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Press release

CIPM 2018: The Marchesini Group showcases its fastest blister packaging line

Shanghai (China) – From April 20th to 22th, the Marchesini Group will take part in the 55th edition of the China International Pharmaceutical Machinery Exposition (**CIPM**), namely one of the pharmaceutical packaging industry's must-attend show in China. The line on show will be made up of the **ultra-technological blister line** composed of *Integra 520 V* and the new fast bundler *FA 04*. This line can deliver **520 blisters and 500 cartons per minute** and is the perfect solution to pack blisters into cartons and to bundle them at high speed.

Machines exhibited

Integra 520 V - the fastest of the robotized integrated blister lines produced by the Marchesini Group - combines two machines: a **thermoformer** and a **cartoner**. *Integra 520 V* features not only the innovative functions of *Integra 320*, but also **new pushers**, a **drum-type carton opener** to deal with **high speeds** and a **new leaflet pick-and-place system**. The result is an ideal machine for single-blister cartons, easy to clean and to changeover size thanks to the fact that the product feeding area is separate from the electrical and mechanical area.

The blisters coming from *Integra 520 V* are inserted into the cartons by the *MA 500*, an ingenious product insertion unit, which represents the **highest mechanical innovation** of the Marchesini Group. *MA 500* is designed to handle all kinds of carton closure: tuck-in or glued flap and various other combinations.

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Downstream from the line is the new *FA 04* fast version, which has been developed from the *FA 04* classical version. This new machine can handle a production flow of **500 cartons per minute**, arranged in 50 bundles of 10 cartons. The machine on show has a balcony structure so that all the parts involved in the product flow are clearly visible, also to minimise maintenance work and to ensure simplicity of use.

The Marchesini Group has been selling machines on the Chinese market for almost 20 years thanks to the Marchesini Shanghai brand. One of the latest successful operations has been accomplished with **Techdow**, the first Chinese Big Pharma authorised to sell its own pharmaceuticals on the European market. After purchasing its first line from the Marchesini Group, Techdow has confirmed its fidelity toward the Group's "Made in Italy" solutions by ordering a second line, composed of six machines that run at a speed of **400 syringes per minute**. These two lines will contribute in packaging the **100 million pre-filled syringes** produced each year at the Techdow facilities.

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