



Press release

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## **As of today IMA is quoted on the STAR**

The ordinary shares of IMA, which have been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since June 12, 1995, are now being traded on the STAR, the Segmento Titoli ad Alti Requisiti (segment for securities with high requisites).

IMA has been admitted to the STAR because it has all of the requisites specifically requested by Borsa Italiana on matters of corporate governance, full disclosure and stock liquidity. IMA also belongs to that category of mid-cap companies that operate successfully in traditional sectors of the old economy.

IMA is world leader in automatic machinery for the pharmaceutical and tea industries and for the last 40 years it has been a typical example of excellence in Italy's industrial framework: indeed, the packaging machinery sector requires a high level of specialization combined with particular technology and flexibility.

The decision to join the STAR was taken by IMA's management to ensure the stock greater liquidity and to ensure the Company higher visibility among analysts and institutional investors.

*"We are particularly glad to have joined the STAR" declared Alberto Vacchi, Managing Director of IMA. "We are of the opinion that entering this new segment constitutes a strategic decision that will assist the Group's further expansion. Joining the STAR also confirms our confidence not only in IMA's growth prospects, but also in the market."*