



## Press release

### **Marcolin Group and Montblanc Simplo GMBH extend eyewear licensing agreement through 2009.**

Longarone Italy, June 6, 2006. Marcolin, one of the world's leaders in the eyewear industry and Montblanc, one of the leading international luxury brands worldwide, announced today the renewal of the licensing agreement for design, production and worldwide distribution of Montblanc prescription frames and sunglasses.

The agreement extends the relationship through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 and contains terms and conditions which are basically in line with those included in the current agreement, originally due for expiry on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2006.

The licensing agreement, renewable for another two years, further strengthens Marcolin's position as world leader in the luxury eyewear and consolidates its partnership with the Richemont Group.

Maurizio Marcolin, the Group's Style & Licensing CEO, stated: *"The renewal of the agreement with Montblanc certifies our successful partnership and reflects both parties' desire to bring this venture to the next level. We are proud to continue our cooperation with such a prestigious luxury brand."*

#### **About Marcolin Group**

Marcolin, listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, is one of the leading eyewear companies, and stands out, in the luxury sector, for the premium quality of its products, its attention to detail, and focused distribution. In 2005 the company produced and distributed over 6.3 million prescription frames and sunglasses in over 400 models.

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