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PRESS RELEASE

FAREWELL TO ALBERTO CANDELA, HONORARY CHAIRPERSON OF F.I.L.A. - FABBRICA ITALIANA LAPIS ED AFFINI S.P.A. AND “CAVALIERE DEL LAVORO”.

Pero (MI) April 6, 2025 - F.I.L.A. - Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. announces with deep sorrow the passing of Alberto Candela, Honorary Chairperson and an eminent figure within the company, who has passed away at the age of 86.

Born in Milan, Alberto Candela devoted more than sixty years of his life to F.I.L.A., serving with extraordinary dedication in the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson.

Alberto Candela led a period of far-reaching innovation in the field of writing, colour and drawing tools, promoting projects that have left an indelible mark on the history of the industry, such as the creation of the famous Tratto Pen, the Tratto Clip and the first Giotto markers, in addition to the conception of the make-up pencil that was fundamental to the development of the cosmetics division.

Visionary, passionate and tireless, he was able to combine creativity with passion.

For his professional merits and contributions to the Italian economy and industry, Alberto Candela was awarded the prestigious title of “Cavaliere del Lavoro” (Italian state honour for contributions to industry), a testament to the value and significance of his efforts.

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F.I.L.A. (Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini), founded in Florence in 1920 and managed since 1956 by the Candela family, is a highly consolidated, dynamic and innovative Italian industrial enterprise and continues to grow market share. F.I.L.A. has been listed on EXM – Euronext STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange since November 2015. The company, with revenue of Euro 612.6 million in 2024, has grown significantly over the last twenty years and has achieved a series of strategic acquisitions, including the Italian Adica Pongo, the US Dixon Ticonderoga Company and Pacon Group, the German LYRA, the Mexican Lapiceria Mexicana, the English Daler-Rowney Lukas and the French Canson, founded by the Montgolfier family in 1557. F.I.L.A. is an icon of Italian creativity globally through its colouring, drawing, modelling, writing and painting tools, thanks to brands such as Giotto, Tratto, Das, Didò, Pongo, Lyra, Doms, Maimeri, Daler-Rowney, Canson, Princeton, Strathmore and Arches. Since its foundation, F.I.L.A. has chosen to focus on growth through continuous innovation, both in technological and product terms, in order to enable individuals to express their ideas and talent through tools of exceptional quality. In addition, F.I.L.A. and the Group companies work together with the Institutions to support educational and cultural projects which promote creativity and expression among individuals and make culture accessible to all. F.I.L.A. currently operates through 22 production facilities across the globe and employs over 3,300.

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