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# Welcome to the HIGHLIGHT-jubilee edition!

20 years ago, in December 2003, the first edition of the GRUNWALD customer magazine was published. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of HIGHLIGHT, we have created a fresh, new design which takes you on an exciting journey through the world of GRUNWALD. We are happy that we can report on success stories, valued customers and business partners who were part of these stories over the years.

We are glad to inform you, dear readers, about significant developments of GRUNWALD and the performance of our employees who celebrated remarkable milestones in 2023.

We hope you will enjoy this HIGHLIGHT jubilee edition and find inspiration by our stories.

As we approach the turn of the year, we would like to wish all our customers, employees, suppliers and business partners happy and relaxing Christmas holidays and all the best for a prosperous 2024. Many thanks for your confidence in GRUNWALD and the pleasant cooperation.

At the beginning of the new year, we look forward to attending **Anuga FoodTec 2024** in Cologne from 19 – 23 March with great anticipation. It is the most important trade fair for the international food and beverage industry ([www.anugafoodtec.com](http://www.anugafoodtec.com)).



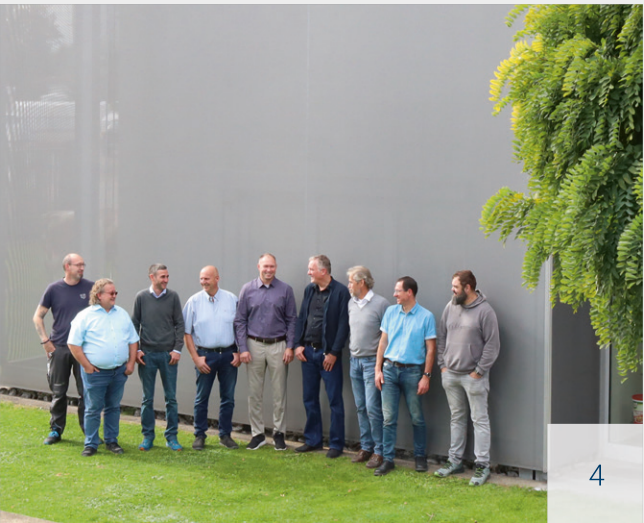
We are going to show state-of-the-art filling and packaging technology in **Hall 7.1, Stand B-010** on an area of 170 square metres, including our ultraclean (UC) hygiene design, solutions for extended shelf lives, maximum machine availability and flexibility.

Look forward to the March edition of our customer magazine HIGHLIGHT which details further information on our trade fair participation.

Yours  
Ralf Müller  
and the GRUNWALD team

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Cover picture:  
With its picturesque landscape and numerous well-developed hiking trails, the Allgäu offers ideal conditions for wonderful hikes throughout the year.  
In the deep snow-covered landscape, our employee Manfred Rupp enjoyed a marvellous view of the snowy mountain scenery of the Nagelfluh mountain range with the "Hochgrat" at a height of 1,834 m.  
Photo: Manfred Rupp



