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John and Michael Cutsey: FDM4's Unbeatable Team

John and Michael Cutsey, father and son, hail from North Bay, Canada, where they built their hugely successful software company, FDM4, a leading provider of scalable, end-to-end, industry-specific software with a focus on the apparel-market space. John is CEO and president of FDM4 International, based in Canada, and Michael is president of FDM4 America, out of Nevada. The two share a love of work and "good works": It would take an entire page to do justice to John's philanthropic work in the desperately impoverished area of Menji-Fonjumetaw, Cameroon, where the Cutseys have built a medical clinic and an education center and brought in a turbine that delivers previously nonexistent electricity, clean water, "and a flush toilet." We caught the busy Cutseys just as the U.S. hockey team was down 1-0 to the Canadians in the Olympics semis.

M.C.: Other websites may not have that

many acronyms, but that's because they don't

do them. They may do an aspect of ERP, for

J.C.: The best way I can explain it is, if we're at a trade show, we just point at

different booths, and say, "See those guys

in warehouse? We

do what they do, and what the guys

in that other booth

do in e-commerce,

and the other booth in ERP," etcetera and

etcetera. Not being

the biggest, we can

can still get all those

acronyms under one

The company also

made a move to

the lower 48 not

too long ago. Your

American office is in

Henderson, Nevada,

have representation

because we had a lot

Angeles was a bit too

of clients there. Los

on the West Coast

J.C.: We wanted to

roof

isn't it?

busy and costly and Nevada is in the Pacific

get to our clients with one flight, they don't

M.C.: We obviously could have picked

presence. The time and cost to travel and visit

clients has been dramatically reduced since

the move to Henderson, and we get more

visits with our clients because of the climate

But you still live in Canada, John. Talk a bit

J.C.: I just happen to have a fireplace in

Bay has about 55,000 people; it's a small city.

our office with a fire going today. Outside

there's snow, two or three feet of it. North

Don't think everybody knows everybody

in Los Angeles, California, or Henderson,

Nevada, for that matter. Sounds pretty nice.

J.C.: Let me put it this way. Where else

in the world can you leave your office, your

buddy says he's coming to pick you up to

take you fishing, you go about four or five minutes to a coffee place, you buy coffee in

paper cups, and within a half an hour you're

drinking coffee in the middle of the lake and

Everybody knows everybody.

and number of trade shows that are held here

anywhere. We were always thought of as

being Canadian, and we wanted a U.S.

mind coming there. It's an easy sell-come to

time zone. There's lots of pluses. We can

give more attention to our customers, but we

Do people understand what you do?

example, but not everything. What makes us different is that we do all those things.

Not too sure we Americans want to be speaking with you right now. Not too happy about the Olympic hockey situation at the moment.

Mike Cutsey: Wait, wait, don't say anything about it. I'm recording the game and I'm going to watch it later.

A little passionate about the hockey, are we?

John and Michael Cutsey

The new Cutsey Health Center in Cameroon

Vegas, right?

every year.

about North Bay.

(John Cutsey in orange garb)

M.C.: Canada winning gold in hockey, that's all we care about. We'll let all the medals go as long as we get the hockey gold. We need gold.

John Cutsey: Mike is the sports guy. I know nothing about sports.

But you do seem to know a good deal about the very successful business you have created. Father and son, you've been working together for a long time at FDM4. How's that going?

M.C: It's been going good for 23 years fulltime; part-time, four years before that. We're both outgoing, we have similar goals and motivations, we love working. We've found

ways to work together. Being in different aspects of the business, not stepping on each other's toes, that's how it's worked. In the beginning, I was the operations person, the one installing the software, making it work; my father was the salesman. Now, I'm more involved in the sales, trying to grow the company. Last year was our best sales year in our history

J.C.: And this year is going to be better Michael's now dedicating 80 percent of his time to sales. Now, I get involved in more customer relations, strategic alliances, partnerships, and more on the marketing side. Lately, I'm getting back into sales to help him because we're busier than we've ever been. As father and son, we do have occasions of disagreements, but that's good, in certain respects. If we thought exactly the same way, we wouldn't need both of us.

One of you would have to fire the other.

J.C.: Exactly. I don't want Michael to always agree with me, and he doesn't, trust me. But I want his point of view. As a team, we realize a better value-added in the end, and the company and staff are much better off.

So, looking at FDM4's website is like staring into a bowl of alphabet soup. ERP, CRM, WMS, PLM.

