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## **HAPE INTEGRATES TEAM T4**

## A FRENCH CHILDCARE FURNITURE COMPANY WHICH STRENGTHENS THE GROUP'S STRUCTURE

TO PROVIDE QUALITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD.

#### **OUR DEAR PARTNERS**

We are pleased to announce that as of May 1st 2023, TEAM T4 will join the HAPE group and thus join one of the major actors of the wooden toy industry, in Europe and in the world.

It is a new page which is written for Team T4, in the continuity of the work accomplished within the group Team Tex since 5 years. Thanks to Team Tex and the strength of the group we have solidly crossed the turbulences and the unstable economic situation of these last years and reinforced our positions on the French market and on the e-commerce.

The HAPE group will put at our disposal its important industrial establishment in Eastern Europe and will bring us all its expertise to further improve our products and our prices. For our part, we will bring them our knowledge of the childcare market which will complete their offer of early learning games for the 0-2 years target. The links forged with the Team Tex teams will continue with numerous syneraies at the commercial level, particularly with targeted distribution agreements.



#### **OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE**

"After being in the toy and education industry for over three decades, serving our business partners and helping them on a daily basis leads us to think: what do we want to achieve? We keep children at the heart of everything we do and are committed to making not just more products, but better products. With our additional investment in Team T4, we plan to

develop better products and services focused on the joyful and creative user experience of children and young people.

"This is a new chapter for Team T4. The HAPE group is offering us very strong development opportunities and is counting on us to expand in the childcare furniture market in France and Europe. The complementarity between our companies gives us all the assets to meet this challenge.'



Family business, TEAM T4 is established in France, in the Jura, since its creation in 1984. With our brands AT4 small furniture bis ideas, WEBABY and JURABABY, we design, manufacture and market quality wooden furniture and accessories for babies. With almost 40 years of experience and know-how, we design items that combine simplicity and robustness for quality at the best price. Always on the lookout for innovative ideas, practical tips and modern aesthetic lines, our research department, made up of experienced technicians and designers, works every day to offer original, useful, environmentally friendly and, more often than not, evolving furniture. Team T4 furniture and accessories are designed in France and manufactured in Europe. They comply with very strict safety standards, which are obviously essential for the safety of the child.





On April 20th, Hape invited experts, scholars and teachers to join a seminar named "Two Searching & Three Researching" that focused on the search for quality toys and children books, and research on toys & children books, children and teaching approaches. The event was held in the Songhuajiang Kindergarten in Ningbo, China, aiming to implement the Guideline to Learning and Development of 3~6 year-old Children whilst solidifying the Two Searching & Three Researching motion and expanding the communicating platforms and channels to "integrate kindergartens and encourage support and learning amonast each other".

During the seminar, six experts in early education from the Netherlands - together with executives from Hape International (Ningbo) Ltd. and European EducationAll Group under Hape Holding AG - had a great discussion on how to carry out the "Learn through play" methodology. Consisting of "Academic Dialogue between the guest experts and the local" and the "Experience Exchange of the Teachers", the seminar attracted over 50 local teachers who had a lively discussion with the Dutch experts on site.

After visiting the Themed Teaching Corner supported by Hape in the kindergarten, the invited experts spoke highly of the teaching practices of the "Learn through play" methodology, and made their proposals on "how teachers can promote children's early development with educational toys". Afterwards, they paid a visit to the outdoor teaching garden and commented, "This trip to China has given us a more direct and forensic understanding about early education, and your investments in "Learn through play" have made better outcomes than us! I think we can learn from each other and amend our own shortcomings, and synergize advanced teaching methods to push early education to another level.





Although we come from different countries, there's no boundaries for education or ideas, and we hope the "Learn through play" theory can become enriched in

During the session, delegates from the eight kindergartens that enjoy Themed Teaching Corners shared their teaching experiences and the benefits of having such teaching corners. One teacher took "listen to a story with dominoes" as an example, introducing the empowering functions of educational toys in combination with children's varying personalities.

The seminar not only provided the guest experts a window through which they can learn about China's early education, but also demonstrated our current achievements via our "Learn though play" practices. Through the seminar, all the participating parties deepened their understanding of "Two Searching & Three Researchina".

Educators and caregivers can only become the partner and the supporter of children during play when they truly know them, and we need to make constant efforts to help children transition from "having fun playing" to "reaping the benefits of playing", which requires us to pool together the different strengths of different countries, industries and sectors. It is Hape's pleasure to work hand-in-hand with peers from all over the world and to contribute to the healthy development of the early education cause.

**About TEAM T4** 



**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 Place: London, UK

Name: London Stationery Show

Type: B2B

Organized by: https://www.stationeryshowlondon.-

co.uk/

Highlight: On May 16th, nearly 2,000 quests from all over the world came to London to attend the London Stationery Show, which is dedicated to stationery and arts & crafts. Over 150 exhibitors, including Toynamics UK, displayed their artistic products on-site. During the fair, the team met a large range of retailers, from independents to national accounts, and numerous buying groups.

