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IWF announces 2026 Challengers Award Finalists

From a field of 84 entries submitted by 65 IWF 2026 exhibiting companies, judges have named 20 IWF Challengers Award finalists. The 20 finalists will perform live demonstrations for judges' review on Monday, August 24—one day prior to IWF 2026 opening day. Judges will make final decisions to select winners based on demonstration outcomes. Seven winners will be announced at 11:00AM on Tuesday, August 25 at the level 2 building B overlook near the Challengers Award Gallery.

ABOUT THE IWF CHALLENGERS DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD®:

The IWF Challengers Distinguished Achievement Award is a world-renowned competition recognizing companies demonstrating exemplary achievement in the development of products, services, or manufacturing technologies and techniques created to advance the industry. A panel of 10 distinguished judges—all recognized professionals drawn from across the industry landscape—review and analyze each entry.

ABOUT THE 2026 FINALISTS:

The IWF 2026 Challengers Distinguished Achievement Award Finalists are listed below in alphabetical order and include entry name/booth number(s):

- **Bacci America Inc. | ICON | B7373**
- **Con-Vey | Con-Vey's Patent-Pending Edge-Damming System for Plywood Panel Repair Lines | B8320**
- **Edge Automation Inc | Edge Automation CabSort™ Vault: Eliminating Sorting Constraints in Cabinet Manufacturing through Label-Independent Identification, Intelligent Buffering, and Automated Kitting | A10741**
- **Felder Group USA | creator 1250 | B5000 & B5010**
- **Felder Group USA | F1000 performance | B5000 & B5010**
- **Italiana Ferramenta S.r.l. | Symetra - Hanging system for integrated wall panels | C1758**
- **Kouros Tools | Sand-R-Light PRO | A10129**
- **Kouros Tools | Euro-Line | A10129**
- **Kundig USA Inc. | KÜNDIG Regent – Biggest Planing and Sanding Machine for Glulam & Timber Elements | A10102**
- **Mereen-Johnson LLC | Operator-free Robotic Dovetail System – RDT1020 | B5511 & A9728**
- **Northtech Machine | Northtech's iGlueSRCD; Automatic Glue Applicator for Stile & Rail Cabinet Doors | B7335 & A9930**
- **OMNIROBOTIC INC | PSA-80 Pro robotic sander | A10309**
- **Pillar Machine / Larick Machinery | OTF - (On-The-Fly) Bore and Dowel | B7729**
- **Sano Handtrucks LLC | The SANO LiftKar: Elevating Cabinet Makers | A9941**
- **SCM North America ACCORD 500 EDGE: One Machining Center. Total Flexibility | B6953, B6973, B7153, B7173 & A9614**
- **Stiles Machinery | Venjakob VEN AIR VORTEX: High Quality Coating with Reduced Filter Cost | A9840, B4835 & B4853**
- **Stiles Machinery | ORRA™ Velocity Sorting Solution: A Structural Shift in Automated Assembly Sorting | A9840, B4835 & B4853**
- **Vancouver Automation | PSP | A9923**
- **WEINIG USA | WEINIG Scan Rip 310 | A9914, B5735 & B6035**
- **WEINIG USA | Holz-Her Glu Jet Redesign | A9914, B5735 & B6035**

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