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FABRIZIO CATTANEO NAMED NEW GIMAV DIRECTOR

Time-tested experience in CONFINDUSTRIA at the helm of capital goods trade associations (UCIMU, UCIMA, ASSIOT) makes him the perfect candidate to guide the association in its commitment to international outreach.

To familiarize himself with the member companies, he immediately slated a series of get-acquainted meetings.

The announcement naming the new director was made **Monday, February 3rd**: *“Cattaneo’s lengthy, deeply rooted experience with associations and Confindustria convinced us that he was the right person for GIMAV,”* stated GIMAV President, Michele Gusti.

Taking office immediately, he replaces Laura Biason, who left the association at the end of 2019. Cattaneo will assist the Board and President Gusti in guiding the glass processing machinery manufacturers association along a **pathway of international outreach**, strewn with some very significant challenges and events.

Cattaneo’s background includes an active role in founding Federtec – the association that grew out of the merger of ASSIOT and ASSOFLUID. Federtec represents the entire supply chain of technologies and skills used in the automation and control of industrial processes and products, through which a development process has unfolded that will allow them to equip themselves with functional tools for assisting member firms in a radically changed economic and technological scenario.

From the very first day, Cattaneo put his **expertise and know-how at the service of the** glass processing industry, taking on the leadership role invested in him by the association’s statute. The aim is to work with all the member companies, large and small, moving toward the new industrial horizons taking shape **in a constantly changing developmental framework**.

Embracing the recommendation of President Gusti, the new Director immediately set to work scheduling a series of visits to **acquaint himself with the member companies**, emphasizing that: *“I gladly accepted the President’s invitation because, in order to better represent the businesses that make up a sector, experience has taught me how crucial it is to have an up-close understanding of the companies themselves”*.