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PRESS RELEASE

Hemlock acquires LA-based Paper Chase Press in expanded US growth strategy

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Hemlock Printers, one of North America's most recognized print industry leaders, today announced the acquisition of Los Angeles-based Paper Chase Press. Founded in 1976, Paper Chase is a second generation print provider known for supporting top designers and corporate brands with cutting-edge designs, boutique printed products and a progressive, user-friendly online ordering platform.

The addition of the talented Paper Chase team and the organization's extensive technical capabilities marks a significant expansion to Hemlock's US-presence, supporting the company's continued diversification and growth strategy within the rapidly changing print industry.

The Paper Chase Press brand will operate as a distinct division of Hemlock, introducing new and existing Paper Chase customers to a wider portfolio of products utilizing the full range of Hemlock's print, finishing and distribution services.

Nicole Katz, Paper Chase CEO, will join Hemlock's Leadership Team as Director, Sales and Marketing, Paper Chase Press with oversight of all aspects of the division's brand and eCommerce platform. Kane Austin, Paper Chase COO, will join Hemlock's Operations Team as Operations Manager, Paper Chase Press responsible for Customer Service and all LA-based production activities.

Richard Kouwenhoven, President and CEO at Hemlock, commenting on the announced strategic acquisition: "The addition of Paper Chase further diversifies our business while incorporating advanced eCommerce capabilities, a vital part of our future success. We are excited to have the entire Paper Chase team join our organization, stimulating further innovations to our business in all departments. Our businesses are a great match, sharing a common vision for a future that involves the use of advanced technologies and processes while maintaining a steadfast commitment to delivering the highest levels of quality and sustainability."

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Nicole Katz adds: "Print is a meaningful medium that deserves to reach the largest audience possible. By joining Hemlock, Paper Chase Press will utilize its strengthened capabilities and robust environmental stewardship to continue the growth of print culture. After 46 years of operations, when it came time to decide to how P.C.P. would evolve, we turned to another family-run organization devoted to the sustainment of print and traditional quality of craft, all while working to protect the very natural resources our work is made from. We are thrilled to see the myriad of ways we can grow our business together, servicing quality-focussed customers across North America."

To learn more about Hemlock's acquisition of Paper Chase Press, please contact Colleen Moyles at marketing@hemlock.com

About Hemlock Printers

Hemlock Printers is one of the most recognized printers in North America, building its success over the past 54 years on a commitment to quality, sustainable practices, and continuous innovation. Supported by a dedicated team of craftspeople, Hemlock proudly operates from our carbon neutral facility in Burnaby BC, with sales offices in Seattle and San Francisco. Hemlock is trusted by top brands from across Canada and the US to deliver impactful, high-quality, and sustainable print solutions for a wide range of industries and markets.

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About Paper Chase Press

Paper Chase Press is an immigrant-founded, woman-run printing business built on 45 years of expert craftsmanship, cutting-edge design, best-in-class suppliers, fully integrated production, and highly personalized service. Paper Chase maintains an enviable list of clients and collaborators in the arts and design, entertainment and luxury, tech, and non-profit communities.

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