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### **Editor's Note**

### Al for Coating and Inks Industry

- Prof. Long Lin

The society at large has only recently begun to benefit from the use of AI tools, particularly through various AI platforms that have emerged. As readers are undoubtedly aware, the accuracy and the fullness of information, and consequently the usefulness, of the information generated by an AI tool are heavily dependent on the information that is used to train the AI system.

### Market Watch

#### Overview and Analysis of the Global and Chinese Coatings Industry Development in 2024

Hu Jianqing, Professor, Zhuhai Modern Industrial Innovation Research Institute, South China University of Technology,
Guangdong, P.R. China

In 2024, the global paint and coatings market was valued at approximately US\$202 billion (approximately RMB 1,452.1 billion), a year-on-year increase of 2.5%; the output reached 48.9 billion litres (the density of coatings products is calculated based on 1.385 kg/L, approximately 67.7265 million tons), a year-on-year increase of 0.4%.

### **Wood Coatings**

# Increasing Demand for Wood Finishes in Residential and Commercial Construction

— Sally Yick, Managing Editor, China Coatings Journal

The wood coatings market offers a wide variety of finishes for hardwood surfaces that are strong, beautiful, and even resistant to environmental elements. It includes a wide range of products used in furniture, flooring, decking and cabinets, including stains, lacquers, varnishes and preservatives.

# **Chemical Management**

# Reduce Your Formulation Development Time by 48% While Boosting Sustainability

— Bojan Buinac, CEO, BENS Consulting d.o.o., Slovenija

In today's paint and coatings industry, chemists and R&D specialists are spending countless hours on administrative tasks instead of doing what they do best – developing innovative, sustainable products.

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