

Fabcon installs high capacity batch fryers for potato chips manufacturer KiMs

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One of the snack industry's leading food process equipment manufacturers has increased its presence in northern Europe by supplying a new production system for a Scandinavian snack giant.

British-based Fabcon Food Systems has provided two high capacity potato chip batch fryers, alongside new weighing, slicing and feeding



equipment, to KiMs for the potato snack firm's production plant in Skreia, southern Norway.

The installation of the equipment marks the first time Fabcon has supplied the snacks maker - part of the Orkla Company with facilities across Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Latvia.

Trevor Howard, managing director of Fabcon Food Systems:

"To supply one of Scandinavia's most respected snack manufacturers is another milestone for us as it shows again that our products and designs are in high demand."

"This was a brilliant project to be part of. It saw us delivering important energy savings through the fryer design and upgrading existing equipment which has also increased output and quality – with capacity now in excess of 400kgs per hour. The outcome is a modernised, 21st century production line, supplemented by a top-quality frying, weighing and slicing system."

"It has been a game-changer for Orkla C&S Norway as they look to produce new products. We look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

Jens Helge Sandberg, technical manager at Orkla's C&S Skreia facility:

"We chose to work with Fabcon as their British-built equipment is of the highest quality, while their after-sales service offers us the technical support if we need it."

"Our production line in Skreia was ageing and in need of replacement so we are delighted with Fabcon's installation and designs – especially as we now have a higher output machine on the same footprint as the old system. The new equipment, including the fryers, have made the plant far more efficient and will benefit us in the years ahead."

Mr Howard added that Fabcon enjoyed a successful Snackex this year and picked up a variety of global sales leads at the industry's showpiece Barcelona event.

Founded in 2015, Fabcon Food Systems manufacture, supply and install handling and processing equipment for the food industry. Designed and built at the company's Norwich factory in the UK, Fabcon's team of 25 supply systems and machinery to customers in the UK, mainland Europe, the Middle East, Australia and Africa.

Last year the company's success was recognised with Fabcon winning the Regional International Expansion of the Year Award at the 2018 Barclays Entrepreneurs Awards.