

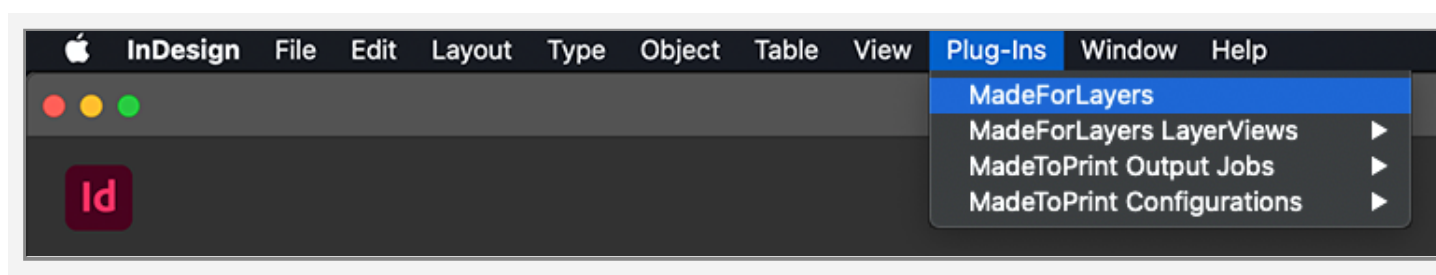
MadeForLayers – Application

An operator window in MadeForLayers shows all of the layer views that have been created in the document currently opened. Existing layer views can be applied or edited. New layers can be added as well.

Opening and Using MadeForLayers

MadeForLayers for InDesign and Illustrator has a user interface that intelligently displays and hides layers containing interrelated content.

Users can open the layer management interface by selecting the menu item *Plug-Ins; MadeForLayers*.



Dialog Overview

MadeForLayers has three dialogs offering several different features.

- Extended dialog
- Normal dialog
- Minimal dialog

 Custom keyboard shortcuts can be defined to open MadeForLayers. To define these, go to the InDesign

menu and select *Edit; Keyboard Shortcuts...* under the product area *axaio MadeForLayers*.

Extended dialog



The extended dialog offers all of the options needed to edit layer views, switch between layers and create new ones.

Normal dialog



In the normal dialog you can switch between layer views and change the visibility of layers. You cannot edit layer views or layers in this dialog. You cannot edit layer views or layers in this dialog.

Minimal dialog




This very compact, minimized dialog allows you to switch back and forth between the layer views only by using the pop-up.

Creating layer views

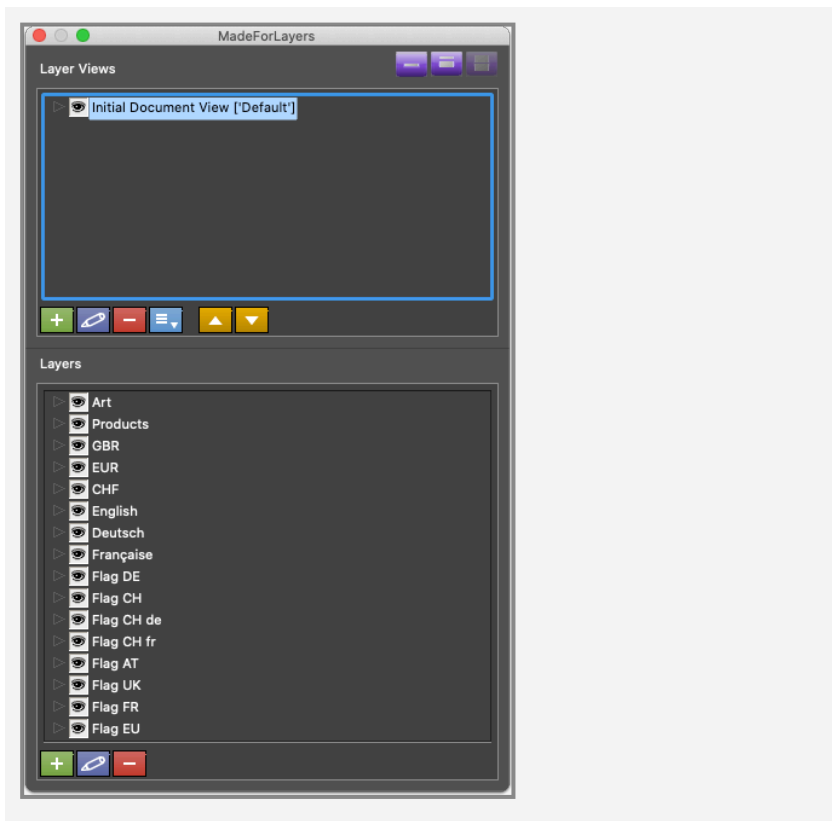
To create layer views, switch to the **extended dialog**. If your document already contains layer views, these are shown in the top part of the window. If no layers have been created, this area remains empty.

