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"We are transitioning from a public company to a private business focused on long-term growth," Chris Skinner, VP Strategic Marketing & R&D at OCF

With the acquisition of Owens Corning's glass reinforcements business by Praana Group now completed on 30 April 2026, the business has entered a new chapter under the name Original Composites & Fiberglass (OCF) – The Original Composites Company. In an interview with JEC Composites Magazine, Chris Skinner, VP Strategic Marketing & R&D at OCF, discusses the meaning behind the new brand, the roadmap for the transition and the company's long-term vision under its new ownership.

JEC Composites Magazine: The name "OCF" historically stood for Owens Corning Fiberglass, yet you are presenting it as "the Original Composites Company." Why did you choose to retain the acronym and what meaning do you want it to convey for the future?

Chris Skinner: Honestly, we didn't retain the acronym "OCF," we arrived at it based on a fundamental premise of our business being "the Original Composites Company," formed more than 85 years ago and responsible for the birth of the modern glass fibre-based composites industry. As the sale process developed and Praana emerged as the prospective owner, the name "Original Composites & Fiberglass" developed as an ideal fit to recognise the combination of our business with the excellent 3B business already within their portfolio, and which would logically become part of the group's position in the industry.

Going forward, it is very simple: we want people to associate OCF, "The Original Composites Company," with unrivalled local partnership, unmatched innovation and an unwavering commitment to sustainability within our industry.



JEC Composites Magazine: In practical terms, what changes will moving under Praana's ownership bring for OCF's customers and partners over the coming months?

Chris Skinner: In the near term, there will be no significant changes. We will continue to be the key local partner focused on supporting the growth of our customers and the industry.

Looking ahead, Praana is committed to growth within this dynamic industry, which means our customers can expect investment in capacity and capabilities. They should also expect to see a more nimble and dynamic business as we transition from public to private ownership, with an owner that considers this business core to its growth strategy.

JEC Composites Magazine: What is the timeline for the transition following the completion of the sale in terms of rebranding, organisation, investment and priorities?

Chris Skinner: As you have seen, we launched our new brand on Day 1, although in practice we have been transitioning over recent months. Just look at the booth at JEC World 2026.

Over the coming weeks, we will transition our website to www.ocf.com and continue updating our technical literature, brochures, SDSs and everything related to the brand. We have even started removing elements such as The Pink Panther® from our sites.

We also have a series of investments already planned, which will become more publicly visible over the coming months. As for our priorities, nothing changes: our focus remains firmly on serving our customers and supporting their growth.

JEC Composites Magazine: You mentioned greater freedom and a longer-term vision under Praana. What will be OCF's first key areas of investment or innovation?

Chris Skinner: It would not be appropriate to speculate on specific future investments by Praana. However, as OCF is a core element of Praana's growth strategy, I am confident you can expect to see actions supporting this as we move forward.

JEC Composites Magazine: How do you intend to preserve Owens Corning's historical legacy while building a distinct new identity for OCF?

Chris Skinner: That is precisely the point, preserving the best parts of our legacy and carrying them forward as we seek to redefine the future.



Owens Corning will always be part of this business. The incredible work accomplished with our former colleagues to create and grow this business over the past 85-plus years is indelibly written into the DNA of our company.

To that point, the logo we adopted will remain a permanent reminder of this heritage, with the "O" and the "C" turned towards each other to signify where the innovation was created and where OCF – represented by the green dot – was born. It will not be forgotten.