



IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Due to the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, **Gardner Business Media has made the decision to postpone the Molding 2020 Conference.** This is a decision that was not made lightly. In the last 24 hours, and mostly during the day today, it became apparent that the number of cancellations due to company imposed travel restrictions was not going to allow us to produce the top-notch event that our exhibitors, speakers and attendees have come to expect from the Molding Conference. Quality products and business integrity are of the utmost importance to Gardner, so we had to make a decision that was in the best interest of all our stakeholders.

However, in the face of challenges, there are often opportunities, and we are excited to announce a solution that we think will benefit participants, as well as the plastics industry. We will co-locate Molding 2020, with our Extrusion 2020 event, which is set to take place October 13-15, 2020 in Rosemont, IL. We are incredibly fortunate that *Plastics Technology* magazine is producing another plastics processing event, in the same city, within 6 months of Molding; and at a venue that is large enough to accommodate both events. The Molding Conference will still have its own unique conference structure, exhibits and networking, but with the added benefit of more plastic processors and additional cross-promotion.

As an exhibitor or attendee, **the fees you have already paid will be automatically applied towards the Molding Conference, October 13-15, 2020.** Should you have a conflict with those dates, please let us know so we can discuss options with you.

We are still working on the details of how Molding 2020 will be set-up within the Donald E Stephens Convention Center, but we'll be in touch soon with additional information. **If you have not cancelled your hotel room at the Westin, please do so at your earliest convenience.** At this point, there will not be a penalty for you to cancel your room reservation. **To cancel, please call the hotel directly at 888-627-9031.** Similarly, most major airlines are issuing credits towards future flights and waiving any change fees that would typically be incurred; please check with your airline for details. Should you require formal documentation of Molding's postponement, please let us know and we'd be happy to provide a PDF on company letterhead.

I appreciate your patience as we've worked through (and continue to work through) this incredibly challenging time. I can assure you we've done our best to make the best decisions that we can, and our hearts go out to the people who have been impacted by this situation.

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