The stand was consistently busy with new and existing customers, and it managed to generate a variety of high-quality leads for new accounts. Lots of visitors were impressed by how visually impactful our stand was, and the team received lots of positive feedback about all the featured



**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 Place: Milano, Italy Name: Toys Milano & Bay-B

Type: B2B

Organized by: Salone Internazionale dei Giocattoli and Assogiocattoli **Website:** https://www.toysmilano.com/

**Highlight:** Dedicated to the toy and early childhood markets - as well as to stationery, carnival, holidays and parties - Toys Milano is a unique event on the Italian market, as it provides valuable business opportunities for a multitude professionals. Therefore, it's a great opportunity for those who wish to keep up to date with the latest trends in the toy industry and seek new opportunities to expand their businesses. The event has grown exponentially over the years, and is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> edition.

For two days, 3,830 professionals from across Europe attended the fair, which is 25% more visitors than in previous years. It also saw a 14% increase in company participation, with 157 exhibitors representing 235 brands across 12 thousand square meters of exhibition space.

Toynamics was delighted to participate and showcase their offerings, attracting both past buyers and prospective clients interested in working with us in the future. Hape's Green Planet Explorers category, Outdoor category, Kitchen & Food category and Puzzle category - as well as Baby Einstein products, Nebulous Stars stationary, DinosArt stationary and Korko sets - garnered lots of attention at



Type: B2B

**Organized by:** Toynamics UK

Website: https://www.toymastermayshow.co.uk/ Highlight: The Toymaster May Show, the largest trade show dedicated to independent toy retailers in the UK and Ireland, dazzled in Harroaate on May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>, with over 100 suppliers and over 200 retailers attended the grand event.

Toynamics UK brought Nature Fun series, Human Body Puzzle, Cross Racing Balance Bike and more to the fair, meeting up with Hape's current retailers and attracting interest from new retailers and networking with other suppliers to boot. Existing customers were pleased to see our new products in person, discussing with us which ones could be the new best sellers. The new Puzzles and Nature Fun items were thought to be the most promising candidates. The show was a huge success, garnering great feedback from all the visitors and attendees.





**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 Place: Bordeaux, France Name: Jouéclub Fair Type: B2B

Organized by: Jouéclub

Highlight: This fair is dedicated to Hape's key customer Jouéclub, presenting Hape novelties and distributed brands, including Baby Einstein items, the new bamboo easel, the Musical Whale Fountain and much more.

Jouéclub is one of Hape's best customers in France, and there are lots of Jouéclub stores in France, among which the Herblay store is one of the most representative. The Hape brand works well in the Herblay store, and more than 154% arowth over the same period last year has been recorded.



**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 Place: Bucharest, Romania

Name: BOOKFEST International Book Salon

Type: B2B&B2C

**Organized by:** Romanian Publishers' Association Website: https://bookfest.ro/bookfest-bucuresti-2023/

**Highlight:** The 16<sup>th</sup> Bookfest International Book Salon was held in Bucharest, Romania this year, and book lovers could participate in debates, book launches and meetings with book writers, publishers and cultural celebrities.

Bookfest is the most important book salon in Romania, and the only event of the publishing industry that manages to gain international fame. Over 5,000 visitors and 170 exhibitors ioined the event - with only two toy companies present. Our local distributor Elta 90 Toys&Games made an open-area for visitors to gather and try out our products. Quadrilla proved to be quite popular, with both children and adults becoming fascinated by it. The distributor gained 5 new interested parties, and sold many products on the spot. Overall, Hape received some good publicity at the event.



Name: Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo

Website: https://www.pbcexpo.com.au/

Highlight: The Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo is Australia's most popular and trusted event for young parents, with over 30 years of experience. During the event, leading brands offering the best prices, special offers and innovations all come together under one roof. This year, there were 10,781 visitors across the 3 days, 57% of whom were aged between 25-34 years, and 45% of whom were expecting their first child.

Australia

Hape showcased a variety of categories, including Baby, Bath, STEAM, Railway, Kitchen & Food, and Puzzles. Moreover, a play-area with giveaways was set-up in the booth for kids to enjoy. After the fair, Hape B2C website gained 430 new sign-ups.





**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June. 2023 Place: Columbus, USA

Name: Astra Marketplace & Academy

Type: B2B&B2C

Organized by: American Specialty Toy Retailing

Association (ASTRA)

Website: https://astra.glueup.com/event/astra-marketplace-academy-2023-columbus-ohio-64799/ Highlight: Hape USA successfully exhibited at The American Specialty Toy Retailing Association (ASTRA) show in Columbus, Ohio on June 12th-14th. The show was very well attended by everyone from toy store owners and sales reps to PR teams and manufacturers, and it continues to be the leading

event for independent retailers.

With 17 new mid-year release items displayed, Hape gained lots of new sales and customers this year, as specialty market was expanded. The new cleaning items garnered the most attention, and a soft roll-out of the new Nature Adventure line also attracted many visitors to our booth.

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Date: 7th to 9th April, 2023 Place: Shenzhen, China Name: Toy&edu China

Type: B2B

Highlight: The Toy&edu China toy fair recovered its vitality in Shenzhen after the pandemic. With the reputation of "the wind vane of China toy market", the fair has been one of the most important event of toy industry. Apart from the traditional channels, the fair also attracted resources from oversea/domestic online platforms, live streaming business, book stores and tourist attractions etc. Hape brought its novelties of Railway, Kitchen & Food, Music and Sand category to the fair and lured many new clients and orders.



