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# Westlake Global Compounds and Cotting Group announce Partnership to Distribute Calligram

May, 9, 2022 – Westlake Global Compounds France and Griffine Enduction - part of Cotting Group - have announced a sales and distribution partnership to introduce Calligram™, a new innovative synthetic leather, in the European market.

Calligram<sup>™</sup> is an exclusive coated fabric process, an alternative to natural leather, intended for the automotive interior, luxury goods and furniture as well as other markets using imitation leather upholstery.

Calligram™ fits with three top market trends: customization, smart surfaces, and sustainability.

Calligram™ is particularly capable of presenting embossed and debossed patterns on the same surface, which can be colored on demand, with a very high precision by digital printing. These particularities can only be obtained with the pending patented Calligram™ process, differentiating from known processes for coated fabrics. The manufacturing method, which has been patented by Westlake, allows for customization to meet the demand for limited manufacturing series. Calligram™'s low-temperature manufacturing process enables use of high-quality textiles such as 3D-textile and other temperature-sensitive fabrics.

Calligram™ coated fabrics can also be backlit, a feature of high interest for automotive interiors.

Calligram™ is a sustainable solution, using bio-based and recycled components, minimizing waste with a made-to-size process.

Cotting Group, Master of Coated Fabrics since 1947, will facilitate the commercialization in Europe of Calligram™ made by Westlake Compounds France starting in 2023.

This project has been supported by the French Government as part of France Relance.

#### **About Westlake**

Westlake Compounds France, located in Reims, France is a subsidiary of Westlake Corporation.

Westlake is a global manufacturer and supplier of materials and innovative products that enhance life every day. Headquartered in Houston, with operations in Asia, Europe and North America, we provide the building blocks for vital solutions — from housing and construction, to packaging and healthcare, to automotive and consumer. For more information, visit the company's web site at <a href="https://www.westlake.com">www.westlake.com</a>.

### **About Cotting**

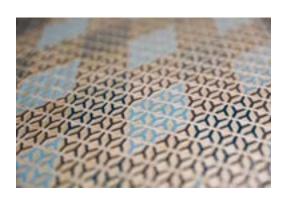
Griffine Enduction, located in Nucourt, France is part of Cotting Group.

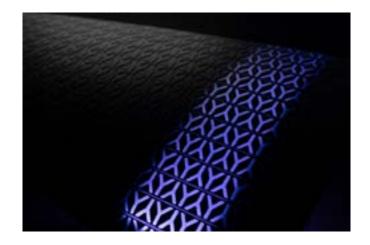
Cotting Group is a division of Duroc AB. Cotting Group is specialized in development, production, and distribution of coated textiles, on 5 market segments: mobility, contract, marine, healthcare, protection & well-being, and personal accessories. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.cotting-group.com.



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