

## FABER CELEBRATES ITS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The company that invented the aspirating hood in 1955 is 60 years old today and has plenty of plans to celebrate.

Fabriano, June 11 2015. Faber celebrates its 60th anniversary. On June 11, 1955 Abramo Galassi founded Faber Plast, a company specialising in processing of plastics and synthetic resins. It was here that the first aspirating hood was invented: a revolutionary appliance destined to change the kitchen forever. Faber launched the hood all over the world and created what is known as the "Fabriano hood district". Faber celebrates its 60th anniversary with a series of events held in parallel to Expo and a Limited Edition of its most popular hoods.

Faber is now part of the Franke Group, produces almost three million hoods a year and is present on 4 continents with 7 production plants in 7 different countries. **Technology, research and design at the service of air quality and well-being** have been the company's most important characteristics ever since it was first established and the keys to its international success. **One out of every two hoods in Italy is made by Faber**.

Today the company begins a packed calendar of events and initiatives celebrating its 60th anniversary. First of all, "La Cucina di Confine" project in partnership with Elle Decor Italia, set up until June 15 in the eight window displays at the Rinascente department store in Piazza Duomo in Milan. The starting point for the project is the kitchen as imagination and contamination, design as exchange and interaction, the world as a series of different geographies, cultures and identities. Faber will be featured in the kitchen display in black and white dedicated to Italian domestic life, including Arkea, an exclusive hood/light fixture in the F-light line: the first hood with chromotherapy lighting.

From the end of June until October, **Faber** will be featured at the **Art Design Box**, right outside Expo 2015 in Rho with **20 showcooking** events revealing all the secrets of Italian cooking. From traditional dishes to health food, from desserts to street food: a series of events exploring every aspect of Italian cuisine.

From July through October, the events of "Expo in Città" will also include the **FABER Street Food Academy**, a full immersion programme of 10 lessons teaching everything there is to know about some of the world's most famous and best-loved street foods.

And lastly, a **Limited Edition** will be launched featuring new versions of some of our most successful hoods, such as **Veil**, the hood that revolutionised the aesthetic canons of the classic upside-down T-shaped hood, **Arkea**, the first hood to feature chromotherapy lighting and "Up&Down" technology, and **Jolie**, powerful, silent and highly versatile thanks to its clean, simple design.

Originally founded in 1955 as a company working with plastic and synthetic resin materials, Faber began making kitchen extractor hoods in 1958, producing the first plexiglas model and establishing what is now known as the "Fabriano hood district". The company's sheer passion and determination have seen it grow first in Europe and then into a global organisation, thanks to a series of acquisitions of different manufacturing sites. Faber now extends to 4 continents with plants in 7 countries, including Italy, Sweden, France, Argentina, Turkey, India and Mexico, plus a branch in Russia, making Faber one of the three largest manufacturers of kitchen extractor hoods in the world. The Group leads the sector in Italy, where one out of two hoods sold is made by Faber, and is present all over the world through its own brand as well as leading local brands. Continuous internationalisation and willingness to accept new challenges has led Faber to become part of Franke, the Swiss multi-national leader in Kitchen Systems.

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