



Press release

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Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of IMA **approves the merger of BFB**

An extraordinary meeting of 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 **Marco Vacchi**.

The meeting approved the merger plan for IMA S.p.A. to absorb **BFB S.p.A.**, a company located near Bologna, which manufactures cartoners and end-of-line machines for the pharmaceutical, cosmetic, confectionery, tea, coffee and tobacco industries. The company has supplied more than 5,000 machines all over the world.

Given that BFB S.p.A. is wholly owned by IMA S.p.A., there will not be any exchange of shares nor any change in the ownership structure.