The window is divided into two sections. The *layer views* are shown in the top section along with the corresponding buttons for adding, editing and removing layer views, saving, resetting and for importing and exporting settings. The layers of the document are shown in the lower section of the window along with buttons for creating, deleting and editing these layers.

-  You can also save the layer views as an InDesign or Illustrator template. Documents created using these templates are then automatically given the same layer views.

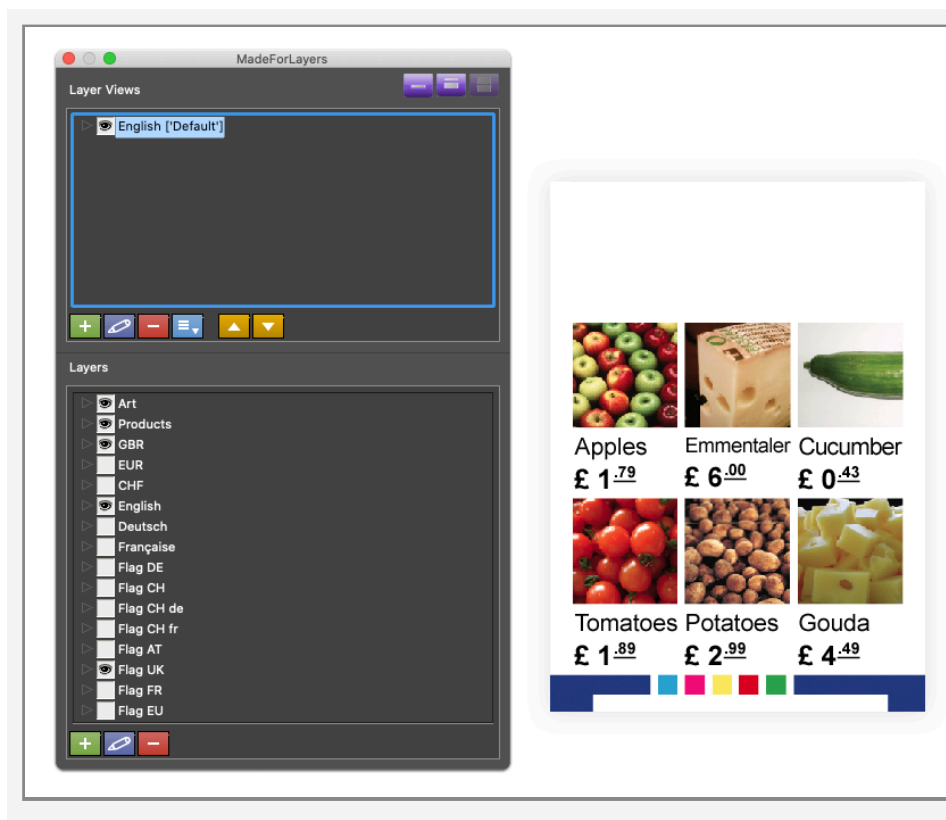
Configuring a new layer view

The user can add a layer view by clicking on the button with the green plus symbol in the upper section of the layer management window.