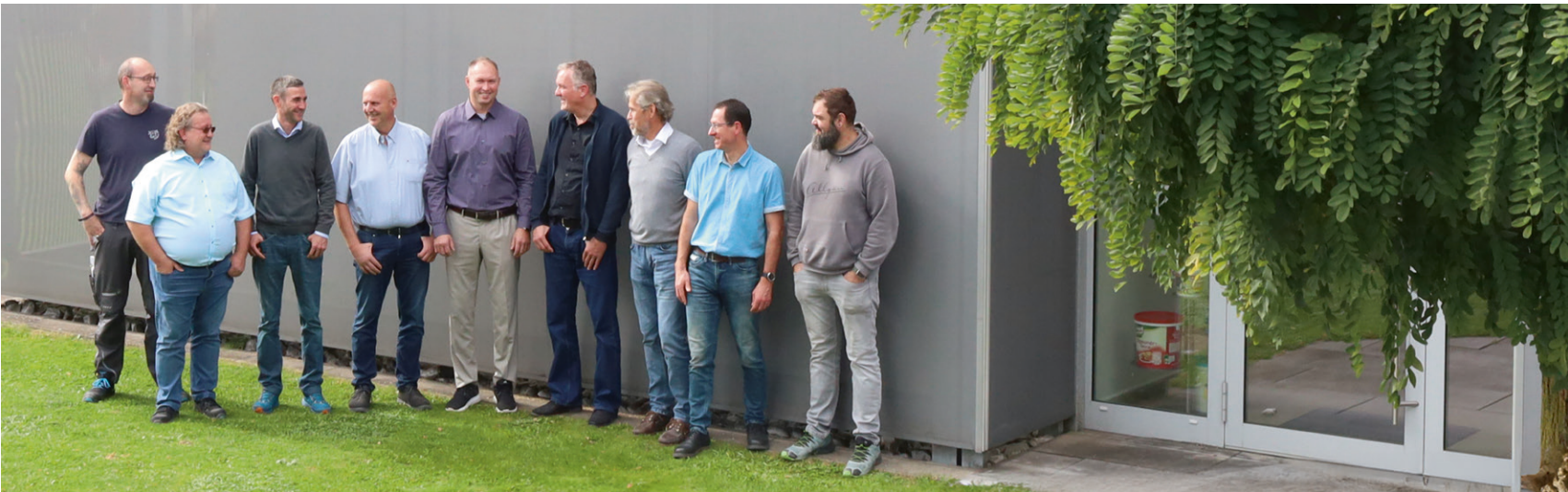
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# GRUNWALD NEWS



## 11 jubilees celebrating 165 years of service

This year, 11 employees celebrated their 10th, 20th, 25th or 30th anniversary of working at Grunwald. They obtained their certificates of honour and a bonus graded according to their years of service. Adding their years of service, they have been with the company for 165 years which means 15 years per employee on average, which is 4 years more than the German average. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their ideas, expertise, passion and commitment. We know that our dedicated and skilled employees are an important factor of success for the corporate success.

9 of the 11 jubilees met in front of the GRUNWALD building for a photo. From left to right: Christian Sorg (10), Manfred Hengge (10), Raphael Zaharanski (10), Bernd Bernhart (20), Alexander Schreiner (10), Thomas Reutemann (30), Gerd Winterbauer (25), Stefan Hofer (10), Dominik Schmitt (10); Dieter Karrer (10) and Peter Steinhäuser (20) are not on the photo



## Prize for Stefan Kolb for outstanding performance

Learning pays off! In November, the best trainees of the Lake Constance – Upper Swabia region were honoured by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Our mechatronics engineer Stefan Kolb, who completed his training in the summer with special outstanding performance, was among the best and was awarded a prize. We congratulate him on completing his apprenticeship and thank him for his outstanding work and his high dedication. We would also like to thank his trainer Michael Assfalk and the vocational school who are highly committed to the education of young people, evident in their excellent results.

Photo of the best graduates at the award ceremony in Ravensburg: Stefan Kolb (pictured eighth from left in the back row) has been named best trainee in the Lake Constance Upper Swabia region. His trainer, Michael Assfalk is pictured right.



## GRUNWALD's 2023 annual donation for four wells in Uganda

Long-standing readers of our customer magazine know that GRUNWALD donates the amount of money which would have been spent for Christmas gifts for a beneficial purpose to provide specific help. This tradition is continued with this year's donation in the amount of 9,200 Euros to the Wangen association of "awamu - Zusammen für Uganda e.V." With this year's donation, four more wells will be built which will bear the names of long-standing employees who have been of great service to the company - Olaf Acksteiner, Gerhard Hänslar, Günther Hohenleitner and Wolfgang Huber.

