



The Skyline Attractions team around Chris Gray and Jeff Pike (both in the centre)

Victor Cavaller and Udo Weisenburger from TAA

Skyline Attractions

It didn't take too long before Chris Grey, earlier head designer at Great Coasters, couldn't keep his fingers from a coaster again. Following his departure from the well known specialists for wooden coasters, he became self-employed in 2014 to become involved with smaller (kiddie) ride constructions. However this year the time was right: he and his team presented their first own coaster creation, although it could be described as a refreshing update-version of Larson's "Super Loop" from the earlier 1970s. Nevertheless that what Larson International didn't appear to consider necessary for four decades, has become successful in an impressive way for Skyline Attractions: the 18 metres high and 32 person "Skywarp" requires ground measurements of only 9 by 36 metres, and can be described as a type of lay-down eight with two Immelmann inversions. A larger version for 64 passengers is also in planning, as is a smaller example for indoor malls for which there have already been enquiries from Asia.

TAA

The German-Spanish theming specialist can look back on an extremely successful season. TAA CEO Udo Weisenburger: "In the meantime we have grown

to having a staff of 225 persons, and had a turnover of 15 million Euro last year. We had a lot to do particularly in Dubai, and we also themed 3 of 4 zones of IMG World, and 75% of the outside area for Merlin's Legoland Dubai. And currently we are designing two Darkrides for Warner Bros. Movie World Dubai, and in neighbouring Abu Dhabi the new ride from Dynamic Attractions in Ferrari World." However TAA also has much to do outside of the Arabian Emirates: the new "Pegasus" coaster at Parc Astérix (Gerstlauer), the 80% extended Nickelodeon Madrid, sections of PortAventura's FerrariLand, Plopsaland's "Heidi-Land", the new "Star Trek" coaster at Movie Park Germany (Mack Rides), and new lodges at Heide-Park will be themed and realized by TAA.

Technical Park

The Italian manufacturer has introduced a new attraction called "Skydiving". Four passengers take their place in one of the 12 gondolas, which has been elaborately designed as a paragliding canopy. With the help of triangle steering passengers can decide on the height themselves. Up-to-date is the optional use of VR-glasses with 360° all-round view. Exciting is the fact that no computer animated surroundings are shown, but the results of a real film recording.

