

Press Release (English translation)

## **ITALIAN EXHIBITION GROUP AND AFEMO RENEW THEIR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR T.GOLD AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF JEWELLERY TECHNOLOGIES**

- **Renewed for the 2026–2028 period the agreement on innovation, internationalization and training in manufacturing technologies**
- **T.Gold strengthens its global leadership as the driving force behind the jewellery industry's technology agenda**
- **Growth strategy focused on key drivers of innovation: automation, quality control, new technologies and sustainability**

*Vicenza - Italy, June 16, 2026* – **Italian Exhibition Group (IEG) and AFEMO – the Italian Association of Manufacturers and Exporters of Jewellery Machinery** – have **renewed their strategic partnership for the 2026–2028 period**, further strengthening the **international positioning of T.Gold**, the leading exhibition for technologies and machinery dedicated to jewellery and precious metal manufacturing, held alongside Vicenzaoro.

The agreement is part of the broader development plan undertaken by IEG and supported by a self-financed investment of approximately €60 million for the expansion of the Vicenza exhibition centre, including the construction of the new Hall 2, scheduled to be inaugurated next September. This infrastructure project will allow T.Gold to move from Hall 9 (located outside the exhibition perimeter) to Hall 4, fostering greater integration with Vicenzaoro's exhibition offering and creating an even more effective ecosystem for companies, buyers and industry professionals from around the world.

The integration also extends to the event calendar. Starting this year, T.Gold is fully aligned with Vicenzaoro's schedule, with two annual editions in January and September, expanding business opportunities for the jewellery sector through a comprehensive showcase of technology and innovation. This represents a valuable contribution to the development of an industry that must continuously adapt to rapidly evolving markets.

The renewal of the partnership with AFEMO marks a further step forward in the exhibition's growth path, with the shared objective of showcasing the state of the art in technologies, machinery and production systems for the jewellery and precious metals industry. This vision confirms **T.Gold's role as the world's leading hub for innovation in jewellery manufacturing** and as a cornerstone of the sector's **technology agenda**.

A key element of the agreement is the strengthening of **internationalization** and **business development** activities. Through its collaboration with AFEMO, IEG will further enhance its ability to attract and engage the industry's leading international decision-makers and buyers, targeting both established mature markets and emerging production regions with significant growth potential.

The partnership also places strong emphasis on **technological evolution** within the sector. AFEMO and IEG will work together to identify and promote the key macro trends reshaping jewellery manufacturing, from advanced automation to additive technologies and binder jetting, from new materials to sustainable production processes, as well as the most innovative solutions for testing and quality control.

These topics will be at the centre of a comprehensive programme of conferences, educational sessions and training opportunities designed to foster knowledge sharing and professional development across the industry. This **educational approach** is fully aligned with the mission of Vicenzaoro and, more broadly, with

the strategy of IEG's Jewellery & Fashion Division, which has always been committed to delivering high-value content for the entire supply chain.

According to **Matteo Farsura**, Global Exhibition Manager of IEG's jewellery exhibitions: "Our collaboration with AFEMO represents a strategic asset that goes beyond T.Gold. It will involve all the Jewellery & Fashion Division's exhibitions dedicated to technologies applied to goldsmithing and jewellery manufacturing, all with a strong international outlook. These include Oroarezzo, the vertical event focused on manufacturing that shines a spotlight each year in May on the Italian district of Arezzo (Tuscany) and, through its Precious Fashion project, also addresses the high-end metal fashion accessories supply chain; *JGTD – Jewellery, Gem & Technology in Dubai* in the United Arab Emirates each autumn; and *SIJE – Singapore International Jewelry Expo* each July in Singapore. Together, our goal is to build an innovation platform spanning all our B2B events, capable of promoting knowledge transfer and supporting the international competitiveness of companies throughout the supply chain."

With 60 member companies generating an aggregated turnover of approximately €600 million, an indirect economic impact of €1 billion and more than 3,000 employees, AFEMO represents the entire Italian machinery, equipment and services manufacturing sector for jewellery production, with particular attention also to the fashion accessories industry. Internationally, it represents a unique ecosystem of technological excellence and expertise that has helped make Italy a global benchmark in machinery and technologies serving the jewellery and luxury sectors.

**Massimo Poliero**, President of AFEMO, stated: "In an increasingly complex and competitive international environment, our companies demonstrate every day that industrial vision, quality and innovation are the key factors for addressing the challenges of the sector, with T.Gold serving as a privileged meeting point between supply and demand and as the most authoritative observatory on trends and developments in both traditional and emerging markets. The renewal of our partnership with IEG confirms a strategic collaboration that enables us to monitor, interpret and guide these markets while strengthening Italy's leadership in the sector. Our mission is to support companies' international positioning by creating value, safeguarding Made in Italy expertise and seizing new global opportunities. The technological know-how of our industry is a crucial driver of competitiveness for Italian brands, and AFEMO, together with IEG, will continue to support companies through a concrete, future-oriented commitment."

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#### **FOCUS ON ITALIAN EXHIBITION GROUP**

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#### **FOCUS ON AFEMO**

AFEMO (Association of Manufacturers and Exporters of Machinery for the Jewellery Industry) has, since 1983, brought together and coordinated Italian excellence in the production of technologies for goldsmithing, jewellery, silverware, fashion jewellery, luxury accessories and fashion components. AFEMO serves as the preferred link between Italian machinery and equipment manufacturers and leading international jewellery companies and brands, guaranteeing innovation, reliability and quality. The Association promotes Made in Italy worldwide through trade fairs, workshops and collaborative initiatives. [www.afemo.it](http://www.afemo.it)

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