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PRESS RELEASE

TRE SPADE'S MARCO FERLITO IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ASSOFOODTEC, MANUFACTURERS OF MEAT SLICERS, MINCERS AND RELATED PRODUCTS

Turin, 2 April 2019. **Marco Ferlito**, general manager of Tre Spade, has been appointed president for the next two years of the group of Manufacturers of meat slicers, mincers and related products of Assofoodtec, the association of builders of machinery for the food industry federated with Anima Confindustria.

This is an important event, rewarding the career of the manager from Ivrea and Tre Spade in a sector that had a turnover of 228 million Euro and 140 million Euro in exports in 2018, according to data produced by the ANIMA research department.

“Our sector progresses through innovation and a continual ability to invest. The data demonstrate this, since we are forecasting an increase of 6.8% in investments in 2019”, says the newly-elected Ferlito. “Industry 4.0 has suggested the direction for the Italian economic system to take. We need to proceed along the path we have started on, because if production companies grow, then employment availability and the development of related supply-chains can grow too”.

Born in Ivrea in 1970, Marco Ferlito graduated from Turin Polytechnic in aerospace engineering. He was hired by one of the Olivetti group companies to design the first industrial laser applications and worked on the first patent for the construction and application of cellular plates. He then took up new professional challenges in production contexts in the automotive industry, before moving on to Facem, where he has worked for 16 years now (Tre Spade is its historic brand-name), holding positions with increasing responsibility up to his current role as General Manager of the FoodTech division. During these years, Tre Spade has focused on growth to remain competitive on a global scale (it exports 70% of its turnover all over the world). The company's participation in Assofoodtec proved to be a stimulus and a reason for further growth because it allowed the firm to exchange ideas with the best companies in this sector, sharing objectives and promoting knowledge.

Tre Spade was set up in 1894 by the four Bertoldo brothers. The first productions of hot-forged tools were supplemented a few years later by the manufacture of coffee grinders, of which the company soon became one of the major European producers, maintaining its leadership for over seventy years. Production was diversified over subsequent years, extending to many other household, semi-professional and professional products for processing and preserving food. In more recent years vacuum sealers and dehydrators have reconfirmed the tradition of items created with the company's adopted guidelines: superior quality, reliability and functionality. Its products have won various awards in the fields of functional and aesthetic design: the ADI Design Index (2011 and 2014), Smart Label (2013 and 2017), Compasso d'Oro (2014) and Good Design Award (2014). Today Tre Spade is present in more than sixty countries on five continents.

Manufacturers of meat slicers, mincers and allied products: this sector employs around 900 workers and has an overall turnover of 230 million Euro and an export turnover share of around 60% (data referring to 2018 full-year forecast). The division is part of Assofoodtec, the major Italian association of reference in the sector of technologies for the food industry, within the ANIMA Confindustria Meccanica Varia federal organization.

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