



Press Release

NOYON/DARQUER buys Manufacturer CENTRAL ENCAJERA

NOYON/DARQUER Group, a Calais lace manufacturer since the second half of the 19th century, is delighted to announce the acquisition in November 2015 of Spanish lace manufacturer Central Encajera.

Situated in Barcelona, CENTRAL ENCAJERA is well known in the world of textiles and lace. Founded, as was Noyon, in 1919, it is one of the oldest Spanish Leavers lace makers and has been run by the Bertran family for 4 generations. With some 20 machines at its plant, CENTRAL ENCAJERA makes exceptional mantillas and lace with the traditional finesse and skill it is renowned for.

This acquisition supplements the range of products offered by NOYON/DARQUER Group, which was named a Living Heritage Company (*Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant*) in 2007, and is a respected lace specialist for dresses and lingerie, exceptional quality woven tulle, fine Valenciennes and Alençon lace and a unique collection of mantillas and large wedding veils.

True to its strategy of encouraging heritage skills, this is a new niche of know-how strengthening Darquer in the ready-to-wear and haute couture markets and the entire Noyon Group in its range of exceptional lace, a great step forward following the initial marketing of its BOOT-range lace collection in 2013.

This new dynamic business structure covers the haute couture, ready-to-wear and lingerie segments, reinforces the wedding segment which is already a key feature of the Darquer lace collection, and opens up new horizons.

Each of the Group's brands retains its own identity, creativity and markets but now have the ability to manufacture upwards of a hundred styles, creating a unique industrial capacity with unrivalled variety to continue developing its collections some of which date back to 1840, featuring classic lace while enhancing its range of ultra-modern designs developed in collaboration with contemporary artists.

Creativity is central to the Group's strategy to protect each brand's original footprint aimed at the most sophisticated lingerie markets, design houses and creatives all around the world. A team of 20 talented individuals works tirelessly to develop creative and innovative products for the Group. The Darquer brand is an acknowledged master of historical lace embroidery techniques at its own embroidery workshop on Beyroux and Cornely machines. It constantly searches out contemporary artists to work with.

Noyon Group is now headed by Olivier Noyon, the 3rd generation of its name, has 250 employees, and distributes its products to 300 customers in 40 countries.

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Photos available

Below from left to right: Alençon lace and woven tulle assembled, Cluny lace, chantilly lace on Leavers looms, the factory.



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