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RadiciGroup: producing sustainable polyester for 40 years

The Group takes part in Heimtextil (Hall 3.0, Stand E08), the trade fair specialising in home and contract textiles, with its companies Noyfil SA and Noyfil SpA

The logo for Heimtextil, consisting of the word "heimtextil" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, set against a solid green rectangular background.

RadiciGroup is an established presence at **Heimtextil**, the international trade fair devoted to innovation in home, furnishings and accessory textiles: this year too, with its companies Noyfil SA (Switzerland) and Noyfil SpA (Italy), specialising in the production of **continuous polyester yarns**, the Group exhibits its own innovative and sustainable products (Hall 3.0, Stand E08) on the occasion of this important trade fair, which involves almost 3,000 exhibitors from 70 countries and attracts an average 70,000 visitors to Frankfurt (Germany; www.heimtextil.messefrankfurt.com).

The RadiciGroup polyester yarns are sold under the trademarks **Radyarn®** and **Starlight®** (also in the versions **r-Radyarn®** and **r-Starlight®**, derived from post-consumer recycled polymer) and **CornLeaf®**, a yarn available in mass-dyed and bacteriostatic effect versions, made with polylactic acid-based natural bio-polymer.

The range includes products with Flame Retardant and UV Resistant properties and with ceramic and antibacterial additives, intended, as well as the furnishings and interior design sector, also for sports, outdoor activities and the automotive world.

The increasingly wide range of products is characterised by a “tailor-made” service of excellence, which enables Noyfil – certified according to the **Oeko Tex® 100 Standard** for over 20 years – to satisfy every demand of both customers and markets, ever more focused on product sustainability and environmental impact. In this regard, in 2016, Noyfil SA (Switzerland) achieved **Certification of Environmental Management Systems according to the UNI EN ISO 14001:2015 standard**, the important result of intensive teamwork, rewarding the efforts towards the continuous improvement of processes’ environmental performance and that serves

as a badge of distinction for customers in terms of reliability, quality and care of the environment and local communities.

*“Our adventure into the world of polyester – recalls **Paolo Radici, member of the RadiciGroup BoD** – began indeed in Switzerland in 1976, when my father, Gianni, sensed that it was the right time to diversify production and strengthen our position as leading “upstream” producer in the synthetic fibre sector. In these 40 years, here at Radici, we have believed strongly in the polyester business and we have invested in numerous improvements of our plants, in order to take on market demands and ensure high performance in terms of production and quality, to the benefit of our customers. Clearly, however – Paolo Radici continues – it is not just new technology that determines the success of a company: I am convinced that, for us, the real difference has been made, and continues to be made, by the people, our employees. Thanks to their enthusiasm, their commitment and to their unlimited passion for their work, Noyfil, today, is an international competitive manufacturer, always close to its customers and capable of meeting each specific market demand in a timely manner.”*

On the strength of these 40 years of experience in the polyester sector, today the product range specialises increasingly in:

FLAME RETARDANT PRODUCTS

These yarns have intrinsic and certified flame-resistant properties and are made available on various markets: from contracts to public spaces and transport, sectors which require products that meet and comply with strict legal safety requirements. For even greater efficiency in this regard, RadiciGroup, together with other companies, founded the **“FR Total Care” Programme**, a consortium of industry players able to provide customers with certified products and services (through external accredited laboratories) thanks to key skills and consolidated know-how in the field of polyester yarns.

OUTDOOR PRODUCTS

Polyester yarn is increasingly replacing acrylic fibre in the outdoor industry, in order to guarantee product range flexibility, greater UV stability, a wide range of colours and product certification. These yarns are used, for example, to make tensile structure, awnings and garden furniture.

These solutions have allowed many companies to renew their offer for these products, bringing innovation, services and new technical solutions in terms of both design and performance, while also facilitating fabric processing and applications.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS

From polyamide to polyester and other synthetic fibres, the RadiciGroup Comfort Fibres Business Area has always placed great focus on material sustainability and has developed a number of products with reduced environmental impact. Polyester, in the raw, solution-dyed or yarn-dyed version, is available in various thread counts and filament numbers:

- **r-Radyarn®** and **r-Starlight®**, yarns derived from post-consumer recycled polymer (PET bottles), for which RadiciGroup provides the UNI 11505 certification, which documents the full traceability of the recycled material.

- **CornLeaf®**, yarn made with polylactic acid-based natural bio-polymer, available in solution-dyed and bacteriostatic effect versions.

All these products have various end market applications: as well as furnishings, end markets include technical-industrial applications, clothing textiles, geotextiles, filtration and the automotive industry.

*For further information on RadiciGroup polyester yarns and on all the products provided by the Group for the furnishings and interior design sector, please see the most recent edition of the **VOICES company magazine**, available through the following link:*

<http://www.radicigroup.com/en/news-media/voices/radicigroup-for-the-home-sector-34974>

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