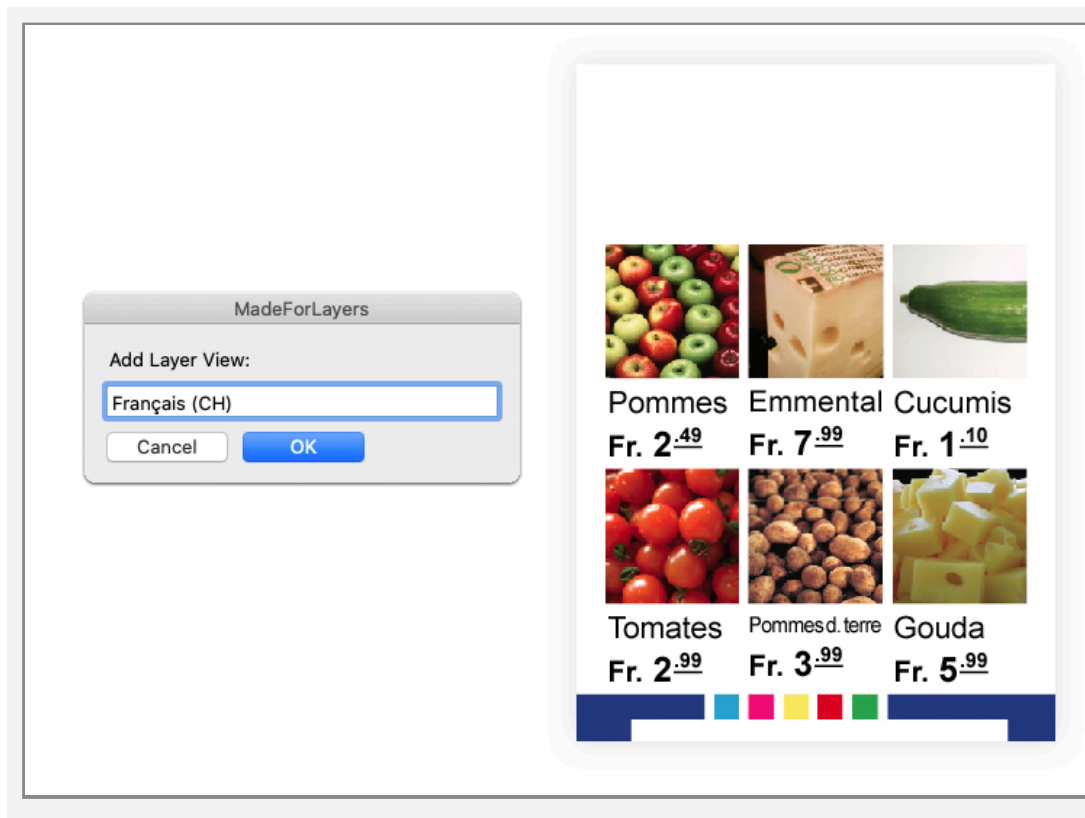



In the following dialog you can give the setting a name. The new layer view is automatically populated with the layers that are currently visible in the document.

The example shows the visibility of the layers for product images, price and text in the English version; the visibility of all other layers is deactivated.

