



Press release

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## **IMA: Luca Poggi appointed as Managing Director of the holding company SO.FI.M.A.**

The Board of Directors of **SO.FI.M.A. S.p.A.**, holding company of IMA S.p.A., world leader in the production of automatic packaging machines and listed in the STAR segment of the Milan Stock Exchange, 66.2% held by SO.FI.M.A., today approved the appointment of **Luca Poggi** as **Managing Director** with the role of coordination of the holding company's financial policies.

Mr. Poggi, who is senior partner of **Poggi & Associati**, Bologna, is a long-standing consultant of the Group and member of the Board of Directors of IMA S.p.A., as well as its advisor in matters of corporate finance and M&A.

Commenting on the Board resolution, **Marco Vacchi, Chairman of SO.FI.M.A. and Honorary Chairman of IMA**, declared: *"We are pleased that today's meeting has strengthened our relationship with Luca Poggi, who has always been close to our Group. IMA's growth and the increasing financial complexity that this entails at all levels has led to our shareholders being unanimous in indicating Mr. Poggi as the person to follow such matters"*.

**Alberto Vacchi, IMA's Chairman and CEO**, declared: *"The appointment of Mr. Poggi, as Managing Director of SO.FI.M.A., is a further sign of our commitment to the Group's growth and to acquisition policies designed more and more to guarantee stability and future for our investors and for those who are involved in our operations on a day-to-day basis. It is also the recognition of the professionalism of Luca Poggi, who assists us constantly in the implementation of our strategic decisions."*

**Luca Poggi** declared: *"I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed to such a prestigious position, which reflects the respect and trust of all SO.FI.M.A.'s shareholders. The special atmosphere that exists within the IMA Group would encourage anyone to give of their best to achieve the objectives of balanced and sustainable growth, while respecting everyone involved in the Group's operations. I will do everything I can to contribute as part of a team, as I have always done during the years, to ensure that the financial instruments of the Group and the holding company and its acquisition policies are attuned to this reality, which is one of the flagships of our territory and of "Made in Italy" around the world."*

**Established in 1961, IMA is world leader in the design and manufacture of automatic machines for the processing and packaging of pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, tea, coffee and foods.** The Group has about 3,200 employees, more than 1,200 of whom overseas, and can count on 21 production plants in Italy, the United Kingdom, the United States, India and China. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising 15 branches which provide sales and service in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Spain, Poland, Russia, 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., Corazza S.p.A., Gima S.p.A., Gima TT S.r.l., IMA Industries S.r.l., IMA Life North America Inc., IMA Life (Beijing) Pharmaceutical Systems Co. Ltd., IMA North America Inc., IMA-PG India Pvt. Ltd., PharmaSiena Service S.r.l., Shanghai Tianyan Pharmaceutical Machinery Co. Ltd., Swiftpack Automation Ltd.

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