



As one of the first producers in Europe, Mondi started manufacturing pre-made pouches in the 1980s. The trend was picked up as innovative packaging solution from Japan. The pouches were further developed and refined in the following years. Pre-made stand-up pouches and retort pouches could be offered from end of the 1990s on. This development also enabled the step into the wet pet food market where retortable stand-up pouches nowadays enjoy great popularity.

Pouches are an attractive and convenient packaging solution. They are designed for a consumer's modern life style of single households and quick and easy, yet healthy food preparation. An extended shelf life depending on the product packed is achieved thanks to the material's excellent barrier properties. These keep oxygen and moisture out of the product.

In the world of convenience food packaging long shelf life and easy preparation are just as important as attractive colorful presentation at the point of sale. "Excellent barrier characteristics, retortability and microwavability are food packaging requirements that can be a technical challenge. Our pouches meet all these criteria", states Christian Kolarik, Managing Director, Mondi Consumer Bags & Films.

The pouches are available in various different sizes with re-closable opening, easy opening, and laser perforations. They are extremely durable, both chemically and physically. Thanks to the reduced retort time for a slim pouch, in which the necessary temperature is reached faster than in a bulky can, the vitamins, minerals and the original taste of the meal are preserved more fully.

Flexible pouches are lightweight (60% reduction compared to traditional cans) and have lower transport and storage volume. The drastic weight reduction benefits both customers and our environment with less waste, less carbon and less costs.

#### **About Mondi Consumer Bags & Films**

Mondi Consumer Bags & Films, a Business Unit of the Europe & International Division, is an innovative supplier of active and convenient packaging for the pet food, food and non-food, and confectionery & snacks industries. Within this business, Mondi operates 7 production sites, which are all EN ISO 9001- and BRC/IoP-certified – as well as an R&D Centre that develops tailor-made solutions. The product portfolio includes high-quality monofilms and barrier films, printed laminates, paper and plastic bags as well as stand-up pouches. Mondi Consumer Bags & Films also provides a variety of features and services, including barrier properties, professional printing and end-user properties such as easy opening and microwave compatibility.

#### **About Mondi**

Mondi is an international paper and packaging company, with production operations across 31 countries and revenues of €5.3 billion in 2009. The Group's key operations are located in western and emerging Europe, Russia and South Africa and employed 31,000 people on average in 2009.

Mondi is fully integrated across the paper and packaging process, from the growing of wood and the manufacture of pulp and paper (including recycled paper), to the conversion of packaging papers into corrugated packaging and industrial bags.

The Group is principally involved in the manufacture of uncoated fine paper (UFP), packaging paper and converted packaging products, as well as speciality products.

Mondi is a dual listed company, with primary listings on the Johannesburg and London stock exchanges under the ticker codes MND (JSE) and MNDI (LSE) respectively. The Group has been recognised for its sustainability performance through its inclusion in the FTSE4Good UK, Europe and Global indices in 2008 and 2009 and the JSE's Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Index in 2007, 2008 and 2009.



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### **Photos:**



Pre-made pouches are a convenient and user-friendly packaging solution offering virtually unlimited possibilities.