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Tactical Pro Italia

We welcome **Tactical Pro Italia** as our newest Corporate Member.

Tactical Pro is a proud reseller of the world's best tactical and military gear manufacturers. This company is also an exclusive partner of Agilite Gear for Italy and Switzerland.

Pierangelo Pluchino, Founder and CEO of Tactical Pro Italia, is an enthusiastic entrepreneur interested in developing new products and partnerships in the Greater Philadelphia area.

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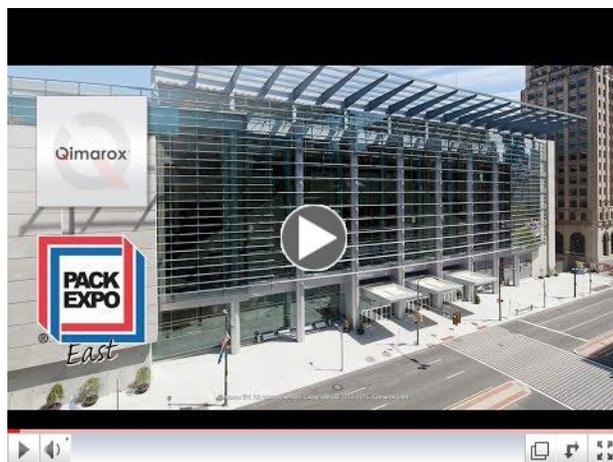
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PACK EXPO East: Feb 27th- March 1st, 2017

PACK EXPO East is a quality trade show experience that focuses on processing or packaging innovation, while bringing together a larger range of industries. The event is being organized by Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute (PMMI). It will take place on **February 27th, 2017 to March 1st, 2017** in the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**. The expo will showcase products and services that are related to the packaging sector from leading exhibitors. Some of these include automatic piston liquid filling machines, flexible packaging technology, controls and components for machines, storage equipment, and measurement components. PACK will have approximately 400 exhibitors at the event to accommodate the expected 7,000 attendees.

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Discover Aosta

Aosta is the smallest, northwest region of Italy located between France and Switzerland. There is a population of about 34,901 people. Correspondingly with its size, it is the only province of the region and also the capital.

Aosta, historically, has been seen as a land for contact and conjuncture between Italy and France. It is officially bilingual and considered as a self-governing region. In the beginning, the region was divided by power of the different bishops of the Savoy dynasty. The economy became mainly agricultural and the poverty increased. Then, the arrival of Napoleonic troops brought new growth to the region under French rule. Thus, the connection between France and Aosta has grown, especially with the construction of the modern tunnels of Gran San Bernardo and those under Mont Blanc.

The region is mostly mountainous, particularly known for its magnificent peaks located at its core. The highest peaks of the Alps can be found including Cervino, Monte Rosa, Gran Paradiso, and the biggest one Mont Blanc. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Europe, which stands at 15,781 feet. A few miles from Mont Blanc is one of the most important ski resorts in the world, Courmayeur, where a ski lift is available for transportation. During the summer, trekking lovers appreciate the paths surrounding Mont Blanc and admire the amazing landscape and nature. Also, the oldest National Park, the Gran Paradiso, has ibex, chamois, eagles, and marmots living in their natural habitats. Finally, wine lovers are able to walk to wine trail, where vineyards and wineries are located, to discover different grape growing plantations.

Regionally specialties include carbonada, a meat-like stew with wine, onions, and spices, and mocetta, dried beef with mountain herbs. Salami and cheese are also not to be underestimated. Salami is cooked with boiled potatoes and seasoning. Cheese, especially the renowned Fontina Fop, is served after a typical soup of the Aosta.

Industry in Aosta mainly specialized in textiles, mechanics, wood and paper, the production of steel, and transportation. Production of steel is important and Cogne Acciai Speciali is one of the leading iron and steel production plants in Europe. They have efficiently

reduced product cost and maintained high product quality levels. Also, trains and other automotives are able to pass from Italy to the rest of Europe efficiently.

Aosta has two different train lines operated regionally and externally. The Ferrovie dello Stato is the leading owner of the train companies.

Some important statistics of Aosta include wealth and unemployment. Aosta exceeds Italy's total averages in these categories. GDP per capita in Italy totals 23, 870 Euros per year, while Aosta totals 31, 858 Euros per year. Also, the unemployment rate of Aosta is 8.9% while Italy's rate is 11.9%.

[Aosta - Economic Indicators](#)