



Press release

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IMA: number of directors raised to 12

Enrico Ricotta, the founding partner of Mandarin Capital Partners, joins IMA's Board

The Shareholders of IMA S.p.A., world leader in the production of automatic packaging machines for the pharmaceutical and tea industries, met today under the chairmanship of **Alberto Vacchi**.

The Shareholders' Meeting has approved an **increase from 11 to 12** in the number of members of the Board of Directors of IMA S.p.A.

Based on a single list presented by SO.FI.M.A. S.p.A., the majority shareholder, the meeting appointed as a new director **Enrico Ricotta**, who will remain in office up to the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements at 31 December 2011.

As the **founding partner of Mandarin Capital Partners**, **Enrico Ricotta** has many years' experience in the fields of management consultancy, corporate finance and private equity. He was closely involved in the Mandarin fund's recent entry into the share capital of IMA (with 7.185%), an operation that is designed to facilitate the Group's expansion in China.

Alberto Vacchi, Chairman and Managing Director of IMA, commented: *"I am delighted that Enrico Ricotta has joined IMA's Board of Directors and that, as a partner of the Mandarin fund, he will be able to contribute to our international growth in particular in China, a market that is expanding rapidly both in the pharmaceutical and tea sectors, and to the valuation of possible acquisitions of international operators"*.

The new director's CV is available on the Company's website **www.ima.it**, in the Investor Relations section.

Established in 1961, IMA is the world leader in the design and manufacture of automatic machines for the packaging of pharmaceutical products and of tea in filter bags. The Group has more than 3,000 employees, more than 1,400 of whom overseas, and can count on 18 production plants in Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the United States, India and China. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising 10 branches which provide sales and service in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, the United States, China, Thailand and Brazil, representative offices in Central and East European countries and over 50 agencies covering a total of more than 70 countries. IMA is also participating in one joint-venture in China for production and service. **IMA S.p.A. has been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since 1995 and in 2001 joined the STAR segment.** The following manufacturing companies are part of the IMA Group: Co.ma.di.s. S.p.A., IMA Edwards*, IMA Flavour S.r.l., IMA Kilian GmbH & Co. KG, IMA Life S.r.l., IMA Safe S.r.l., Nova Packaging Systems Inc., PharmaSiena S.r.l., Precision Gears Ltd., Swiftpack Automation Ltd., Zanchetta S.r.l.

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