UIB Showcases SmartContact® Capabilities with Somfy's Overkiz at BEX ASIA Singapore

Companies demonstrate how UIB's UnificationEngine® and Overkiz's PaaS control 10 lighting brands via chat apps

BEX ASIA, Singapore (September 5, 2018) — Unified Inbox Pte. Ltd. (UIB) today at Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia announced that it will show how its UnificationEngine® intelligent IoT messaging-powered SmartContact® works with Overkiz's platform-as-a-service (PaaS). Overkiz, a subsidiary of France-based Somfy Group, will demonstrate how adding a SmartContact to a smartphone's address book will allow users to control — using Natural Language (NLP) voice and instant messaging on popular communications channels like WhatsApp, WeChat, and Facebook Messenger — wireless home and building devices connected to Overkiz's platform.

UIB Key Account Manager Nush Khan explained, "Enabling people to operate their devices by sending voice and text messages through their favorite social media, messaging, and chat apps makes IoT simple for building developers, installers, and users. With a UnificationEngine-powered SmartContact in their smartphone's address book, Overkiz customers will have the capability to talk to blinds, gates, equipment, and HVAC, lighting, and security systems on over 20 of the world's most popular communications platforms, including LINE, Viber, Telegram, WhatsApp, WeChat, Facebook Messenger, and many more — both complimenting and working independently of native apps and smart speakers."

Ludovic Dagneau, Overkiz's Asia-Pacific Sales Director, added, "The channel partnership of Overkiz with UIB creates a ubiquitous, smart home solution with a smooth experience for end-users. UIB's SmartContact empowers users by allowing them to use natural language to control and monitor their lighting devices and home appliances and to collect data from wireless IoT sensors. Overkiz integrates a wide range of global brands and product categories into its cloud."

Dagneau continued, "To demonstrate the power of this ubiquitous solution, we are showcasing a demo here in Singapore at BEX ASIA where our SmartKiz gateway, leveraging Zigbee 3.0 and RTS protocols, receives messages through SmartContact to:

1. Turn light bulbs on and off from Trust, Innr, IKEA, Osram, Sengled, and Leedarson;
2. Turn light switches on and off from Schneider, Heiman, Legrand, Climax, and Orvibo; and
3. Open and close motorized blinds from Somfy.

No one else in the market can offer this level of interoperability, this is the IoT user experience to beat!"

Khan concluded, "Our focus is on improving the experience for end-users. Ask yourself, how many light bulbs do you have right now in your home or office, how many are from different manufacturers? Each manufacturer has their own unique app, which creates a nightmare for end-users. UIB's SmartContact and Overkiz's PaaS work together to create a breakthrough in IoT usability for home and building applications."

Overkiz will showcase its PaaS solution with UIB's SmartContact September 5-7, 2018 in Singapore at Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia, Marina Bay Sands, Level 1, booth #G29.

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About UIB

We make human to machine communications simple.

UIB is a global software and services company. We invented the UnificationEngine® intelligent IoT messaging platform to solve the problem of how to talk to cloud-connected software, services, chatbots, and devices. Available now, global enterprises use UnificationEngine to transform their businesses' results and government authorities, including smart cities, use UnificationEngine to transform their citizens' lives.

Adding our UnificationEngine-powered SmartContact® to your smartphone's address book, allows you to talk to any connected "thing" or service on over 20 of the world's most popular communications platforms, including email, SMS, smart speakers, social media messaging and chat apps (including WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, WeChat, and many more).

Our intelligent IoT messaging is helping home appliance manufacturers, hospitality companies, telecommunications providers, airlines, hospitals, and others to increase their revenues, decrease their costs, and delight their users. With a SmartContact in your smartphone's address book, you can talk via natural language voice and instant messaging to any device on any channel in any language with or without the device's native mobile app or a virtual assistant.