Symbolic handover of the cheque in front of the GRUNWALD entrance and the persons the wells in Uganda were named after. From left to right: Gerhard Hänslar, Olaf Acksteiner, Commercial Manager Christian Hasel, awamu chairwoman Margareta Riese, Managing Director Ralf Müller, Wolfgang Huber and Günther Hohenleitner



# Filling made easy

## Bucket filler GRUNWALD-HITTPAC XL makes the difference



Zvijezda plus d.o.o. is a Croatian edible oil manufacturing and processing company with headquarters in Zagreb and owned by Fortenova Group. The company was established in 1916 with the purpose of manufacturing, processing and selling edible oil.

Today, after a long history of development, Zvijezda Plus d.o.o. is definitely a regional leader providing top quality products, ranging from edible oil, margarine, vegetable based fats to delicatessen products like ketchup, mayonnaise and mayonnaise-based salads. Currently they employ approximately 440 people at one location in Zagreb where the complete production is located.

Zvijezda Plus d.o.o. is a long-standing GRUNWALD customer. At their location in Zagreb, Croatia, they have an inline machine type GRUNWALD-FOODLINER for filling spreadable margarine in plastic cups as well as an older dosing system type GRUNWALD-SEMIDOS for filling mayonnaise and sauces in glass jars in operation. In addition, they also had a semi-automatic bucket filling machine in very simple design in operation.

In the course of time, the sales of delicatessen products like ketchup and mayonnaise in large containers for catering increased significantly. Therefore the customer decided to replace this semi-automatic bucket filling machine with a fully-automatic GRUNWALD bucket filler to meet the increased demand at the end of 2022. For this big step into new automation with GRUNWALD bucket fillers Zvijezda Plus d.o.o. decided on the 1-lane bucket filling machine GRUNWALD-HITTPAC XL for filling ketchup and mayonnaise in 1, 2, 5 and 10 kg buckets, as well as vegetable ghee in 0.8 kg and 1.7 kg



GRUNWALD-HITTPAC XL for filling various products in buckets with different sizes

buckets respectively. This rotary-type machine ideally meets the customer's requirements with its production speed, technical equipment and low space requirements. With its footprint of only 1.7 m x 1.7 m, this bucket filling machine perfectly fits into the small space available in the production room.

Depending on the product characteristics the production speed of this rotary-type bucket filler ranges from 8 -12 buckets/min. with the 10 kg buckets and up to 18 – 20 buckets/min. with the

1 kg buckets. Due to the filling concept with a product feeding pump and the weigh cell, this rotary-type machine achieves an excellent weight accuracy with all products to be filled. Furthermore, with a full CIP installation, the cleaning of the machine is now less time-consuming as well as more efficient.

Being a turnkey supplier, GRUNWALD did not only supply the bucket filling machine but also the product storage tank and the product feeding pump as well as a heating system with hot water provided by the customer for the whole dosing

system (product tank + pump + pipeline), which is required for filling especially vegetable ghee, due to its heat-sensitive properties. This 1-lane bucket filling machine GRUNWALD-HITTPAC XL also includes an empty space, reserved for later possible retrofitting of a sealing and cutting station for hermetical closure of buckets.

This bucket filler is an investment in a new generation of machines and certainly in the future, since it will allow the customer higher outputs, with less manual labour involved and with high consistency.

Bucket filler GRUNWALD-HITTPAC XL, 1-lane or filling ketchup and mayonnaise in 1, 2, 5 and 10 kg buckets, as well as vegetable ghee in 0.8 kg and 1.7 kg buckets respectively.





# “All’s well that ends well ”

## GRUNWALD cup filling machine heads to Costa Rica



GRUNWALD-ROTARY 20.000/3-lane  
for filling margarine products in three different round PP cups with the following special features:

- Cup storage > 15 min.
- Product compensation cylinder in CIP design, with rework connection
- Flushing of filler housing with nitrogen
- Spin-on-lid station for non-stackable snap-on lids
- Complete line concept with weigher, metal detector and collecting table

Numar is a privately owned company that specialises in butter, margarine, vegetable oils and coffee. With approx. 1,000 employees, Numar belongs to “Grupo Agroindustrial Numar SA” and boasts a complete production chain, ranging from the palm plantation to the refinery, up to the customer’s final product.