**Date:** May 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Place: Nonthaburi. Thailand

Name: Thailand Baby and Kids

Best Buy 51

Type: B2B&B2C

Organized by: Ace Con (Thailand) Website: https://www.babybbb.com/-

gallery\_cn.php

**Highlight:** Thailand Baby and Kids Best Buy 51 (short as BBB hereafter) is the first and the only trade fair in Thailand that sells products and services for mothers and children purely. Covering all the needs of buyers, importers and exporters of maternal and child products all over Thailand, BBB distributes products at a great price, making it well known as the Mother and Child Products Center of Thailand.

This year 1,000 booths of products and services filled the event including Hape's which was larger than the one in last year. Play zones were set for children on the spot and PolyM® set Adventure Playaround kit were aifted to those who made a PolyM® structure at our booth and shared the photo on Facebook with #HapeThailand.







Date: April 4th to May 1st, 2023 Place: Kaohsiung, Taiwan Region Name: Toys go green - SDGs toy Fair

Type: B2C

Organized by: Taiwan Toy Education Association Website: https://youth.kcg.gov.tw/News\_Content.aspx-

Taiwan

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Highlight: Mirroring with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals released by the United Nations, Taiwan Toy Education Association organized a specialty fair celebrating the sustainability and green lifestyle. With nearly a hundred toys and books that focus on environmentally friendly and sustainable designs displayed, the exhibition explores sustainable education and environmental topics through sustainable toys, picture books, and games, aiming to convey these concepts to children of all ages.

The exhibition consists of three themed zones: "Toys by Nature" showcases toys made from natural resources, while the toys in the "Recycle and Play" area are made from recycled materials. The "Sustainability for Kids" zone

focuses on interactive picture books, magazines, and tabletop games related to SDGs and environmental issues.

Hape's Green Planet Explorers, Bamboo toys and Wild-animal-protection Themed sets had made the best illustration on "sustainable toys" which allowed children to learn loving the Earth through play and encouraged parent-child cooperation to explore and complete various projects, leading them to go Green in real life while having fun.



## What a Harvest Season!

#### 2023 PAL Awards

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hape's Pandas' Bamboo House was honoured as a winner at the 2023 PAL Awards. Promoting language development, social and emotional skills and developing empathy, compassion, and communication, the product inspires children to take on different roles as they play with others.

The PAL (Play Advances Language) Awards, organised by Playonwords.com, is the only industry awards recognise exceptional toys, games and books that promote play that advances language development.



#### **ASTRA Star Play Award**



During the American Specialty Toy Retailing Association (ASTRA) show in Columbus, Ohio, Hape's Panda's Bamboo House, Little Chef Cooking and Steam Playset, Outdoor Kitchen and My Baking Oven with Magic Cookies were all nominated for 2023 ASTRA's Star Play Awards. Although not coming out on top, the nominations themselves are bound to bolster Hape's reputation and garner more attention from the American public due to the award's strong influence within independent toy stores across USA and Canada.

Founded in 1992, the American Specialty Toy Retailing Association (ASTRA) is an international not-for-profit trade organisation that serves more than 1,800 independent retailers, manufacturers and sales representatives of the specialty toy industry.

#### Toy Insider Spring / Summer 2023 Winner



The winners are recommended on the Toy Insider's (a consumer-focused publication by US Trade magazine) website as the hottest toys of the summer, which gives Hape a precious opportunity to increase sales and gain greater exposure.



On May 19th, Melbourne Bloggers Brunch saw 83 influencers meet and mingle with 13 Mumpower esteemed local and global brand partners, interacting with new products and networking with like-minded creators with a combined audience size of more than 2.2 million. Following the event, the influential attendees nominated brands for each award, with Hape's outstanding contribution to the industry acknowledged in the shape of three categories from the Blogger's Choice Awards, including Favourite Brand Overall, Best Brand Experience and Most Likely to Purchase.



The Bloggers Brunch is Australia's premier influencer marketing event, creating highly leveraged relationships between brands and content creators who collectively speak with millions of Australian mums, Christie Nicholas, Mumpower CEO and Founder of the Bloggers Brunch, commented: "Hape really delivered in terms of creating a beautiful experience for each attendee, taking the time to talk through the ethos behind the company and finding the best-fit brand representatives to continue collaborations."

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The Toy Insider

awarded its

Toy Insider Top

Summer Toy

2023 award to

Hape's new

## Hape Toys in Stores around the World

In April, Hape toys implemented a new POS at Jouéclub Herblay. giving a fresh and unique toy experience to local customers. Hape toys are popular among children and parents alike, with statistics for this quarter showing more than 154% growth over the same period last year! What an amazina achievement! Let's look forward to more great news coming from France over the coming months.

Are you ready for your summer vacation? If so, be sure to visit some of our globe-covering stores on your travels, and pick-up some of your favourite Hape toys to make your holiday even more fun-filled. Exquisite Hape toys can be purchased in some of the following locations:

This quarter, educational and sustainable Hape toys maintained good momentum on the Australian market. In April, a full range of Hape toys featured in a great display in Target and Toyworld, two influential store groups in the region, receiving great feedback from customers and clients alike. Notably,

Hape's Bath Toys were very well received by customers in Target, and the sales figures were encouraging after launch.







