

ACIMALL, ACIMAC, AMAPLAST AND UCIMA: “CONFINDUSTRIA MACCHINE” IS BORN

The decision by the members of **Acimall** - the Confindustria member association that represents the Italian manufacturers of technology for the wood and furniture industry - to give birth to a new association is the most significant outcome of the general assembly held last June 3 at Baggiovara (Modena), at the headquarters of the “sister” associations Acimac and Ucima. This is not an accidental decision, it's the first step towards a new project that will enable Acimall to offer new services, and most of all, present a new vision to its members.

The assembly unanimously approved the proposal by the board of directors to carry on the process for the creation of **Federazione Confindustria Macchine per ceramica, legno, plastica e gomma, imballaggio e confezionamento**, (Confindustria federation for ceramic, wood, plastic and rubber, packaging machines), an organization that will allow to have a stronger representation not only within Confindustria, but in the political and economic life of Italy, a new entity that will represent some **1,300 companies** with **70 thousand employees** and a total turnover of **19 billion euro**, more than 75 percent of which generated by export, offering a strong contribution to Italy's trade balance. This aggregation will provide additional services, consulting and training to the member companies of **Acimall, Acimac** (technologies for ceramics), **Amaplast** (plastic machines) and **Ucima** (packaging technology), the four Confindustria associations that have joined the project so far.

“It's time to make new choices that help the manufacturers of instrumental goods face a more and more competitive market with smarter tools”, said Acimall president **Enrico Aureli**, one of the first supporters of this ambitious project.

*“The partnership with Acimac, Amaplast and Ucima – which we are confident will be joined by other associations of the Federmacchine galaxy we will continue to collaborate with – will help us represent our positions even more effectively in an increasingly global scenario, where the challenge from China and other emerging countries must be faced with **equal rules for everyone**. Not only: together, we will give broader responses to the challenging topic of the **green transition** of our companies, and the countless new issues that our entrepreneurs must face in a world that presents more and more complex challenges”.*

During the assembly, the association approved the **final balance** and presented the balance of its operating branch Cepra.

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