

## Chamonix view cameras now marketed by Jobo International

# Analog beauties



Jobo markets the hand-crafted Chamonix view cameras throughout Europe.

Following the presentation of the CPE-3 processor and laboratory kits for film processing, the German company Jobo has now extended its product range with hand-crafted view cameras. Since photokina 2016, Jobo has been the exclusive sales partner for the Chamonix brand for the whole of Europe, and is initially offering three models for different picture formats. These elegant cameras made of teak wood and carbon with ball bearing-mounted mechanics of stainless steel and aluminum are, without doubt, simply beautiful.

But, in addition to their good looks, the cameras can also take beautiful pictures. A classic 'view camera' offers a completely different view of the subjects than the usual digital SLRs or system cameras. View cameras allow simultaneous shifting, tilting and pivoting of the front or rear standard, and call on the photographer to consciously become involved in the picture. This can result in absolutely unique photos, e.g. in black & white with a fine gradation or graphic effects. Color pictures, too, evoke a special fascination in – when, for example, the delicate gradation of a Fujifilm

Velvia is used to characterize the shot completely without HDR.

### From the craftman's production shop

While today's manufacturers of digital view cameras concentrate on the digital medium format, one enthusiastic mountaineer and photographer from China – who also, by the way, holds a European Master of Art qualification – has, for the last eight years, been occupied exclusively with analog view cameras in the traditional sheet film formats. With enormous care and craftsmanship, he builds the lightweight, durable and elegant Chamonix view cameras in his own production shop. They have since acquired an excellent reputation among experts, although so far primarily in China and the United States. Since users of analog view cameras have, for decades now, been using Jobo Expert Drums for film processing, the obvious move was to enter into a cooperation agreement with the German company. Since photokina 2016, Jobo has therefore been the exclusive marketing partner for Chamonix view cameras for Europe. The small 4x5" Chamonix H1 was introduced with a price tag of 1,290 euros, the 5x7" model costs 2,890 euros, and the 8x10" camera, 3,490 euros. For all these cameras, lens panels of carbon are available for the various shutter types (Copal 0, 1 and 3) as well as elegant film holders of teak wood with a carbon slider.

### Workshops and test studio

The Chamonix products are directly available from Jobo International ([www.jobo.com](http://www.jobo.com)). At its German headquarters in Gummersbach near Cologne, Jobo also has a studio with an area of around 100 sqm in which interested photographers can, on appointment, test the view cameras. A generously equipped dark room is available for developing and enlarging the analog shots. Workshops will apparently also be held this year outside the company, where participants can try out the Chamonix cameras and Jobo's processing accessories hands on.

## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

### Dominion Harbor acquires iconic Kodak patent portfolio

Dominion Harbor Enterprises (DHE) has acquired over 1,000 patent families from Kodak's iconic portfolio of patented technologies. This extensive portfolio has been acquired from Intellectual Ventures (IV) and will be commercialized by DHE's subsidiary Monument Peak Ventures. According to a press release, the Kodak portfolio has broad coverage across the United States, Europe and Asia. This patent deal follows on the heels of a series of recent commercialization deals between DHE and global intellectual property powerhouses like Hewlett-Packard and consumer giant Kimberly-Clark.

"We see tremendous untapped value in these technologies, which are part of IV's broad and diverse portfolio of high-quality IP assets," said David Pridham, Chairman and CEO of Dominion Harbor Enterprises, "and we have developed a comprehensive global plan to commercialize these innovations into ground-breaking new products and services. Besides our large global network of licensees and strategic partners, we have unique channels through which we can put the Kodak innovations to work – including our Monument IP Bank subsidiary, the world's first IP bank for startups."

This portfolio covers a vast spectrum of image manipulation, online image management, and camera hardware technologies. Other portions of Kodak's coveted portfolio have previously been licensed to global leaders in digital imaging, including smartphone makers, online image storage providers, and more recently, drone and autonomous vehicle makers.

"Intellectual Ventures continues to transact with top-flight intellectual property commercialization firms like Dominion Harbor to ensure that our diverse portfolios of patented innovations reach the widest possible set of global customers," noted Cory Van Arsdale, Senior Vice President of Global Licensing at IV. "This is our second deal with the Dominion team in recent months, DHE's proprietary IPedia patent analysis engine provides actionable intelligence on the best markets, industry sectors, and companies to tap the commercial value of these IP assets."