This quarter, our partners in New Zealand, Sweetpea improved the in-store range and presentation of the Hape brand, which helped Hape toys stay fresh and interesting, projecting a better brand image for Hape in the region.

Hape in Target

During April and May, Toynamics Iberia carried out a brand-new collaboration with CASAS - one of Spain's most prestigious shoe stores - under the slogan "Walking with Pepe". The shelves of the store were festooned with some of our adorable Walk-A-Long toys, and the children who came into the store could play with our cute Pepe and other lovely Walk-A-Long animals whilst their mom or dad shopped for new shoes, creating a playful and cozy shopping environment for all. Hape's

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Walk-A-Long series were very well received among the children, especially Pepe and Snail, who both won the hearts of many smitten children. Without a doubt, this cross-border cooperation with CASAS has helped Hape broaden its marketing channels and further improve our brand awareness on the

Hape toys in stores in the Middle East also embraced a new outlook, with our partners in the region decorating Hape's display zone with colourful floor stickers that made the area more attractive to consumers. Moreover, the Hape shelves secured a wide space in the store, situated at the entrance and including a prominent window display. Such adjustments helped Hape to further improve its brand awareness in the region.



## **Hape Pop-Ups Gaining Popularity in China**

Hape pop-ups performed well in the second quarter, thanks to a wealth of intriguing and attractive products. In April and May, Hape launched two pop-up stores in Shanghai and Kunshan respectively, receiving great feedback and acclaim from old and new fans. Pleasingly, the sales data of our pop-up in Shanahai proved even better than we forecasted, which injected great confidence into our outlook moving forward.



Hape Pop-up in Sogo Shanghai

Mother's Day.

**Hape Continues Its** 

**Amazing Journey in Taiwan** 

In the second guarter of 2023 – in cooperation our new partner

CHICK - Hape entered 77 CHICK stores in Taiwan, including 10

directly-operated department stores and 67 baby stores, allow-

ing consumers have the chance to experience Hape products

at first-hand, and allowing the Hape brand to engage directly

with consumers. Hape toys are very popular in CHICK stores,

with sales in Q2 significantly increasing. Besides this, we also

made a great appearance in the Ming Yao Department store,

where a full range of toys dazzled customers. Our Fire Truck with Siren become one of the best sellers in the department store on

thanks to its classic design.

China

Region

TRIDO Pop-up in Hall of the Sun in Shanahai

The magnetic block brand TRIDO® – one of the core members of the Hape Family - also initiated a pop-up store in Shanghai on May 27th, bringing customers fresh shopping experiences and the opportunity to touch and feel the magical blocks in physical stores. Moreover, classic hand-made baby walker brand Ambosstoys®, which is a debutant in China, also won over many children's hearts



## **Hape Toys Enter in Two New Stores in Thailand**

In April, Hape toys appeared in two new stores in Thailand – The Little Store in Bangkok and Create Make & Play on Koh Samui, giving access to educational and sustainable Hape toys to local customers and

global tourists. According to our partner in Thailand, Hape's Railway and Toddler toys performed well in The Little Store thanks to the holiday shopping rush. In addition, although this is Hape's first appearance on Koh Samui, high-quality Hape toys left a deep impression on tourists and local customers alike. Just as our partner said, we believe that Hape will be soon become a popular on Koh Samui due to our ongoing efforts and hard-work.

Hape in the Little Store

Hape in Create Make & Play on Koh Samui

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# Hape Global Window Show

UK



In May, a full range of Hape *Green Planet Explores* toys appeared in the window of La Maison de Zazou - one of the most famous toys shops in this area in France, which has been offering games, educational toys and books to French parents and children for decades. The exquisite toys excellently communicated Hape's sustainable philosophy to local customers, and garnered much appreciation for the attractively green design. More fabulous window displays are coming soon in France. Stay tuned!



At the beginning of June, a well-decorated window display located in a high street blessed with healthy footfall in Hove, attracted a lot of attention. Timeless Toys decorated its window with Green Planet Explorers toys alongside adorable

animal doll stickers, all of which were designed to entice customers to come inside for a closer look. Proving the popularity of Hape's Green Planet Explorers, the owner of Timless Toys said that people were commenting and asking questions about the products during the duration of the display.





In May, the Hape China team completed the decoration of a window in a toy store located in Chikan Book Centre, Zhanjiang, where children can enjoy Hape toys after their quality reading time. An eye-catching poster of STEAM Quadrilla, interesting Kitchen & Food Series products and creative building brick brand PolyM® were all well displayed in the window, enticing passersby to come into the store and pick up their favourite toys.







In Bern,
LOEB elaborately
decorated their window
with classic Hape products
and cutting-edge Trido wares,
attracting lots of children to
stop-by for a close look.
Without a doubt, with a great
location in a very central
location in the city of Bern, the
display was certainly a great
opportunity for Hape to show
and build its brand image in
the local area.

