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AkzoNobel (AKZA; AKZOY) and Axalta Coating Systems (AXTA) today announced Axanzo as the name of the combined company following completion of their intended merger.

The planned merger, announced in November 2025, will create a global coatings leader with the scale, strength and reach to accelerate sustainable growth and deliver breakthrough innovation. The envisaged post-closing NYSE and Euronext Amsterdam ticker symbol will be AXZ.

“We’re excited to announce the new name for our combined company,” says AkzoNobel CEO, Greg Poux-Guillaume, who will also be CEO of the new organization. “Axanzo signals a bold new start for a company which will be stronger in every way. It’s a launchpad for going further and faster than we ever could alone, embodying the pace and power to innovate, the strength to deliver and the excellence to succeed.”

Chris Villavarayan, CEO of Axalta, who will be Deputy CEO of the combined company, adds: “Axanzo will continuously reset the standard of what coatings can do. The new name perfectly captures our shared ambition to push boundaries, honoring our heritage and offering an exciting glimpse of what’s to come.”

The subtle, but intentional, reference to the heritage of both companies unites our legacies to usher in a new era for the industry. The combined business will bring together a diversified and balanced portfolio of around 100 highly regarded and trusted brands across paints and coatings, spanning more than 160 countries.

“Axanzo will focus on delivering uncompromising performance to sharpen our competitive edge, while establishing a profitable and sustainable path forward as a world leader in coatings,” adds Poux-Guillaume. “By forging our expertise, the best of each of us will become the standard for all of us.”

Both AkzoNobel and Axalta will continue to operate as independent companies until closing which is expected in early 2027 once all regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions have been finalized. The announcement of the new name does not change how customers and partners currently work with either company. They will continue to be served by their existing teams and through the brands and relationships they know and trust.

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Since 1792, we’ve been supplying the innovative paints and coatings that help to color people’s lives and protect what matters most. Our world class portfolio of brands – including Dulux, International, Sikkens and Interpon – is trusted by customers around the globe. We’re active in more than 150 countries and use our expertise to sustain and enhance everyday life. Because we believe every surface is an opportunity. It’s what you’d expect from a pioneering and long-established paints company that’s dedicated to providing more sustainable solutions and preserving the best of what we have today – while creating an even better tomorrow. Let’s paint the future together.

About Axalta

Axalta is a global leader in the coatings industry, providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable coatings solutions. From light vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, building facades and other industrial applications, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase

productivity and enhance durability. With more than 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, the global team at Axalta continues to find ways to serve our more than 100,000 customers in over 140 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit axalta.com and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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