



Press release

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**IMA opened the new Kilian factory in Cologne,  
organising two Gala Evenings**

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On 21 and 25 April 2005 the new Kilian factory in Cologne hosted two Gala Evenings organised on the occasion of **Interpack 2005**, the most important exhibition for the packaging sector (Düsseldorf, 21-27 April).

More than 1,000 customers and specialists of the pharmaceutical sector attended the two Gala Evenings. They also visited **Interpack**, where IMA presented, in a space of more than 1,300 square meters, **many new machines for the pharmaceutical, cosmetic, tea and coffee industries.**

It was also the occasion to visit the **new Kilian factory**, covering an area of 18 thousand square meters, on a total area of about 43 thousand square meters, and completed at the beginning of 2005.

The new factory is intended to improve production by rationalising and adopting innovative logistic and production systems. Although chiefly aimed at the **pharmaceutical industry**, the new **tablet press machines** that will come off this factory's production will also be suitable for other applications in the chemical and confectionary industries. Featuring the most advanced cutting-edge technology currently available, these tablet press machines can reach a production speed of up to a million tablets an hour.

IMA's President, **Marco Vacchi** declared at the opening to be "*especially proud of this event that confirms the leadership of the Group in the pharmaceutical sector and its capacity to successfully take over and manage companies all over the world*".

**Kilian** was established in Berlin in **1875** and boasts a long and prestigious tradition in the design and production of tablet press machines for the pharmaceutical industry. Acquired by **IMA** in early 2000, the sale of Kilian products has since boomed thanks to product innovation and integration with IMA's extensive sales network. The company is now based in Cologne and exports worldwide, boasting a considerable share of the U.S. market.