### **Hape New Products Display in Vietnam**

With great support from our partner Nkid, exquisite Hape toys enjoyed a wonderful display in tiNiStore – one of the most influential retail stores in Vietnam, under Nkid Group. Having been Hape's loyal partner for a long time, Nkid always keeps the shelves in tiNiStore full of Hape toys, bringing an abundance of quality choice to its Vietnamese customers. Moreover, to provide the hottest and latest toys on the market to its patrons, Nkid prepared a products display especially for Hape's new arrivals this quarter, which attracted a wealth of consumer attention.



# Rise of the 'Seniors': Toys Are No Longer Just for Children

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hape volunteers conducted a toy experience activity at JORU Group - a pioneer in the elderly care space - for more than 20 seniors in their eighties. During the event, toys such as *Creative Kit, Crabby Mosaic Kit and Pallina Original* won over the participants' hearts thanks to their ability to strengthen hand-eye coordination and to develop finger dexterity.



We Are Also Senior-friendly

**OFFLINE EVENT** 

Last year, a series of toy experience events for seniors organized by Hape in Taiwan Region and Mainland China caused a sensation, receiving high praise from people from all walks of life. At Hape, we firmly believe that toys are not just for children, and that our respected elders also have the right to have fun with educational toys. Let's check out the meaningful activities for seniors conducted by Hape during the second quarter of this:

China



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As Taiwan moves towards an ageing society with a high proportion of elderly individuals, instances of dementia are also increasing. In 2023, New Taipei City established the "Happy Brain Bus" which gathered a group of professional therapists together along with a batch of interesting cognitive tools and toys for the attending seniors. On May 1st, Hape Taiwan was fortunate enough to join a "Happy Brain Bus" event, and provided the rural elders various brain-health exercise toys and an abundance of collaborative activities centred on our STEAM Quadrilla, Domino and creative Flexistix products.



In addition, on May 30th, Beleduc – an educational brand in the Hape family - also conducted a meaningful toy experience for seniors in Taiwan. Beleduc's toys proved to be very popular among the attendees, and received lots of positive feedback and appreciation from the elders, who expressing their happiness in participating in this great event.



For seniors,
playing with toys provides
not only a chance to recapture
the careless joy of childhood, but
it's also a great way to cultivate a
positive mental attitude. Hape will
continue to encourage intergenerational play, and bring happiness to
the elders through our
senior-friendly toys.

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#### **OFFLINE EVENT**

## Hape Roadshows Spread to Various Cities



In celebration of International Children's Day, Hape collaborated with partners and distributors like Sam's Club, Costco, Metro and CL Toys, to launch a series of roadshows in 117 stores in 50 cities from 19 provinces. The roadshows were enthusiastically welcomed by children and parents alike, and gamered a lot of precious feedback from our valued end consumers.

Sweetpea – our distributor in New Zealand - has put together a roadshow and traveled to different locations around the country, showing our new products for the second half of the year to local customers. During the roadshow, top customers and potential clients were invited to see and play with the products and to make pre-orders. The roadshows proved to be a very successful offline marketing strategy, which in turn greatly boosted the sales of our products.



## Toy Experience Event on Children's Day in Taiwan

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in celebration of Children's Day, a lively Toy Experience Event was organised for children aged 2 to 4 years-old by Hape Taiwan, creating a memorable and delightful Children's Day for the attending little ones. The Children's Day month activities were held in five sessions and attracted more than 200 participating parent-child

pairs. The attendees spent a happy and cozy day in a stimulating and relaxed environment. At the event, children could not only experience educational toys at

first hand, but also could vote for their favourite toys and select the best Hape toys from those on display. In addition, the children received an exquisite gift prepared by the Hape Taiwan Team.

There is no doubt that toy experience events like this are a win-win activity for both Hape and its customers. On the one hand, parents and children are given a precious opportunity to spend quality family time together, and on the other, it is a great way for Hape to get close to our customers and to learn about their actual needs. Additionally, the events also help us bring our customers to more retail channels and ultimately to promote the sale of our products.

## Explore the Ancient Silk Road With Hape Railway







Without a doubt, as a significant part of Chinese traditional culture, the Silk Road has strong and deep international influence, so to satisfy the young generations' need of better understanding and inheriting Chinese traditional culture, Hape launched a "New Silk Road Campaign" last year, which provided many memorable brand experiences for Chinese customers. In middle of May, Hape "drove" its little locomotive to the "All City" shopping centre in Shenzhen, attracting plenty of visitors who came to explore the secret of ancient Silk Road via our classic Railway products. The campaign achieved great success, with product turnover significantly increasing.

### **Hape Speical Outlets Day**

This quarter, Hape prepared a special preferential activity for Internet programmers, where they could get exquisite Hape toys at discounted prices. The "kidults" flocked to the Hape sale during their break time to pick their favourite toys.



## Branding Cooperation with EF Education

In the ultra-competitive context of the market, it is important to surprise consumers and reel them in with innovative proposals. Without a doubt, co-branding can be an effective and unique strategy which can bring fresh experiences to consumers. To celebrate Children's Day, Hape launched an upgraded Growing Gardeners Greenhouse, which included customised English flashcards created by EF education, delivering our "Edutainment" philosophy to parents and children alike.



