

## The Wuxi Ariston Thermo plant in China awarded the WCM bronze medal

*Wuxi, 18 July 2018* – The **Ariston Thermo** plant in **Wuxi**, city in Southern Jiangsu province near Shanghai, successfully passed the WCM audit achieving the World Class Manufacturing **bronze medal**, equal to 50 points of the **WCM** scale.

After the medals achieved by the Italians Osimo and Arcevia, it is the first award for an Ariston Thermo's plant abroad. Inaugurated in 1996, Wuxi employs about 445 employees on a total construction surface of 64,630 sqm and produces electric water heaters, boilers and heat pumps. Wuxi is among the second wave of plants where Ariston Thermo decided to apply the WCM method in 2012.

World Class Manufacturing (WCM) is a methodology introduced by FCA Group in 2005 and **based on the evolution of the principles of Lean Manufacturing approaches**, which offers an integrated system of standardised tools for the organisation of the production lines aimed at allowing constant improvement in terms of productivity, safety, environmental performance and training of people.

Within Ariston Thermo, WCM is progressively becoming a common language allowing to standardise processes in all the plants of the Group worldwide, eliminating waste and improving the level of quality, productivity, safety, respect for the environment and people involvement.

The methodology is now operational in 13 plants of Ariston Thermo.

*Ariston Thermo is a global leading company in the water heating and heating industry. In 2017, the Group recorded a turnover of € 1.57 billion and sold 7 million products in over 150 countries; with 7.000 employees, 65 operating companies and 5 representative offices in 38 countries and 26 production sites in 15 countries. The Group offers a full range of products, systems and services, mostly under the brands Ariston, Elco, Chaffoteaux, Atag, Racold, NTI and HTP. Ariston Thermo shows its commitment to energy efficiency through the development of solutions based on renewable energy sources, such as solar thermal systems and heat pumps, the improvement of the efficiency of products such as boilers and water heaters and the continuous investment in innovation for the development of increasingly advanced connectivity systems. The goal of Ariston Thermo is to look at the future of thermic comfort, offering an optimal combination of quality, energy savings and care for the environment.*

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