

PRESS RELEASE

**SAES COATED FILMS AND SACCHITAL GROUP INTRODUCE  
NEW SUSTAINABLE HIGH-BARRIER PACKAGING SOLUTIONS**

**Milan, 22 October 2019** – Today, **SAES Group** through **SAES Coated Films**, specialising in functional coating technologies, and **Sacchital Group**, a manufacturer of flexible paper, aluminium, and plastic packaging, announced the beginning of a new partnership for the production and promotion of a new line of innovative high-barrier packaging solutions that can be recycled or composted.

The companies, which operate at two different levels of the same supply chain, have brought together their expertise in materials, technologies, and scientific analysis as part of a vertical collaboration in order to meet market demands more rapidly with an open business model.

The alliance further strengthens the partnerships that both Group are developing with other leading industrial players in Italy as sustainable packaging undergoes major changes.

At the core of this ground-breaking project is COATHINK™, a new coating technology developed by SAES Coated Films featuring a water-based deposition process that grants high-barrier properties to packaging surfaces, and the Sacchital Group's new multilayer high-barrier packaging solutions, designed to be recycled or composted. These are based on paper, mono-material plastic, or biomaterial, and are thus in line with the fundamental principles of the circular economy.

The partnership was announced today at CIBUS TEC, the annual event dedicated to technological innovation in the food industry, held at Fiere di Parma.

**Stefano Tominetti, SAES Coated Films CEO, said:** *“I am extremely proud of introducing innovative solutions that meet the new demands of the food and packaging worlds together with our partners at Sacchital. This partnership was born by bringing together SAES's 70-year experience in gas management and Sacchital's converting technologies to create first-of-their-kind packaging solutions that can really make a difference”.*

**Alberto Palaveri, Sacchital Group CEO, added:** *“More than 70 years of history in flexible packaging testify to the expertise and strength of Sacchital Group: over the years, we have been focusing on innovation as a key driver of success in a competitive market. In addition, we boast specific expertise in using and printing on paper. In a fast-moving market, the strategic alliance with SAES allows us to design and create sustainable solutions while directly managing innovation at every step”.*

**Antonio Cellie, Fiere di Parma CEO, said:** *“It is an honour for Cibus Tec and Parma to be the venue where SAES and Sacchital introduce their revolutionary compostable or truly recyclable Packaging offerings. Sustainability is the key challenge for the food industry, and solutions such as*

COATHINK™ *are exactly what piques the interest of our visitors, which come here from all over the world to look for distinctive innovations”.*

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**SAES Coated Films**, a SAES® Group company, designs, manufactures and deposits high-barrier or active film coating based on plastic or bio-plastic, with applications in the food, personal care, and industrial sectors. By using water-based functional coating, the company presents itself as the go-to partner for the environmentally sustainable design of high-barrier packaging that meets recyclability or compostability requirements. SAES Coated Films has been part of the SAES Group since 2016, following the Group's strategic decision to expand the business enabled by its technological platform for the dispersion of gas absorbers in polymeric matrices. With the scientific expertise developed by the Group over 70 years, today the mission of SAES Coated Films is to offer innovation and sustainable solutions to the packaging industry. More information on SAES Coated Films is available at [www.saescoatedfilms.com](http://www.saescoatedfilms.com).

**SACCHITAL GROUP** is a leading manufacturer of printed materials for food packaging as well as the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. It operates at a global level and does 50% of its business in foreign markets.

With over 75 years of history, thanks to the experience of the four companies that currently comprise the group, Sacchital is not only able to offer all kinds of conventional packaging solutions, but is also the premier partner for developing innovative solutions based on the demands of its clients.

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