## Beleduc's Memorable Appearance in Taiwan



On May 30th, Beleduc® made a memorable appearance at a distributor conference in Taiwan, with Beleduc's toys proving popular among the distributors, receiving lots of positive feedback and appreciation from the clients. During the event, the participants had a great time with an abundance of toys from Beleduc®, with their laughter filling the room.

Beleduc® is a sub-brand in the Hape family that shares the same roots and core values as Hape, namely that children do not play to learn, but rather they learn because they play. Beleduc® not only provides highly-quality educational toys, but it also offers educational materials, including furniture, games, arts & crafts, trikes, outdoor play materials and classroom equipment for children of kindergarten and preschool age.



### Hape in tiNiWorld, Vietnam

Don't miss out! Come to tiNiWorld and have a wonderful time with Hape. tiNiWorld – owned by Nkid (Hape's partner in Vietnam) - is an edutainment playground for kids where children can play with an abundance of games and toys. Hape toys are always displayed in Toy Garden areas in tiNiWorld, which are always full of happy children playing with their favourite toys. According to Nkid, Hape toys are one of the most-loved toys in tiNiWorld, thanks to their sophisticated design and interesting educational properties.





## **OFFLINE EVENT**

## **Meet Your Acquaintance** in Italy

A popular brand in Italy, Hape has participated in Milan Design Week several times, and this year - as an old acquaintance - we once gagin attended, armed with our quality toys, including items from the sustainable toy brand, Korko<sup>®</sup>.



### A casa Ovunque '23

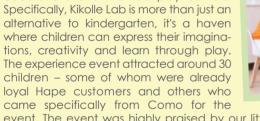
From 17th to 23rd April, Toynamics Italy had the chance to be a part of a special project. A casa Ovunque '23, which was an exclusive event focusing on everyday design and sustainability. We brought products from Korko® and Hape's Green Planet Explorers series to the event, providing children with an opportunity to express their creativity and to learn about environmental sustainability. Overall, the event was a huge success in terms of raising awareness about Korko® and Hape's products, and it adequately demonstrated our commitment to promoting sustainability.

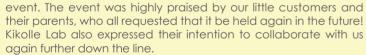


#### Collaboration with Kikolle Lab

During Design Week, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Kikolle Lab opened its doors to the public for a free-entry gaming experience featuring Hape® and

Korko® products. The space was designed with great attention to detail, featuring sustainable furnishings, exquisite design decorations and themed play corners. Specifically, Kikolle Lab is more than just an alternative to kindergarten, it's a haven where children can express their imaginations, creativity and learn through play. The experience event attracted around 30 children - some of whom were already loyal Hape customers and others who









### Hape at Spain's Primavera **Music Festival**

In June, thanks to the efforts made by our Toynamics Iberia team, Hape had a chance to attend Primavera Sound – one of the biggest music festivals in Spain, that took place in Barcelona. Various Hape toys were displayed in the Kids' Area at the three-day event, in which top bands and singers from around the world flock to perform. As the main brand selected by the event organizer, Hape made it a memorable time for the attending children, with exquisite products from Railway, Pallina and Music series on site for them to enjoy. Notably, Hape's Music toys like Learn with Lights Ukulele and Learn with Light Piano proved popular, thanks to their focus on helping little musicians unleash their artistic potential!



On May 19th, Hape's Australian distributor-U.Games brought Hape toys to a MumPower Bloggers Brunch, a one-day event held in Melbourne, which gathered over 80 influencers. The U.Games' team created a "Stay & Play" area for children, with, and displays table on which the attending influencers could

where Hape toys could be played further discuss the benefits and features of

the products, All the influencers left with a Hape brand baa, including a Pepe book, a Beaded Raindrops keyring. a Little Auto and a gift certificate for Hape's website. In addition, Pepe had his first visit to a pilot's cockpit during his journey to the MumPower event, which made for an amusing spectacle. Hape and the U.Games' team received lots of appreciation from the influencers who attended, with one mum commenting: "Hape are amazing! Everyone was so knowledgeable, and they are so passionate about sharing information about their brand. I already love their products, but now even more so having met the people behind them". Such praise underscored the great success of event.







In May, our partner in Thailand gifted Infant and Toddler toys to two mum clubs for children aged between 6 months to 24 months in Bangkok. The mum clubs are ideal spaces for celebrating, discussing and bonding between parents who have children around the same age. At the gathering, attended families experienced exquisite Hape toys in person, and



several lucky participants won exauisite Hape toys prepared by our Thailand team. Undoubtedly, such sponsored activities help Hape expand its brand awareness among its target customers, and aoes someway to further broadening its market share.



pick-up some gifts. The turnout during the special promotion was so good that it even exceeded expectations, with customers flocking to the store to pick out their favourite gifts.



and a Pepe mascot who interacted with children at the "Verano MaraVilla" event, bringing tons of fun to the local kids. Meanwhile, a 20% discount on Hape toys was also launched, allowing the children the chance to take toys home at a good price once the festivities drew to a conclusion.