We received Numar’s enquiry for filling margarine products in 2017. From the very beginning, it was crucial for the customer to purchase the complete

line concept (incl. weigher, metal detector as well as end-of-line packaging and palletising) from a single source.

Even though they intended to purchase only the cup filler in the first step, the complete line had to be planned to avoid any space problems later. For the end-of line packaging, GRUNWALD collaborated with renowned and reliable partners. The customer thus benefits from having the same contact person during the whole project period.

While the planning of the project experienced delays, we were able to use the time to invite Numar representatives to Europe to get a first-hand impression of GRUNWALD and their machinery technology. The purpose of this visit was to discuss all outstanding questions and the final equipment of the machine.

The viewing of a similar machine in the production of one of GRUNWALD’s longstanding customers, the positive feedback of the machine operators and the visit to the GRUNWALD premises but



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especially the face-to-face discussions finally resulted in their decision in favour of GRUNWALD.

Shortly after this visit Numar placed the order for a rotary-type machine ROTARY 20.000/3-lane that handles three different round cup sizes. The persons from Numar were especially impressed by the simple and quick format changeover allowing for maximum flexibility and at the same time maximum production speed (up to 7,500 cups/h) in daily production.

We would like to thank the project managers for their trust in our performance and service. This order clearly shows that successful cooperation is possible despite a distance of several thousand kilometres. As the saying goes “all’s well that ends well”.

We are happy about the newly established friendly business relations to Costa Rica and are sending kind regards with enthusiastic “PURA VIDA!”



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Various spreads made of refined vegetable oils which are carefully blended with salt, emulsifiers, vitamins and preservatives in order to achieve an exquisite, creamy consistency and unique taste.



## Trainee excursion 2023

### Henry and Kilian (first year mechatronics apprentices) report on the common action day in the forest

It was a wonderful day when we – 17 apprentices and students together with two of our trainers – ventured into the forest for a day of adventure.

In the forest near Oberstaufen, two field guides from “Endless Nature” led us to a glade where we found a fireplace with rustic wooden banks and chunky logs of wood where we could sit. The field guides explained that a fire should be sparked –not with a usual lighter but with traditional methods like fire steel, flintstone, charred fabric, birch bark and thistle blossom. The adventure started!

Although all of us had a lot of fun, we realised that sparking a fire can also be a real challenge. The field guides encouraged us to go on and transform any small frustrations into positive energy as there were more tasks ahead. Next we were tasked with cooking over the open fire, including building the framework for cooking. Those who had not known this before now had the opportunity to learn the art of wood working with the most simple tools such as pocket knives or circular knives.

Divided into groups we concentrated on our tasks: one group was responsible for the fire wood; one group took care of the fire; and the last group was the cooking group. The cooks prepared two meals for lunch – meat cut into small strips and – knowing that some of us are vegetarians – a delicious curry and homemade flatbread from the clay oven.

After lunch, we were again occupied with carving and firing. But that was not all! Our field guides surprised us with two more exciting challenges: one group had to build a rope ladder in order to climb up a tree, while the other group had to build a shelter out of tarps and ropes for

the night. When both groups had finished their tasks we changed roles and everyone could learn new skills.

But the highlight of the day was a common task where we had to ignite a fire with firestone and thistle blossoms. It

was an impressive play when the fire was passed from hand to hand – everyone contributed to keep the fire alive. At the end of the chain we all together ignited the small fire once again to form a beautiful, large and bright fire.

In the evening, the cooking group prepared noodles and tomato sauce. The dinner was appreciated by everyone. Of course, we took care not to produce unnecessary waste during the day and not to leave waste behind.

At the end of the day, there was a small feedback session. Everyone agreed that this day in the forest, full of adventures, fun and new experiences, was enjoyed by all.

After that we said goodbye to our two field guides and aimed home with numerous memories and precious new know-how.





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