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Company History

Over 80 years of uncompromising quality

Mendrisio, October 2008 — Olympia-Express was established in 1928 by Luigi Bresaola in Chiasso, which lies in the Swiss Canton Ticino. His wife ran a café, whose espresso machines constantly needed repairing or alterations and improvements. Unhappy with the quality of the machines, which the market had offered hitherto, he started work on his own espresso machines for the catering industry.

Luigi Bresaola was a perfectionist. He was an ingenious inventor and with his plans, he was among the pioneers of his time. He did not rest until the machines, which he had conceived and constructed, could not be improved further. He simply adored the fine art of espresso making. He was someone who treasured the art of espresso preparation. His goal was the perfect espresso.

In the 1960s, his son Luigi took over the company. In the meantime, the small family enterprise had expanded their range of products to espresso machines and grinders for home use. Success came quickly. Combined with their elegant and compact size, their quality and reliability caused a steadily increasing demand for the machines. Increasingly, machines were delivered abroad from London to San Francisco, and Chile to Singapore. The machines became cult objects. To this day, we receive praise and compliments from all over the world. At online auctions, the Olympia-Express machines of the 1960's and 1970's repeatedly achieve high connoisseur prices.

The cult continues

Even when the company experienced a turbulent time during the 1980s and 1990s, it stuck to its philosophy and today concentrates on the production of premium espresso machines and grinders. It is a small, but fine company designing outstanding machines for connoisseurs. Since mid 2008, espresso connoisseurs have three cult objects at their disposal again—the Cremina, Maximatic and the Moca. The classic lever machine Cremina was carefully overhauled and improved. The New York Times already hailed its predecessor as “the best espresso machine in the world.” The semi-automatic Maximatic is not only exceptionally reliable but is incidentally also the smallest dual circuit machine in the world. The Moca is a suitable accompaniment to both machines. Each machine is conceptualized and manufactured solely by hand.

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