

# IN THE FIELD AND AT HOME, EK'S R-SERIES CROSSBOWS PACK A PUNCH



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The increasing uncertainty of the future is driving people to find better ways to protect themselves and their families. As civil unrest and the Covid-19 pandemic dominate news around the world, the firearm and munitions industry are experiencing a boom. One such company is Ek Archery, as *Gun Trade World* discovers.

The robust demand for personal defence products to counter the insecurity created by rising crime and economic turmoil is driving individuals to arm themselves with traditional weapons. The venerable crossbow, preceding firearms by almost two millennia, is still as lethal and effective in the hands of the

contemporary citizen as it was in the hands of our ancestors; modern improvements make it a formidable personal defence tool.

#### WHAT IS OLD BECOMES NEW AGAIN

Ek Archery's R-Series line of carbine crossbows was the brainchild of Taiwan's Poelang CEO Matt Liu, who was

looking for a way to bring the crossbow back from the vertical market of the North American hunting industry and expand its functionality to suit the requirements of survivalists and off-grid enthusiasts.

"The crossbow, like the longbow, was just as much the weapon of a soldier as it was the tool of the hunter," said Matt. "Our R&D team

wanted to design a product that honoured the roots of the crossbow in its role as both a weapon and hunting tool but redress some of the issues that make modern versions ill-suited to a dual purpose."

#### THE EVOLUTION OF EK ARCHERY'S CARBINE CROSSBOW

In 2018, the company