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### Press release

## **Marchesini Group at FCE Pharma: blister packaging machines and serialization solutions dominate the South American trade fair**

**São Paulo (Brasil)** – Just before the summer break from its trade show agenda, the Marchesini Group will be taking part in the most important packaging venue in Brazil. At **FCE Pharma** - from May 21<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup>, at the São Paulo Expo Center - Marchesini will **focus on pharmaceutical blister and serialization** with its *Integra 320* and *TrackPack*.

### **Machines exhibited**

Innovative, ergonomic, designed to be installed in rooms with different class, and to save time and costs. The integrated robotized blister line *Integra 320* is a mix of innovation of the best Italian technology. The **new machine pitch control system**, the **new cartoning section** and the **innovative carton opening and product insertion system** contribute to boosting production performance **up to 320 blisters and more than 260 cartons per minute**. All this is incorporated in a very small footprint, thanks to the **integration of the blister thermoforming and carton packaging phases in an compact line**. A three-axes *Robocombi* with sucker pick-up head, patented by Marchesini, connects the two stations and minimises size change-over operations. The units are no longer made up of several single parts but of integrated blocks, which are replaced in just one go.

Strong points of *Integra 320* blister packaging line:

- Designed to be installed in separate rooms;
- Innovative machine pitch control system;
- Single block size change-over, which is simpler and quicker and cuts down on mechanical adjustments;

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- The balcony design of the line simplifies cleaning work and fully preserves the integrity of the products. It also offers an excellent view of the individual processes thanks to larger and transparent guards. The whole set-up complies with GMP standards;
- Extensive range of product infeed systems with independent drives that follow the movement of the film. All the parts have quick-lock couplings to ensure speedy size change-over operations and installation accuracy;
- New dust extraction system with separation of small chips;
- Flat and continuous motion sealing table with film tracking to seal even at low temperatures;
- Even more efficient perforation and coding station with accurate waste management in special separate bins;
- Direct connection to *Robocombi*;
- New cartoning section and innovative carton opening and product insertion system to ensure high production performance: over 260 cartons per minute;
- Product insertion unit with pushers equipped with counter-pushers and independent drives.

All the Marchesini blister lines are assembled in the **Blister & Farcon Division** in Carpi (Modena). This smart industrial factory - inaugurated in October 2016 - has become the **biggest production hub of thermoforming machinery in Italy**, with its 15,000 square meters and investment of 14 million Euro.

Carpi's Blister & Farcon Division has been built using exclusively "**Made in Italy**" products. It exploits renewable energy sources to minimise harmful emissions and covers 40% of its own energy needs. Photovoltaic panels provide electricity. The heat and energy of machinery is recycled and converted into heat and hot water, thus ensuring a completely emission-free heating system.

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The other machine on show at FCE Pharma is the *TrackPack*, a **new all-in-one solution** for serialization, Tamper-evident and aggregation needs. It combines the labeller *BL A415* and the case packer *PS 300*. The outcome is a very compact machine - just 3.5 metres long and 2.3 metres wide - and very user-friendly, doing away with many manual operations.

*TrackPack* is incredibly versatile thanks to the possibility to mount either **Tamper-evident heads** to apply self-adhesive tamperproof seals on the closure corners of the carton or labelling heads.

This monobloc has the same conveyor belt as the *BL A415*, plus a **patented “timing” device** that sets the cartons apart correctly on the adjustable toothed slip-proof belts.

*TrackPack* is able to serialize and group every kind of box and carton for **both pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries**, at a production rate of 120 cartons and 4 cases per minute.

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