Learn more about UIB now at unifiedinbox.com, try out UIB's UnificationEngine for yourself at demo.unifiedbox.com, and download UIB's newest white paper at unifiedinbox.com/whitepapers.

About Overkiz

Overkiz is the core IoT division of SOMFY group, the world leader in the automatic control of openings and closures in homes and buildings. Through its proprietary Cloud and White Label gateways with embedded radio frequency protocols, Overkiz provides a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) which allows end-users to control and monitor IoT devices and home appliances. We operate in Europe and Asia.

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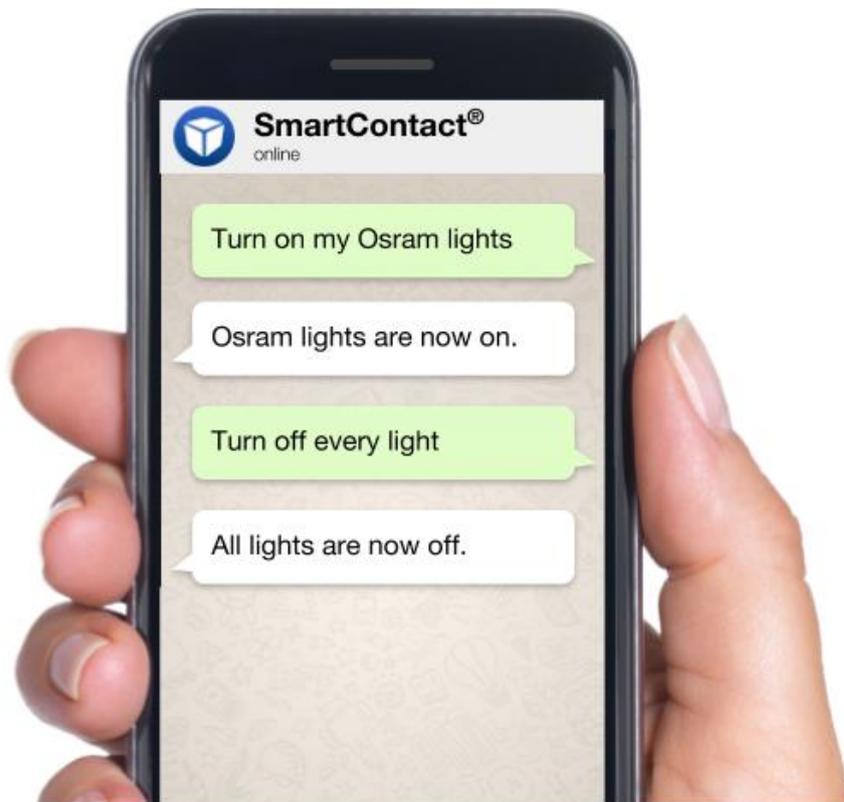APAC Sales and Channel Partnership Director
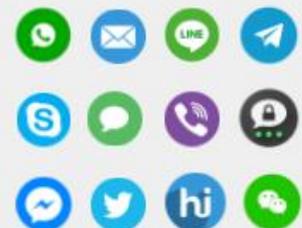Overkiz SAS
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Message Your Smart Home

UIB Intelligent IoT Messaging +
Overkiz Platform as a Service

SmartContact®
online

Turn on my Osram lights

Osram lights are now on.

Turn off every light

All lights are now off.

Talk and text your home and building in natural language

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Architecture

End-User App

Installer App

End-User REST API

e-Maintenance

Hotline Tool

Overkiz
Proprietary
Cloud

Data
Intelligence
Services

Overkiz
Gateway

Home Appliances

IoT Sensors

Lighting

OSRAM   **somfy.**   **Schneider** Electric   **IKEA**

Home Appliances
Amazon Echo, Google Home, window blinds, air conditioners, smart TVs, video projectors, and more

IoT Sensors
Smoke detectors, door locks, motion detectors, thermometers, water sensors, air quality sensors, and more

Lighting
Wall switches, light bulbs, micro modules, and more

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