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Miele at Altenpflege 2019 trade show: the latest laundry and dishwashing technology – even when space is at a premium

- ▶ New washing machines and undercounter dishwashers reduce running costs and consumption
- ▶ A systematic approach to laundry and crockery care in-house

Gütersloh/Nuremberg, February 14, 2019. – Whether new compact washing machines offering disinfection, electronically controlled assignment of laundry items, or tailored hygienic dishwashing solutions: At the 'Altenpflege 2019' age-care exhibition, Miele will be demonstrating once again how recurrent work in care and nursing homes will be further simplified and optimised (Nuremberg, April 2-4, Building 006, Stand B 16).

Significantly reduced consumption and simpler operation: These are the most important benefits offered by 'Little Giants'. Now, these Miele washing machines and tumble dryers, a familiar fixture in the marketplace for decades, are to be replaced in April by two model series completely redesigned from scratch. As previously, they require only half a square meter of space yet offer greater loading flexibility. These – like the 'Hygiene' special washing machine model – have a load capacity of 7 kg. Clients opting for the 'Performance Plus' series can decide between load capacities of 6, 7 or 8 kg.

All machines have in common that the shortest cycle takes only 49 minutes. Water consumption has been reduced by up to 22%; electricity savings peak at 28%. Drying times have also been reduced: The fastest programme on vented models is now down to only 38 minutes. The heat-pump dryer now requires less than 60 minutes, or just two-thirds of the previous cycle duration.

Reliable disinfection according to VAH and RKI guidelines

Alongside tried-and-tested programmes for Cottons and Minimum Iron textiles, the new Little Giants from the 'Performance Plus' series offers 15 wash programmes which ensure reliable disinfection, including programmes which meet the requirements of the Association for Applied Hygiene (VAH) and the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). For instance, programmes without a pre-wash and with three rinse cycles at temperatures of up to 85°C meet RKI

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demands on infection control and hospital hygiene. Programmes are particularly easy to select thanks to a new touch display.

The laundry cycle from residents to the laundry and back again can be experienced 'live' by visitors to the fair. Barrier washing machines and tumble dryers are part and parcel of a logistics system to be presented by the Thermotex company: Labelling machines and robust transponders to identify laundry as well as sorting and transportation systems which further simplify life in a laundry. Tips on the efficient care of textiles will also be available – for example material provided free of charge by the independent 'Klasse Wäsche' initiative of which Miele was an initiator and founding member.

Operating costs reduced by 25%

Undercounter tank dishwashers, due to be launched in an enhanced version in 2Q19, represent a further highlight at the Miele stand. Thanks to a simplified user interface using a new full-touch display with self-explanatory pictogrammes means that human error is virtually eliminated. Furthermore, an optimised cleaning system cuts operating costs by up to 25%.

Miele is also presenting machines which have of course stood the test of time over many years in various applications in care and nursing homes: These include for example pass-through dishwashers which guarantee high throughput, fresh water dishwashers for ward kitchens, and larger laundry machines available as barrier models for installation in diaphragm walls.

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Company profile: Miele is the world's leading manufacturer of premium domestic appliances including cooking, baking and steam-cooking appliances, refrigeration products, coffee makers, dishwashers and laundry and floor care products. This line-up is augmented by dishwashers, washer-extractors and tumble dryers for commercial use as well as washer-disinfectors and sterilisers for use in medical and laboratory applications (Professional Business Unit). The Miele company, founded in 1899, has eight production plants in Germany as well as one plant each in Austria, the Czech Republic, China and Romania. These are joined by the two plants belonging to Miele's Italian medical technology subsidiary Steelco. 2017/18 turnover amounted to approx. EUR 4.1 bn, with sales outside Germany accounting for 70%. Miele is represented with its own sales subsidiaries and via importers in almost 100 countries. Throughout the world, the family-run enterprise, now in its fourth generation, employs a workforce of around 20,100, whereof 11,200 are employed in Germany. The company headquarters are located in Gütersloh/Westphalia, Germany.

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Photo 1: Ample space for a laundry with a small footprint:


A washing machine and dryer from the new generation of Little Giants. Each taking up only half a square meter of floor space, they guarantee clean and dry laundry in only 49 and 38 minutes respectively.


(Photo: Miele)

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