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BOLOGNAFIERE (page 29). BolognaFiere has developed over the years an exhibition model that privileges a "supply chain" development, creating real "fair systems" which lead the international scenario for their extraordinary specialization.

ESSEDUE ALIMENTARE (page 51). The company located in Treviso, specialized in the production of potato gnocchi, proposes Patasnella, a high quality product, without additives, artificial coloring and substitutes, only containing genuine ingredients (potatoes, wheat flour, eggs and salt).

EXQUISA (page 73). The new Exquisa reference was introduced to the trade at the end of last June, and from September on it can be found in the refrigerated displays: Fruiss, centrifuged fruit and vegetable juice ready to drink.

FILA (page 27). With Didò, the modeling paste that has accompanied children for over twenty years in the development of creativity, FILA introduces its Christmas gift-wrappings to safely model and create according to fantasy.

IPACK (page 95). The company produces containers in pure cellulose thermoformed cardboard, unique for safety (cellulose is the pre-eminently inert material), reliability and practicality

MORGANTE (page 47). Innovation at Morgante's: in fact, in the occasion of the participation of the company to Cibus in Rome, the new packed Prosciutto di San Daniele, 16 month Reserve, Salsamentaria Olvino Morgante was introduced.

PERLETTI (page 28). The alliance between Perletti and the big brands operating in the children's world has consolidated and developed along a very successful path.

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UNILEVER (page 74). The line "4 Salti in Padella" enriched with a delicious new product: "Sughetti", sauces prepared with the same care and ingredients of homemade recipes and frozen to keep quality and freshness.

VOG (page 55). Marlene® celebrates Autumn with a big communication campaign that renews the image of Upper Adige apples grown by VOG consortium under the banner of joy and amusement

ZIGNAGO HOLDING (page 115). Zignago Vetro recorded the first half of the year 2007 under the banner of growth. In the Report on the management trend relevant to the period 1st January - 30th June, revenues equal to 120,4 million euro are highlighted.

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BBS (page 45). The Casallegra line renews and re-launches itself basing on a marketing plan designed in collaboration with Giorgio Cerantola, a manager fully experienced in the sector.

BIERMAXX (page 75). WasserMaxx Italy, after WasserMaxx Agua - the system used to carbonate water and prepare soft drinks - launched BierMaxx: the comfortable system to tap beer at home.

CIP4 (page 25). From 1977, the company has carried out a leading role in the development of products for the feminine hygiene (sanitary towels and panty liners) for the private labels.