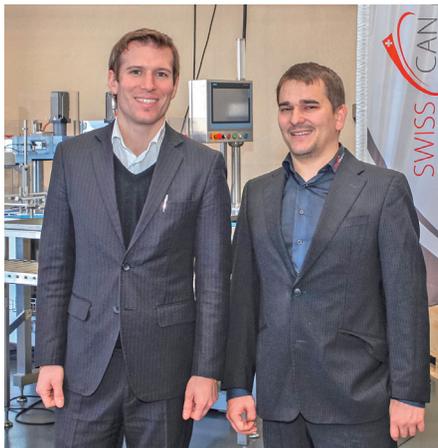


Continuous expansion

Can filling and closing Specialist Swiss Can Machinery makes great strides

Moving from Au to neighbouring Berneck/St. Gallen in autumn 2016 into a considerably bigger production site, Swiss Can Machinery AG (SCM) realized a further important step of its expansion. Established in 2013, the Swiss company gained an excellent reputation as international operating specialist in building individual machines and complete lines to fill and close cans and jars with powder or dry products.



The two managing directors of Swiss Can Machinery AG: CEO Michael Grabher (left) and his brother Marc, CTO of SCM.

Fulfillment of high hygienic standards

The most important customer group are producers of baby food, especially manufacturers of milk powder. Other clients come out of the coffee, sweets, snacks and pharmaceutical industries. So, the widespread machine program of SCM focuses consequently on the high hygienic and technical needs of these branches. Often the facilities are installed in clean rooms.

To fulfil the high hygienic standards all machines are FDA and EHEDG certified. A

germ-killing rate of log 3 is guaranteed. By replacing mechanical aggregates with electrical ones, cleaning and changeover times are significantly minimized.

Processing under modified atmosphere

SCM has a leading market position concerning can filling and seaming machines that work under modified atmosphere. In this segment, the very successful V-Matic and G-Matic series are

Within short time, CEO Michael Grabher and his brother Marc as CTO enlarged their business systematically. Currently 20 employees are engaged including experienced engineers within the own development department.

It is not amazing that the Swiss enterprise is extremely export-oriented. The foreign sales sum up to more than 90 per cent of the turnover. Meanwhile there exist about 20 representations worldwide, since a couple of months even in Australia. Beside Europe the Asian area is a constant growing market. Moreover, a first line has just been delivered to Africa.



The new company headquarter is situated at Berneck, Switzerland. (photograph: Swiss Can Machinery AG)

Successful at World Dairy Innovation Awards

Receiving two prestigious awards at the World Dairy Innovation Awards 2017 in Dublin, French dairy producer En Direct Des Éleveurs was one of the night's most highly profiled winners. The company's choice of Ecolean Air Aseptic 1000ml for its sustainable and traceable milk from French cows was recognised with two awards in the categories "Best New Brand or Business" and "Best Dairy Packaging Design".

Commenting on the two awards the French company received, the World Dairy Innovation Award jury stated: "En Direct Des Éleveurs has a great brand concept – transparent, responsible and traceable – created and run by farmers. Ticks all the right boxes!"

"We are happy to have been recognised as Best Dairy Packaging Design and Best New Brand or Business in the World Dairy Innovation Awards. This is, I think, because of our different model of agriculture, our different model of production and the unique and innovative Ecolean package. Differentiation is always important", said Fabrice Hégron, founder of En Direct Des Éleveurs.

"These awards are yet further proof of the broad appeal of our packaging solutions. We are fortunate to be working with some of the best dairy producers in the world. Producers that are willing and able to go that extra mile, in the search for finding innovative ways of bringing their great products to the consumers," said Anna Annerås, Marketing Director, Ecolean Group.

Ecolean Air Aseptic 1000ml not only provides a flexible and lightweight package for French consumers, with a unique QR code the French dairy producer also makes it possible to trace which farm the milk has originated from. The high-quality milk from En Direct Des Éleveurs – rich in Omega-3 and free from palm oil and GMOs – is currently sold individually or in a multipack of six units, in over 260 supermarkets and hypermarkets throughout western France. In 2016, the company's milk in Ecolean Air Aseptic was awarded the Innovation Award of Dairy Products at SIAL Paris – the world's largest food innovation exhibition.



Award Winner: Ecolean Air Aseptic 1000ml French dairy producer En Direct Des Éleveurs won two prizes at World Dairy Innovations Awards in Dublin. (photograph: Ecolean)



Constantly several machines are demonstrated in the show room. (photographs: Kimberly Wittlieb)

offered. With the help of these innovative gassing systems cans with less than 0.5 and accordingly 2 % residual oxygen can be produced. The name of the first mentioned model range indicates the additional function of evacuating, so that the V-Matic combines three steps of processing: evacuating, aerating and seaming.

At this year's interpack SCM presented a further developed can filling and closing machine of type G-Matic 127. Among others, optimized technical features are more precisely working level indicators and a simplified gassing control by self-

calibration. Furthermore, Oxymats by Siemens for permanent supervision of residual oxygen were integrated, eventually causing a production stop. Another novelty: all steel components now are made of best V4A- respectively AISI 316 quality.

The other production programme of Swiss Can Machinery AG includes semi-automatic can seaming machines, empty can cleaning and disinfection machines and cappers including lid destacker, for example. Moreover, conveyors and additional transport equipment are offered. ▲



View into the production area.