

Growth, Investments, Product News and Industry 4.0

■ Over the last few years, the Piovan Group has recorded a significant growth, both structural and productive, as a result of a comprehensive plan of acquisitions and the opening of new companies. In 2015, the group achieved a total turnover of 195 million euros, an increase of more than 25 percent over the previous year. Growth has been consistent worldwide in all regions: Europe, Asia, Africa, and Americas. The goals for 2016 are: consolidate the results achieved, develop the presence in emerging markets and exceed 200 million euro turnover.

With this positive approach and with the brands of Piovan, Una-Dyn, FDM, Penta, and Aquatech, the Piovan Group attended the K2016, where at stand each company presented its most significant innovations. The Piovan technologies on display were represented by a conveying and dosing system in full operation. This is a very innovative configuration encompassing the Easylink automatic coupling station, the PureFlo filterless receivers and the new Quantum blenders, along with the new Genesys and Modula drying systems with single and multiple hopper setups. All of this represents the evolution of solutions widely adopted by the packaging, automotive, medical and technical moulding sectors.

One leading innovation is Winfactory 4.0, the Piovan's supervisory software for the Smart Factory, launched as a world premiere at the fair in Düsseldorf. Win-



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factory 4.0 is fully compliant to "Industrie 4.0", the set of protocols and technologies to be industrially implemented by the year 2020, that forms the core of the fourth industrial revolution: the digital manufacturing.

Fdm, one of the companies of the Piovan Group with base in Troisdorf, Germany, specializing in the production of advanced solutions for extrusion applications, displayed its latest developments in the feeding and metering of powder ingredients.

Penta, a further company of the group operating in the field of design and production of large capacity solutions for storage, conveying and blending of poly-

mers in powdery and granular forms, displayed the latest innovations for the production of pipes, profiles and cables, along with solutions for the feeding and management of additive materials for the compounding sector.

Innovations in high-efficiency industrial cooling solutions were presented by Aquatech, the company of the Piovan Group that specializes in advanced cooling technologies, with the new lines of Easycool+ chillers and DigitempEvo thermo-chillers.

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