16 (Photo Source: Hape Image) (Photo Source: Hape Image) 17 **Introducing Hape to More Customers** 

**Around the World!** 

In Taiwan, a lively lucky draw contest took place from March to April on Hape Taiwan's Facebook account in order to promote Hape's new products, including My Baking Oven Magic Cookies and Sushi Time. After a series of steps, including sharing photos under the theme, "Pepe fans and Hape toys" in the comment section, participants had a chance to win Hape Family

Room accommodation vouchers and score new products as gifts from Hape Taiwan.

The contest was well received, with many parents sharing photos of their children happily enjoying Hape toys. It attracted a total of 328 participants, cultivating a comfortable and joyful atmosphere that will help attract more people to Hape's new products and encourage local consumers to learn more about the Hape brand.





In Q2, our partner in Kazakhstan remained focused on key marketing dates, offering discounts on the Day of Defenders of the Fatherland, Children's Day, and Cosmonautics Day. At the same time, of course, regular special offers, such as birthday discounts and greeting cards with Lilly and Pepe as gifts, were ever-present.





SHOP NOW

Sweetpea - our New Zealand partners, promoted Hape through EDM marketing, website advertising and pay-per-click advertising. The products highlighted this quarter were all perfect for children to play with in the fall (June-August is Winter in New Zealand), with the Off-Road Balance Bike offering outdoor fun perfectly suited to milder autumn and winter temperatures, the Kitchen & Food collection providing ample role-playing opportunities while

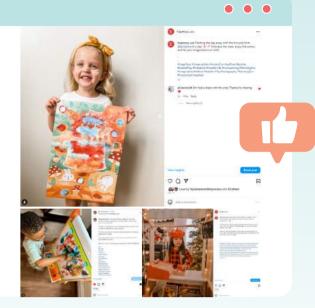
camping and Infant Toys giving parents and kids the chance to enjoy quality play-time together at home. The season's promotion conveyed the message that

Hape can offer diverse toys for a wide range of age groups and personalities, ideal for those beautiful late autumn days with mom, dad and friends.



Viewing it as a long-term project, Hape has been cooperating with local influencers in the USA for a while now, developing many innovative ways of posting images that market Hape toys and creating interesting stories and

Moreover, during the month of May, Hape USA ran an online Instagram competition to promote our toys to our avid followers. The post received 564 likes, 1,600 comments, 371 forwards and 11 saves in total, reaching 11,767 people and making 18,429 impressions. Our Instagram follower numbers increased by more than 350 people as a direct result of the campaign.





In Spain, a series of Hape toys, ranging from Walk-A-Long Snail to Monster Math Scale, were gifted to 5 Instagram influencers who were invited to share their feedback with their fans after trying out the toys. The campaign was a great success, resulting in a significant increase

in sales. At the same time, Toynamics Iberia launched an online competition by using items in stock on @hape\_iberia, in which all the winners received their product with a flyer offering a discount at the Hape B2C web-shop. To our delight, the campaign attracted 1,400 likes, 22,000 impressions and 5,000 comments, helping @hape\_iberia gain more than 300 new followers in total.



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This quarter, Ocean Life Puzzle, Music Push Learning Walker, Bunny Stacker and Penguin Musical Wobbler appeared in the Instagram posts of 5 influencers in Middle East. Among these products, Bunny Stacker and Penguin Musical Wobbler featured as part of a "subscription box" from Mamas.box and Monki box, that the bloggers duly received. In addition, our Middle East partners also cooperated with @babyshoparabia, a famous online baby care shopping website that boasts 565.2K followers on Instagram, in order to launch a giveaway contest to leverage the popularity of the account in an attempt to increase brand awareness and the visibility of Hape in the region.







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**MEDIA** 

France

From May to June, Toynamics France's focus was placed squarely on promoting the *Green Planet Explorers* and the *Art & Craft* range. By showcasing our products through influencers, our target audience is likely to have gained a sense of familiarity, thereby increasing curiosity and trust towards our products and brand. In terms of the *Green Planet Explorers* range, influencers and their audiences







loved that the products are not only sustainable, but that they also teach sustainability to children in a fun and engaging way. They also recognised the role that the Art & Craft range can play when it comes to aiding the development of creativity and imagination in children.



A micro-influencer campaign was planned during the months of May and June, in order to promote our *Green Planet Explorers'* products. 3 influencers were chosen to participate based on their engagement rates, covering a total of 80,000 followers. Each influencer was sent 2 products to promote via their stories and posts.

The decision to hire influencers to promote the Green Planet Explorers category has proven to be highly effective in expanding our reach across the market. The influencers and their children displayed genuine excitement





In April, Toynamics UK worked with a range of influencers (with a total reach of some 150,000 people and an average engagement rate of 3.83%, which is above the UK average) to draw attention to the Fun Fan Fryer and the Mix 'N' Bake Blender, with some smaller accessories that support the content also featuring. The selected influencers created a range of content that was fun, authentic and wholesome, engaging with their audience in an impactful way.

In May and June, a group of micro-influencers were also selected to help promote the *Green Planet Explorers* range. With a combined following of nearly 350,000, our influencers created content designed to educate their audiences on all of the great features and shining points. Specially selected eco-conscious families and influencers were selected in order to reach audiences that are already interested in sustainability, as well as new audiences eager to be educated from other non-specialised pages.

