# TAKE YOUR EQUIPMENT INTO THE FUTURE

Optimize operation, reduce energy consumption and emissions, and improve performance with a cost-effective revamp. ^{1, 2, 3}  $\,$ 



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## THREE REASONS TO START PLANNING FOR A HIGH-PERFORMANCE UPGRADE

#### 1. Waiting puts your plant at risk.

Equipment failure and emergency replacement are far more costly than proactive upgrades. When you wait, you not only prolong your risk of unplanned shutdowns — you also risk plant safety. Plan ahead before the unexpected occurs and minimize downtime.

#### 2. It's an opportunity to harness new technology.

If your equipment is more than 15 years old, it's nearing the end of its useful life. Why replace it with conventional products when you can upgrade to the latest technology and potentially achieve better operation, lower energy consumption and more flexibility for future expansion?

#### 3. It's a cost-effective way to get more out of your existing assets.

You don't have to change your footprint to get the benefits of a revamp. Tube bundles, heat exchangers and distillation trays can be replaced within your current configuration.

# TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH THESE SOLUTIONS

#### High Flux™ Tubes

Our High Flux (boiling) tubes feature high-performance enhancements that enable significantly better heat transfer. Replacing bare tubes with High Flux tubing allows you to initiate boiling at a lower temperature, so you can change from medium-pressure steam to a low-pressure steam, saving energy and reducing operating expenses.<sup>1,3</sup>

#### High Cond<sup>™</sup> Tubes

Our High Cond (condensing) tubes enable plants to run at a very close temperature approach (down to 5 ° C), eliminating summer cooling water limitations and debottlenecking existing plant assets. High Cond tubing also helps optimize cooling water usage and reduce operating pressure while maintaining the existing footprint.<sup>3,4</sup>

#### **ECMD+ Distillation Trays**

We also offer a wide portfolio of high-performance distillation trays. Our ECMD+ trays offer high hydraulic capacity at very low tray spacing, allowing more trays to be installed in less space. This helps increase production<sup>5</sup> while also reducing the amount of energy required<sup>6</sup> compared to conventional trays.



ECMD+ distillation trays offer exceptional capacity in less space than conventional trays.



Upgrading to High Flux and High Cond tubing can help improve heat integration and reduce production costs.<sup>4,7</sup>

## **NOW IS THE TIME**

If you're thinking about a replacement, start planning now. A simple upgrade to high-performance tubes and trays can bring significant benefits to your operation. Contact a UOP representative and find out how we can help with the optimal solution to reduce your energy consumption and maximize production.

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