

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED CAPS broadens closure sourcing options for carton packaging

Change the cap, keep the complex: 23 H-PAK provides an established alternative for existing lines, with 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes) confirmed for launch at the end of 2027.

Wiltz, Luxembourg, 27 October 2026 – Carton packaging is typically sourced as an integrated system, from the complex through to the capping line. As a result, many buyers assume that changing the closure means changing everything else.

UNITED CAPS offers an alternative: carton packaging closures compatible with both legacy and alternative complexes and designed to run on existing tethered and non-tethered lines without line modification or changes to machine settings. This allows buyers to evaluate the closure as a separate sourcing decision while retaining the existing complex and equipment.

Separating the closure decision

Buying the complete carton packaging system from one source can simplify procurement and technical coordination. It can also mean that the complex, the equipment and the closures depend on the same supply relationship. If availability, lead times or commercial conditions change, buyers may have limited room to respond without reopening the wider system. Treating the closure as an independently sourced component gives procurement teams another option. A qualified second source can reduce dependence on a single supplier while allowing the established complex and equipment to remain in place.

This is not an argument against integrated systems. It is an argument for choice: carton packaging buyers should be able to evaluate the closure on its own technical and commercial merits, just as they would any other packaging component.

A proven closure, with the portfolio set to expand

Drawing on nearly two decades of experience in carton packaging closures, UNITED CAPS' portfolio currently centres on the established [23 H-PAK](#) and will expand with 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes).

The 23 H-PAK has proven itself. In its tethered configuration, the closure locks in the open position and remains clear of the pouring area, supporting unobstructed pouring.

Testing of 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes) has been completed and validated, with market launch confirmed for the end of 2027. Once launched, it will give customers a further option when defining future carton packaging specifications.

Reviewing closure sourcing in the PPWR context

As packaging teams prepare for the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR), many are reviewing material choices, recyclability and the resilience of their packaging supply chains. The closure can form part of that assessment without automatically reopening the entire packaging system.

Both closures can be produced using mass-balanced biobased resin or recycled material as part of customers' preparations for PPWR.

A real alternative for carton packaging closures

For carton buyers, the proposition is straightforward: change the cap, keep the complex. The closure can be evaluated and sourced as one component of the pack, while the established filling system remains in place.

"A closure is one component of the carton pack. Buyers should be able to evaluate and source it according to the same technical and commercial criteria as any other component, without changing the rest of the line. We are here to give buyers that choice," said Alan Quéméneur, Chief Growth Officer at UNITED CAPS.

UNITED CAPS invites carton packaging manufacturers and brand owners to discuss independent closure sourcing and the suitability of 23 H-PAK and 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes) for dairy, juice, stocks, soups and selected non-liquid products.

Editors interested in further background or in discussing an expert contribution are invited to contact [Monika Dürr](#).

Short version of this press release

With nearly two decades of experience, UNITED CAPS is positioning [23 H-PAK](#) and 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes) as alternative closure options for existing lines. Both products are compatible with legacy and alternative complexes and run on existing tethered and non-tethered lines without line modification or changes to machine settings. In its tethered configuration, the 23 H-PAK locks open and remains clear of the pouring area. Testing of 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes) has been completed and validated, with market launch confirmed for the end of 2027. Both closures can be produced using mass-balanced biobased resin or recycled material as part of customers' preparations for PPWR. The approach provides an additional sourcing route and supports supply resilience across dairy, juice, stocks, soups and selected non-liquid product applications. Buyers can retain their chosen complex and line configuration. Change the cap, keep the complex.

Images and captions



Image 1: UNITED CAPS 23 H-PAK closure for carton packaging, shown in an application visual.
Image: UNITED CAPS.



Image 2: The tethered UNITED CAPS 23 H-PAK in the open position. The closure locks open and remains clear of the pouring area to support unobstructed pouring.
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Image 3: The UNITED CAPS 27 H-PAK (Alu & Alu-Free complexes) closure on a carton pack. Testing has been completed and validated, with market launch confirmed for the end of 2027. Image: UNITED CAPS.

ABOUT UNITED CAPS

UNITED CAPS is a global industry reference for the design and production of high-performance plastic caps and closures. Extensive innovative capabilities and a broad portfolio of advanced standard and bespoke solutions make UNITED CAPS a preferred partner for world-leading companies. We support our customers' value chain by safeguarding product integrity, assuring safety, consumer health, and sustainability, and ultimately protecting their brand reputation. UNITED is not just the name of our company; it's also our core philosophy and the principle we stand for. Together, UNITED, we are always better, always stronger.

As a highly dynamic and flexible family-based group, UNITED CAPS offers end-to-end solutions, including mould-making capability, to serve a wide range of applications and markets around the world. The company is headquartered in Luxembourg and has manufacturing facilities in Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Employing around 740 people, UNITED CAPS' turnover amounts to 181 million Euros (as of the end of 2025), with over 10 billion closures produced.

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