## Where can you find Hape on media channels?



USA





In May, Hape toys Gourmet Grill (with food) appeared on WABC Channel's "Summer in Toys" for Chris Byrne's Memorial Day segment. In the show, all three hosts enjoyed playing with the Grill, with Chris even mentioning that it was a great addition to their summer grill series. He also spoke highly of Hape and of the quality of all of the toys that Hape produces for children. The segment garnered 2,317,315 impressions over the holiday weekend - which is about a \$50k free advertisement spot! In addition, the Gourmet Grill (with food) was featured in the background of the dance trivia segment of the show, gaining even more exposure.

Elsewhere, marketing campaigns centered on a series of advertisement placements on influential websites have been successfully launched in the USA. In the advertorials, *Super Spirals* is recommended as a toy that is "wonderful for coordination, logic, imagination and teaching kids to keep trying", and Hape's *All-in-1 Easel* was highlighted for the richness of its play functions.





Thailand



This quarter, Hape toys entered the Little Store, a premium baby and mother products retailer, and participated in its online workshop "How to Select an Outfit and Toys for Toddler" by Dr. Ruang Khao, Dr. Ruang Khao, the workshop's host, is a local parenting influencer who



attracts around 230K fans on Facebook. Such exposure helps elevate the overall status of Hape products and increases Hape's brand awareness in the region.

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**MAGAZINE MAGAZINE** 

Publication Time: May. 2023 **Distribution Area: USA** 

Name of Magazine: ASTRA 2023 Look Book

**Distribution Channel:** B2B

Product: Outdoor Kitchen, My Baking Oven with Magic Cookies, Little Chef Cooking & Steam Playset and Panda's Bamboo House

Placement: 1 inner-page

Brief Introduction: Founded in 1992, the American Specialty Toy Retailing Association (ASTRA) is an international not-for-profit trade organisation that serves more than 1,800 independent retailers, manufacturers and sales representatives specialising in the toy industry. ASTRA is a dedicated community of professionals committed to providing children with healthy, quality play materials that have high play-value and are designed with a focus on what the child can do - rather than what the toy can do. Hosted by ASTRA, the Astra Star Play Awards honours only one winner in each of its categories.



## **Sleepy Sheepy**

A new sleep aid from Hape, the Sleepy Sheepy is their latest toy to help little ones drift off.

This two in one night light and music box has a gentle glow and comes with

five different melodies - Can you count the stars? Sleep my child, the Moon Has Risen, Schubert's Lullaby and Now 1 Lay Me Down to Sleep. There are two volume settings and a timer so that it automatically turns off. This smilling sheep is techameable with a Micro USB

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Publication Time: April, 2023 **Distribution Area:** UK

Name of Magazine: Nusery Today

**Product:** Sleepy Sheepy

Circulation: Nearly 4,500 including independent retailers, group buyers, national accounts and

UK

Placement: 1/4 of one inner-page

**Brief Introduction:** Established in 1997, Nurserv Today is the only UK trade publication published monthly and mailed as a printed magazine together with a digital edition online, via the Nursery Today website (www.nurserytoday.co.uk) and various social media platforms (LinkedIn/Instagram), to professionals working in the nursery business. With regular news, product features, profiles, retailer profiles, trade talks, exclusives and regular columnists, it is an essential read for anyone working within the nursery trade - be they retailer, supplier or anything in between.

**TOY**times

**USA** 

Publication Time: May, 2023 **Distribution Area: USA** Name of Magazine: Toy Times Distribution Channel: B2B **Product:** Panda's Bamboo House Placement: 1/2 of one inner-page

Brief Introduction: Toy Times is a magazine for members of the American Specialty Toy Retailing Association (ASTR). ASTRA's goal is to provide relevant, timely and thought-provoking articles and resources to toy store owners, sales reps, manufacturers and industry service providers.

> Publication Time: June, 2023 Distribution Area: UK

Name of Magazine: Toy World Distribution Channel: B2C &B2B

**Product:** Sponge Painting Fun, Chalks and Stencils Art, Magic Friends DIY Magnets, Letters and Numbers Tracing, Colour

**Brief Introduction:** Over the past 11 years, Toy World has established itself as the UK's No. 1 toy trade title, providing valuable in-depth industry information and keeping fully up to date with what's happening in the trade. Toy World features news, opinion, insight, analysis, comments, interviews, articles, product features and much more. They also feature the trade's leading information provider NPD Group, independent retailer opinions and many experienced and knowledgeable industry contributors. In short, anyone in the UK who has a legitimate interest in the world of toys receives Toy World, alongside a selection of major global toy suppliers and retailers.



**Publication Time:** April, 2023 **Distribution Area:** Spain Name of Magazine: Juguetes B2B Distribution Channel: B2B

Product: Get Up & Go

Astra

Placement: 1/2 of an inner-page

**Brief Introduction:** Juguetes B2B (established in 1962) have been creating and publishing exclusive content through multi-media channels (magazine [print+digital], websites, e-newsletters, social networks and virtual fairs, etc.) with segmented coverage of the entire childcare sector in Spain (including specialised retailers, manufacturers, brand distributors and other economic agents) for decades.



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