J.C.: I understand, yep. These are acronyms people use in the industry. We try to associate images to each of those acronyms to help people to become familiar with our products.



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Confetti Fabrics #24343M "Lippo'

Well Red

When it comes to prints and patterns, textile designers are seeing red for graphic prints, jacquard stripes and lofty knits.



Asher Fabric Concepts/Shalom B LLC #CTF44 "Streaky Flame Fleece Diagonal"



Robert Kaufman Fabrics #SRK-14503-257 "Auntie's Attic Canvas



Textile Secrets International Inc. "Funny Funnelette"



Full Blosson #SR0047P









Taiana Blu #S350022 "Lobex"



Go Indigo

Textiles are awash in shades of indigo and navy, which provide a sophisticated background for

bright prints or a deep, moody ground for textured patterns.

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Gerber Launches New Leather-Cutting System With Improved Yield

When field testing its newly introduced **Taurus II** leather-cutting system, **Gerber Technology** found the system improved yield results by as much as 10 percent over manual or die cutting.

Plus, the Tolland, Conn.–based technology solutions provider said the Taurus II's nesting capabilities are "250 times more powerful than previous offerings."

The Taurus II has a digital camera featuring Gerber's **RapidScan** software technology, which can capture hides in seconds without calibration. Taurus users can also use a single color marker to identify "up to four flaw zones."

"We've packed our nearly two decades of nesting and leather-cutting expertise into this extremely efficient system and priced it at a fraction of most automated leather-cutting sys-



CUTTING TECH: Gerber Technology's leather-cutting system Taurus II has a digital camera featuring Gerber's RapidScan software technology, which can capture leather hides in seconds without calibration.

tems," said Tom Gordon, Gerber's senior product manager. "At the core of Taurus II is an extremely powerful computerized nesting engine developed and refined by Gerber that has more than 1 million nesting strategies at its disposal." According to the company, the Taurus II system eliminates the subjective nature of analyzing hide shape and determining die placement to maximize hide yield. Plus, the system generates comprehensive data to further identify opportunities for improvement and efficiency. Hide details (including usable areas and defect areas) are recorded, allowing users to compare Taurus II's findings to suppliers' data.

There are two configurations available: a one-station model with a smaller footprint for easy space planning and management and a two-station configuration that offers a higher output. Both configurations

accommodate full hides, half hides and remnants, but the two-station model allows a user to cut on one station while preparing a hide or offloading cut parts on the other," according to the company.

"In the end, Taurus II helps customers improve their profitability by reducing labor and material costs, saving time, and helping produce the bestquality product possible," Gordon said.

—Alison A. Nieder



Infor Introduces New PLM Solution for Brands, Manufacturers and Retailers

New York-based business application software provider **Infor** has launched **Infor Fashion Product Lifecycle Management** (PLM) to help apparel makers connect all product development functions along the supply chain.

With an intuitive interface, Infor Fashion PLM was designed to be a "platform and hub for a product development team" to help companies "reduce lead times, cut costs and ensure quality," according to a company statement.

By bringing creative, technical and commercial skills closer together, an organization can drastically shorten the time to market-while increasing the likelihood of consumer acceptance. This also lowers costs and reduces errors, giving teams more time to focus on critical tasks and accelerate product innovation," said Robert McKee, Infor's global industry fashion director. "Infor built this new, powerful PLM and collaboration platform to help all members of an organization's value chain innovate faster, respond more rapidly and act more decisively. These tools are critical to companies looking to succeed in a fast-paced global fashion value chain.'

Infor Fashion PLM is compatible with Infor enterprise resource planning systems, as well as thirdparty ERP systems.

For more information, visit www.infor.com/industries/ fashion.—A.A.N.

Italian Brand Imperial Expands With Lectra PLM

Bologna, Italy–based men's and women's collection **Imperial** has been on a growth track since its launch in 1978 by Adriano Aere and Emilia Giberti.

Today the company provides apparel to 4,000 customers worldwide and operates 80 multi-brand stores. In 2012, the company reported sales of 119 million euros (\$163.53 million). To manage its fast-fashion operations, Imperial recently implemented **Lectra Fashion Product Lifecycle Management** (PLM).

"With the company growing at a very fast pace, we need to be able to master the end-toend development process," said Aere, who serves as Imperial's president. "As consumers demand more and more variety and newness, we also need to become faster and produce more. Embedding our technical data into Lectra Fashion PLM will help us share information about styles or technical specifications better and faster."—A.A.N.



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Black/White

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