

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Gruppo Fabbri Vignola strengthens its European footprint with the acquisition of G.F. Packaging España S.A.

Gruppo Fabbri Vignola, leading company in the packaging sector with a well-established international presence, is pleased to announce the completion of the acquisition of G.F. Packaging España S.A., a Spanish company operating in the same sector and already a long-standing dealer for Gruppo Fabbri Vignola in the Iberian Peninsula, North Africa, and South America.

This operation represents a further strategic step in strengthening Fabbri's position in the European market. With this move, the Group expands its existing network of branches across the continent, consolidating its presence both in the sales of innovative food packaging solutions and in technical after-sales support - including regular and extraordinary maintenance, production line integration, and spare parts services.

At the same time, the well-rooted presence of G.F. Packaging España in regions such as North Africa and South America offers a development opportunity that aligns with the Group's market strategy in these areas, just as is already happening overseas.

"This acquisition reflects our commitment to providing increasingly integrated and effective responses to the needs of our clients and the food packaging industry as a whole. Despite the current regulatory, political, and economic uncertainty, we are confident in the strength of our strategy - one based on sustainability, research, innovation, and care for people and the environment. These are the enabling values of a conscious industrial approach, built on solid partnerships such as the one we have established over the years with G.F. Packaging España. These same values are shared by our reference shareholder, Argos Wityu, who continues to actively support us in achieving our strategic goals" stated Stefano Pellegatta, CEO of Fabbri Group.

Former owners Manel Flotats and his son Joan commented: "This operation marks an important step forward that will help us consolidate the growth path we have followed in recent years and further enhance our expertise. Providing the packaging market with a wider range of practical and timely products and services will remain our priority, and we are confident that this new corporate structure will strengthen that commitment."

Manel and Joan Flotats have sold 100% of the share capital of G.F. Packaging España S.A. but will remain part of the company's management team, actively contributing to the development plans of Fabbri Group.

Gruppo Fabbri Vignola was advised by Giovannelli e Associati for corporate matters and by KPMG for accounting, labor, and tax due diligence.

Vignola, 8 May 2025





Stefano Pellegatta (CEO Fabbri Group), Manel Flotats and Joan Flotats (from left to right) at the Fabbri stand, they share the news of the new acquisition with clients and industry professionals during the international trade fair IFFA (Frankfurt, May 3-8, 2025).

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Argos Wityu:** Argos is an independent European private equity group that supports the growth of mid-sized businesses and backs their management teams.

With 2bn€ assets under management, over 35 years of experience and more than 100 businesses assisted, Argos operates from offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Geneva, Luxembourg, Milan, and Paris. The group seeks to acquire majority stakes and invests between €10m and €100m in each investment of its two strategies:

- The Argos Mid-Market fund helps companies implement ownership transitions to accelerate growth
- The Argos Climate Action fund (SFDR art. 9) aims at shaping European sustainable leaders by making their 'grey-to-green' transition.

Info: https://argos.fund/company/

**Fabbri Group:** Active in the market for 75 years (1950-2025), Fabbri Group is the leading Italian industrial company, operating internationally in the production and sale of machines, films, and software for the packaging of fresh and ultra-fresh food. With around 450 employees, 130 active patents granted in various countries, and 5% of annual turnover invested in research and development, Fabbri Group offers solutions covering all food sectors to the industry, fresh food processors, and retail. The Group includes 3 production units (2 in Italy, 1 in Switzerland) and 8 sales and service companies in the European continent, in addition to the newly acquired G.F. Packaging España. Active in over 90 countries worldwide thanks to a network of around 100 highly qualified dealers, it stands out for its constant focus on the needs of emerging markets and, in particular, on the themes of innovation, sustainability, waste prevention, and energy savings. - Info: <a href="https://www.gruppofabbri.com">www.gruppofabbri.com</a>

**G.F. Packaging España S.A. (TEIXPAC):** With over 40 years of experience in the food packaging sector, G.F. Packaging España S.A. operates in Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and Latin America. Specialised in providing solutions for the packaging of fresh food, it stands out for its attention to quality, innovation, and customer service. Its wide product portfolio allowed it to achieve over €13 million in revenue in 2024. Recently acquired by Gruppo Fabbri Vignola, the company continues its growth path while maintaining its structure and identity, with the goal of strengthening its international presence and responding to the new needs of the market.