



# NEPTUN proudly supplies RIOU OCEAN GLASS for new venture

## SUCCESS STORY

Established in 1979 by Pierre and Christiane Riou in the beautiful region of Normandy, Riou Glass is an independent French family group which employs almost a thousand employees across 23 processing sites in France and Italy, as well

as a float glass plant, Eurofloat in Salaise-sur-Sanne (France). The group has become one of the leading European glazing players and contributes to technological development in its sector. The company produces and processes almost 100,000 tonnes of glass a year. Beside

the impressive quantity of 2,700,000 sqm of insulating glazing units assembled each year, Riou Glass manufactures and distributes all types of glazing products: from decorative or high-security technical glass to high energy-efficient insulating glazing, for building, transport and

the personal and property security sector. Its expertise in the sector naturally means that it is recognized as an optimum technical partner for architects and clients in these markets. Its wide product range combines aesthetic appeal with high-technol-



A leading European glazing player, RIOU joined forces again with NEPTUN for the installation of its cutting-edge equipment. Here, thanks to its variable angle edger and a vertical washing machine, Neptun reinforces its commitment to the company's growth and technological advancement.



ogy performance: light, thermal insulation, noise level control, sunlight control, security and ease of maintenance. A benchmark player in the French glazing market, Riou Glass has a strong presence, too, in the building markets of the North America, Indian Ocean, the Middle East, North Africa and France's neighbouring countries, Riou Glass is increasingly developing internationally.

### THE ADVENTURE GOES ON

Pierre Riou started his adventure in the indian

Ocean market in 2010 acquiring Soremir (Réunionnais Glassworks Company), a leading company in Reunion Island and in the Indian Ocean with two main activities: glass products and blinds. After passing his Riou Glass business on to his daughter Christine Riou in 2020, Pierre formed a new team (RIOU DEVELOPEMENT) and set out to conquer the Indian Ocean market, through Riou Ocean Glass (ROG). Founded in 2023, ROG is a full-process glass manufacturer in the Indian Ocean. Cutting, laminating, double glazing,

painting, heavy processing - all feasible under one roof with cutting-edge technology. Strategically located on the island of Mauritius, Rog is uniquely positioned to serve the African continent, as well as the French Overseas Departments and Territories (DOM-TOM), Australia, and other islands in the Indian Ocean such as Madagascar. The factory has a processing and storage site of 10,000 m2, employs 60 people of which 95 percent are Mauritians - most trained in Riou Glass factories in France. Furthermore, Riou Glass

relies on its transport department. The company is a specialist in container-based product delivery, and can therefore ensure fully secure order delivery anywhere throughout the world.

### THE SHOW BEGINS

ROG inaugurated its glass factory in Mauritius on April 18 of this year with its teams, partners and first clients. The inauguration was introduced by Pierre Riou, ROG President, and his associates, namely Hervé Coutelas, Jean-Pierre Souchaire and Emmanuel Thieblin - all in the presence of Naveena Ramyad, Min-





ister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives, Oskar Benedikt, Ambassador of the European Union to Mauritius, Frédéric Bontems and Albert-Camille Vital, respectively Ambassador of France and Madagascar, as well as Patrick Morin, President of the France Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The event took place in two parts:

a morning tour of the factory in Mer Rouge, followed by an evening cocktail at the unique and historic setting of the Ruins of Balaclava, at the Maritim Resort & Spa. The morning tour allowed guests to discover the range of innovative, socially responsible products offered by Riou Ocean Glass. These products incorporate a variety of uses and function-

alities such as ballistic protection, heating, insulation, LED lighting, and more. The manufacturing process also adheres to the strictest standards to ensure the safety of both workers and end users. In the evening, the team welcomed guests to a cocktail party to properly celebrate this important milestone. Everything was meticulously planned and orchestrat-

ed to make this evening a true ode to the glass universe: from an exhibition of the talented artist Baba Gaïa, whose works were printed on glass panels, to a sweet musical interlude performed by singer Yvette Dantier. Last but not the least, an inspiring film based on the company's history and the importance of human relationships in its development was also screened at the venue.



## NEPTUN PARTNERSHIP

It goes without saying that Neptun Srl is proud to have been a supplier of straight-line edgers and washing machines to this successful company for

years. In particular, Neptun just installed in ROG a variable angle edger with 14 wheels model ROCK 14-45 and an LV EVO vertical washing machine. The choice of Neptun for Riou Glass

was quite simple - given the other machines that have been in operation with full satisfaction, for some time in the group's companies. The ROCK will be intended for grinding large plates for

the architectural market, but given the high quality of the polish it will also serve interior and furniture. The washing machine is configured to be placed in line with the edger but serves a large part of the company's production. This is an intermediate model, completely automatic and managed by PLC which can wash glass up to a thickness of 30 mm. Both machines are equipped with a remote assistance module, useful for rapid diagnostics of any faults. Being committed to maintaining the trust of Riou Glass and continuing to participate in the growth of such a dynamic group, Neptun was also a proud sponsor of the inauguration ceremony.

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