

THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE HEAD OFFICE OF FONDAZIONE FIERA MILANO NAMED AFTER IRI

Milan, 11th April 2005 –From this morning, the square that the head office of Fondazione Fiera Milano looks over, in Largo Domodossola 1, has a name: Piazzetta IRI - Institute for Industrial Reconstruction. The white marble plaque, placed on the left hand side of the building, was uncovered by the President of Fondazione Fiera Milano, **Luigi Roth**, together with the President of the Province of Milan, **Filippo Penati**, the City of Milan's Town Planning Councillor, **Gianni Verga**, and the President of Enel spa, **Piero Gnudi**.

The liberty style building, constructed in 1923 and traditionally called the Palazzina degli Orafi, will continue to belong to Fondazione Fiera Milano even when two thirds of the historical Milanese fair district are handed over and redeveloped.

'With this gesture– explained **Luigi Roth** 'we want to remember the role that the institute has carried out for decades in our country, being at the centre of the most strategic economic activity of the entrepreneurial system, and not only on a national level.'

At the ceremony some of the principal protagonists of IRI's history took part: Emilio **Acerna**, President of Edindustria; Biagio **Agnes**, Knight of the Order of Labour; Leonardo **Buonvino**, Vice President of Finnat Investment; Vincenzo **Cappiello**, General Manager of Fintecna S.p.A.; Pietro **Ciucci**, Managing Director of Stretto di Messina S.p.A.; Giancarlo **D'Andrea**, General Manager of Fintecna S.p.A.; Vincenzo **Dettori**, Vice President of Fintecna S.p.A.; Gian Maria **Gros-Pietro**, President of Autostrade per l'Italia S.p.A.; Franco **Nobili**, Knight of the Order of Labour; Maurizio **Prato**, President and Managing Director of Fintecna S.p.A.; Michele **Tedeschi**, President of Siemens Italia; Antonio **Zurzolo**, Knight of the Order of Labour.

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