



# **Press release**

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# Altheora establishes strong partnership with one of Europe's leading campervan manufacturers

Altheora, the French leader in composite material applications, has just entered into a partnership with the leading campervan manufacturer in France. The goal: a quality upgrade for one of its iconic models with a roof overhang manufactured out of composite materials. This long-term partnership entails production levels of at least 7,000 parts and sales of more than 2.5 million euros per year for the duration of the vehicle's commercial life.

# A virtuous industrial partnership

This camper van specialist chose to have the roof overhangs of its iconic range manufactured in Mauves, 5 kilometers from its production unit in Tournon. Seeking to produce vehicles that combine design, lightness and durability, they turned to Altheora to design and produce a roof overhang on an industrial scale, made of highly solid composite materials.

This part completes the chassis produced by two different car manufacturers. It is made of two distinct pieces: One universal upper and two lower pieces, which can be adapted respectively to one or the other of the chassis. The design of the roof overhang is the result of a joint development between Altheora and its customer.

The parts will then be manufactured by compression molding technology (SMC), a technique used to obtain a composite solution created out of glass fibers and polyester resin. This technology is particularly well known in the automotive and composite industries, for producing complex and technically sophisticated mechanical shapes. The result is a high-quality product that is both durable and aesthetically pleasing.

# A source of pride for the Group

Validation of the roof overhang part and paint is currently underway. It will be put into production in the near future. A dedicated robotized manufacturing island is now being installed at the Mauves plant, with delivery scheduled for September.

This partnership is worth more than 2.5 million euros per year for a production of at least 7,000 units per year during the vehicle's commercial life. This innovation is a great source of pride for the Group and will be presented on the Altheora booth at the Global Industrie trade show in Lyon (France) from September 6 to 9, 2021. For Bénédicte Durand, Altheora CEO: "We are very proud of this partnership with a company that is a leader in its sector. This collaboration reflects our vision: being local and innovative. In this way, Altheora is asserting even more its determination to bring about a 4th industrial revolution through both virtuous cycles and sustainability."





ALTHEORA is the French leader in composite material applications. Since 1934, the company has been known for its development of specific tools in construction and public works (switching boxes for electrical, gas, telecommunications, and other applications). The Group also developed expertise and cutting-edge technology in such wide-ranging and exacting sectors as railways, aeronautics, automotive, healthcare, recreation, and urban outdoor furnishings, and more. It also includes an innovation laboratory for co-development alongside clients of new products that respond to the needs of tomorrow, such as new types of mobility or smart cities.

ALTHEORA offers solutions that are 100% integrated, ranging from R&D to production. The Group benefits from the know-how of employees spread across four sites in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, as well as one site in Romania. It currently supports more than 500 clients outside of France, and in 2020 it won an award for the best innovation in the Design & Furniture category of the JEC Innovation Awards.

The company is listed on EURONEXT GROWTH - ISIN Code: FR0000061244 - ALMEC







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