FIDM, the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, to teach NGC’s Andromeda Cloud Platform to Tomorrow’s Fashion Leaders

NGC’s Andromeda™ Cloud Platform will be added to many core curriculum classes at one of the industry’s most prestigious fashion design and business merchandising schools

MIAMI—Nov. 28, 2017— NGC® Software, a leading provider of cloud-based Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) and Supply Chain Management (SCM) applications, today announced that FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising), one of the top fashion and design schools in the U.S., will teach NGC’s next-generation Andromeda™ Cloud Platform as an integral part of its educational curriculum.

“FIDM is excited to bring Andromeda into the classroom, and our students are looking forward to learning this new technology,” said Barbara Bundy, Vice President, Education, FIDM. “Our leadership team at the college is impressed by NGC’s deep knowledge of the fashion industry, their long-time presence in Los Angeles and their impressive base of West Coast customers. NGC is very passionate about the role that technology plays in the fashion industry, and Andromeda will give FIDM students invaluable training to prepare for leadership roles in our industry.”

NGC’s Andromeda cloud platform powers the digital supply chain. Andromeda brings together all departments – Merchandising, Product Development, Sourcing, Compliance, Purchasing, Production, Quality, Logistics, Marketing and Sales – in a single cloud-based solution that connects vendors, suppliers and other providers. In today’s new era of retail, brands and retailers must react faster than ever to the latest data and trends, in order to give consumers what they want, when and where they want it.

FIDM is offering instruction in NGC Andromeda solutions in the areas of Merchandise Product Development, Apparel Industry Management, Menswear and Apparel Technical Design. The courses will provide FIDM’s students with hands-on training in real-world solutions for product development; merchandising costing and specification; collection design; sourcing and inventory management; quality control management; production control and planning; market analysis and presentation; and marketing and collection analysis.
“NGC is very supportive of FIDM’s decision to include Andromeda in a variety of courses offered to their students,” said Mark Burstein, president, NGC Software. “The fashion industry is going through unprecedented disruption and innovation, and technologies such as Andromeda are critical to helping companies succeed in the new world of retail and fashion. Bringing Andromeda into the classroom prepares FIDM’s students for their new careers and enables companies to hire individuals that can become productive more quickly because of that early exposure.”

About FIDM
FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising) is an internationally recognized college with more than 4,700 students and over 70,000 graduates. A private institution for specialized professional education, FIDM is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. FIDM offers degrees in 32 disciplines, including a Master of Business Administration (MBA). The college is headquartered in downtown Los Angeles, with other campus locations in Orange County, San Diego and San Francisco.

Graduates are hired by such companies as GUESS, Nike, Levi Strauss & Co., Walt Disney Company and Global Brands Group.

Prominent alumni of the college include: Fashion designers Monique Lhuillier and Nick Verreos, Senior Director, Supply Chain & Sourcing Strategy, Calvin Klein/PVH Corp., Archana Kalro, Co-Founder of Juicy Couture, Pamela Skaist-Levy, Owner/Designer of Karen Kane, Inc., Karen Kane, Emmy-nominated costume designer for Westworld, Trish Summerville, Costume Designer for films such as Clueless, Mona May, and fashion/beauty influencer, Chriselle Lim.

FIDM is the West Coast home of the family of “Project Runway” shows on Lifetime Television.

About NGC
NGC Software powers the Digital Supply Chain for retailers and brand owners with the Andromeda™ Cloud Platform, including solutions for product lifecycle management (PLM), supply chain management (SCM), global quality control, and vendor compliance.

NGC customers include leading West Coast fashion brands such as Billabong, Byer California, Jerry Leigh Entertainment, Manhattan Beachwear, Evy of California, Hybrid Apparel, Topson Downs, Swatfame, FAM Brands, Stony Apparel, Strategic Partners, Color Image, The Collected Group and many other national and global fashion companies. NGC has offices in Miami, New York, Los Angeles, Canada, China, India, Mexico, and El Salvador and is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Software Inc. (NASDAQ: AMSWA), named one of the 100 Most Trustworthy Companies in America by Forbes. For more information, visit www.ngcsoftware.com.
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