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**Knauf Opens New Ceiling Tile Factory in France – TOPIQ® Alpha Acoustic Panels Now Available in Poland**

**The Knauf Group has invested €100 million in a new production facility dedicated to acoustic ceiling tiles from the economical TOPIQ® Alpha range. These new ceiling solutions from Knauf Ceiling Solutions are now available in Poland as of July. The panels are a popular choice wherever high acoustic performance and cost efficiency are key. Until now, Knauf Ceiling Solutions has rarely offered so-called "soft panels" — but that is now changing.**

The new production facility, located in Illange, France near the German border, manufactures ceiling systems and is directly connected to a neighboring insulation plant. The integration of the two sites improves logistics and reduces the carbon footprint by eliminating the need for inter-site transportation. The factory was designed with environmental sustainability at its core and has already been recognized with the **Choose France 2024 award** for ecological transformation and decarbonization.

The plant runs on **100% low-emission electricity**, and a **solar power station** (covering 30% of energy needs) will go online in 2026. Water-saving and recycling systems, including **ultrafiltration**, have also been implemented. The factory will employ up to **50 people by 2026** and is largely driven by cutting-edge technologies. Acoustic panels are transported by AGVs, then cut, sanded, laminated, painted, and packed – all within just **15 minutes**. Quality control is carried out both automatically via cameras and manually every hour.

This investment supports the Knauf Group’s broader **decarbonization goals**, aiming to reduce CO₂ emissions by **50% (Scope 1 and 2)** and **30% (Scope 3)** by 2032, with a target of achieving carbon neutrality by **2045**.

**Bright Acoustic Innovation in Poland – Soft Panels TOPIQ® Alpha**

The new plant was built to produce high-quality suspended acoustic ceilings that meet the growing market demand across Europe. Brighter, smoother, and offering **Class A acoustic performance** at a competitive price, TOPIQ® Alpha fills a crucial gap in the product portfolio.

"Until now, Knauf Ceiling Solutions focused mainly on hard acoustic panels and design-led solutions. However, many new investments — especially in public sectors such as **schools, public offices, and healthcare facilities** — require high-performance, budget-conscious solutions. This is why we’ve launched this new product line. TOPIQ® Alpha ceilings are now also available in Poland," says **Krzysztof Szczepaniak** of Knauf Ceiling Solutions Poland.

Made from mineral wool, **TOPIQ® Alpha panels** offer sound absorption up to **Class A** (αw 1.00 for 20 mm, and 0.95 for 15 mm). They are available in three edge types and stand out with their **high whiteness**, reflecting **86% of light**, which helps brighten interiors and lower energy usage.

**A Cost-Effective Solution for Healthcare Environments**

Knauf Ceiling Solutions has also introduced a version of the panel designed for **environments with high hygiene requirements**, such as healthcare facilities, food industry settings, and restaurant kitchens. **HYGENA TOPIQ® Alpha**panels feature a **laminated surface** that is **washable and antibacterial**, helping to prevent the growth of bacteria and fungi.

These panels comply with **Zone 4 hygiene standards** in accordance with **NF S 90-351:2013** and also offer **Class A sound absorption**.

*“These ceilings are****lightweight****,****easy to install****, and ideal for both****new and retrofit projects****with tighter budgets,”* adds **Krzysztof Szczepaniak**.

All products in the TOPIQ® Alpha range are **certified for indoor air quality**, an essential factor for **hospitals, clinics, offices, schools, and kindergartens**. The panels carry the **Eurofins Indoor Air Comfort GOLD** certification, are classified as **Euroclass A1 for fire resistance**, and are **100% humidity resistant**.

More: <https://knauf.com/pl-PL/p/produkty/sufity-i-absorbery-scienne-35568>

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