



VICENZAORO JANUARY 2025 OPENING CEREMONY STATEMENTS

Maurizio Ermeti, president of Italian Exhibition Group: «On December 12th last year, we experienced a historic moment by laying the foundation stone of the future international home of the jewellery industry. Together on that day, we sealed a pact of trust and ambition: to keep our promises, face the market changes, innovate and proudly protect the leadership of our gold and jewellery manufacturing, 'Beautiful and Well Done' Made in Italy jewellery. Today, with the strength of the new generations and the contribution of the institutions, we are ready to turn this vision into reality, confirming our Italian leadership in the world of beauty and manufacturing.»

Valentino Valentini, Deputy Minister of Enterprise and Made in Italy: «The data show growth in the sector, particularly thanks to exports. It is yet another confirmation that Made in Italy is appreciated the world over and that, despite an enormously uncertain global context, it still manages to be competitive. The projection that Vicenzaoro has this year towards the future is also highly important with its commitment to involving schools and training a new generation of workers in the gold and jewellery world. Know-how is the heart of Made in Italy, which does not mean where it is made but how it is made: with skill, passion, tradition but also innovation. In this respect, you will always find the support of the government, which is determined to protect and enhance our productions, businesses and workers.»

Luca Zaia, president of Veneto Region: «Once again this year, Vicenzaoro confirms its role as the hub of international goldsmithing with an edition that looks to the future by celebrating the talent of young people and the perfect union between innovation and tradition. The Vicenza jewellery sector, with ever-growing exports and globally- recognized craftsmanship quality, is a symbol of excellence that carries the name of the Veneto region high. This event is not only a showcase for Made in Italy, but an opportunity to consolidate our role as a global leader in a sector that combines creativity, expertise and the ability to innovate in the wake of tradition.»

Giacomo Possamai, Mayor of Vicenza: «Vicenza's history is intrinsically linked to the past, present and future of its gold district. Companies in the jewellery sector have shown their ability to endure crises and global changes and face all the challenges they have found on their path. Vicenzaoro constitutes a crucial piece of this history because, imagining Vicenza's goldsmithing vocation without its trade show would be impossible. A union also confirmed with the work on the new hall. Praise once again to IEG, which is taking one of our territory's most important heritages increasingly higher.»

Andrea Nardin, president of the Province of Vicenza: «Vicenzaoro opens the global gold and jewellery industry's calendar of events today. It is here in Vicenza that the next chapter of the jewellery market is being written: we do it with top experts in the field, with entrepreneurs, artisans, and fashion creatives. We do it with our young people: just this morning, hundreds of Vicenza students participated in the Vioff Golden Talk, an overview of career paths, craftsmanship techniques and technological innovations related to the jewellery sector.»

Gen. D. Bruno Bartoloni, Commander of the Economy and Finance Protection Unit: «Three words to define the protocol between the Financial Police and Federorafi: discussion, sharing, choice. The protection of Made in Italy and production districts passes through legality, which is an enabling factor of any development strategy. Discussion allows for in-depth analysis, sharing identifies the priorities to be protected, the choice

is to always to support the culture of legality also with initiatives aimed at young people, who seek their fulfilment in a career. A civic and cultural commitment even more than a legal and organizational one.»

Claudia Piaserico, president of Confindustria Federorafi: «Thanks to the Italian Financial Police, the protocol raises greater awareness of legality among sector companies with a view to spreading knowledge and awareness on the subject of combating economic-financial crime with particular regard to money laundering, fraud, tax evasion, counterfeiting and receiving stolen goods, as well as making the application profiles of specific regulations more efficient and improving relations between operators in order to further develop the sector's potential, competition and the economic-social fabric. An initiative that, working with the districts, will have immediate and positive repercussions in terms of development, protection of made in Italy and healthy entrepreneurship.»

Matteo Zoppas, president of Italian Trade Agency: «In the first nine months, jewellery industry exports grew by 37%, reaching 10.8 billion euros and already equalling the value of exports for all of 2023. A result that, despite the 9% drop in a reference market such as the United States, testifies to how much each company in this sector, represented by Federofari and President Piaserico, is a true ambassador of Made in Italy in the world. Compared to 2023, Italy gained two positions and rose from sixth to fourth place among the world's major exporters behind India, China and Hong Kong, standing out for its unique positioning thanks to the high unit value and luxury design of its products. In this scenario, Vicenzaoro represents a key platform in the enhancement of this excellence. For this new edition, ITA has brought more than 500 qualified buyers through a collaborative strategy with all the actors of the Nation System (ITA, SACE, SIMEST, CDP) and the Ministries, such as the Ministry of Enterprise and Made in Italy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, which naturally help this entire economic sector to grow.»

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