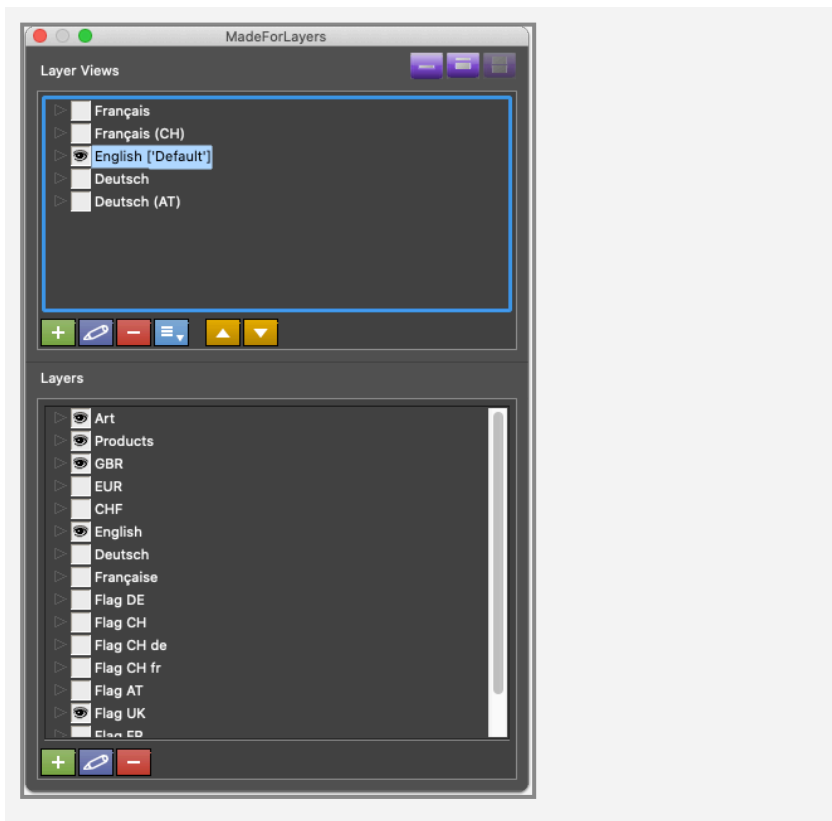


You can use the same procedure to create layer views for additional languages or for technical or marketing-specific views too.



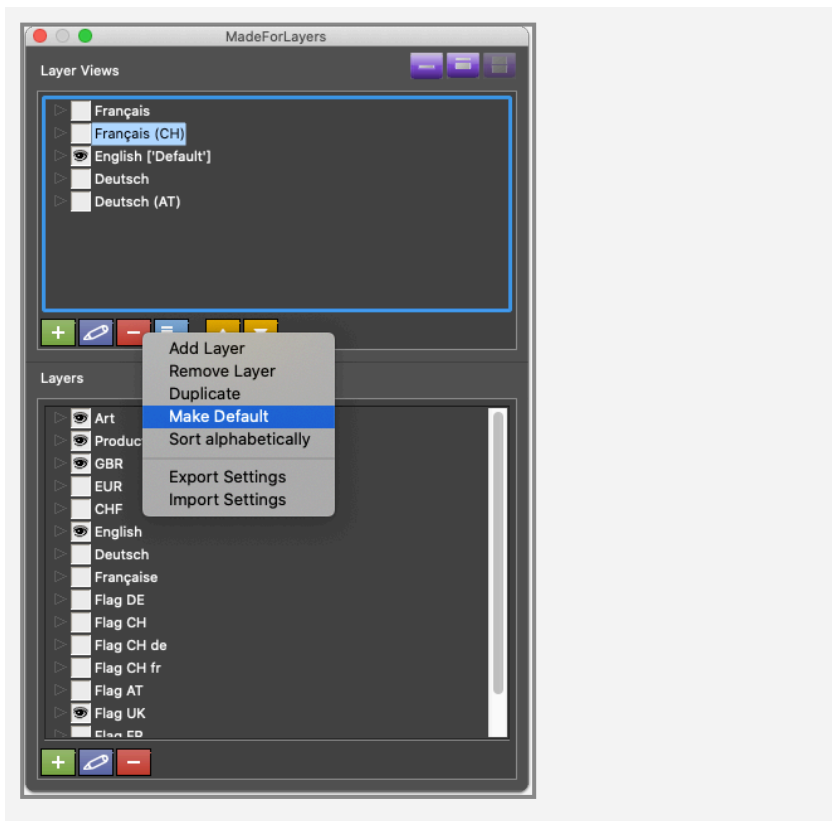
-  MadeForLayers can be used, among other things, for multi-lingual production and for printing packaging.

