Thomas

BIELE USA is in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a subsidiary of BIELE Group, a worldwide leader in engineering and automation for the Woodworking, Building products, Metal Sheets/ Plates and Automotive Industries.

USNR & Wood Fiber Group announce company leaders

As the dust settles from the announcement of the merger of USNR and Wood Fiber Group, the synergies are becoming clearer and gaining focus. Craig Tompkins and Dale Brown are the leaders of the combined company.

Craig Tompkins, CEO, is responsible for developing growth strategies and organizational structure while overseeing finance, human resources, and mergers and acquisitions that support the overall company.



Craig Tompkins

Tompkins came to the wood processing industry when he joined Burton Saw and Supply as President and CEO in 2015.

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In 2019 he was named President and CEO of the merged Burton Saw and Simonds International.

As president, Dale Brown's focus is the day-to-day operations of the combined company.

Brown is a long-standing member of the USNR team. A graduate of the business program at Linfield College, he joined USNR in 1986. Over many years he held



Dale Brown

roles in accounting and mid-level management in the areas of capital and parts sales. In 2009 he was appointed Vice President, responsible for all USNR's operations related to mechanical products.

In 2016 he was named Senior Vice President with added responsibility overseeing USNR's newly acquired European business. In 2018 Brown was appointed President of USNR.

Raute Corporation's President and CEO Tapani Kiiski leaves his position

Raute Corporation's President and CEO Tapani Kiiski will leave his position by mutual agreement with the company as of April 30. Kiiski has been Raute's President and CEO since March 16, 2004.

The company's Board of Directors has initiated the search process for a new CEO and appointed Petri Strengell as the company's interim President and CEO, effective May 1. Strengell has been the company's Chief Operating Officer (COO) on the Executive Board since 2019 and has served in various executive management roles as a member of the company's Executive Board since 2004.

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