After configuration, you can click on the items in the layer views in order to switch between the various views of the respective language versions.



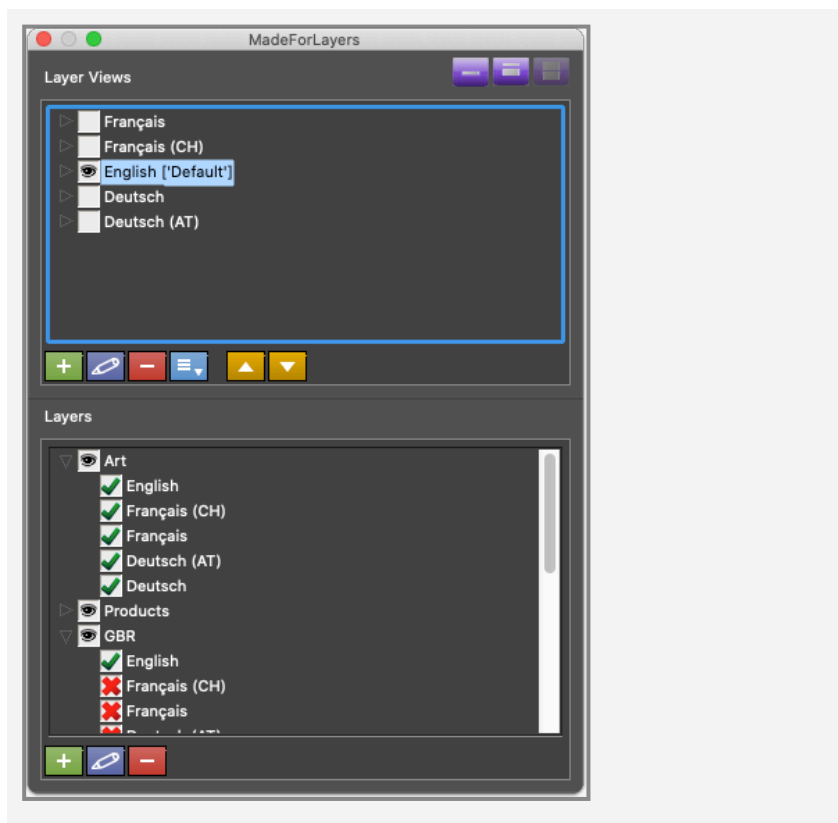
Making a layer view the default

If you would like to make a certain layer the default view, use the "Make Default" function. This way you can define a default view for multiple layer views – for example, for the print shop.



Overview: Which layer views contain a certain layer?

The extended view allows the user to expand the layer items in the list and see an overview of the layer views that use the specific layers.



Adding special metadata to different layers

MadeForLayers allows you to associate metadata directly with a certain layer. The user clicks on the desired layer and clicks the *Edit* button to open the *Edit Layer* window. Here you can complete the *Layer Metadata* fields. MadeForLayers supports *processing steps metadata* (1) and *layer metadata* (2).

Processing Steps is useful if you want to pass layer-specific production instructions (e.g. cut, glue, ...) to the PDF. When using MadeToPrint to export the document to a PDF file, these metadata are applied to the respective layer in the PDF document.

Layer Name:

Products

Processing Steps Metadata 1

Group: No Processing Steps Group


Type: No Processing Steps Type

Layer Metadata 2

Field	Value
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Cancel OK

Once a layer does have *processing steps metadata*, it will be displayed after the layer name in the MadeForLayers dialog. This helps to quickly check the intend of the used layers.

 The integrated pdfToolbox feature from callas software allows metadata layers of the PDF to be displayed.

Exporting settings and importing them into other documents

For recurring production runs having an identical layer structure, you can optimize the workflow by using the options for importing and exporting settings. This requires that the layer structure and the names of the layers match.

