

## Focus Components area

Focus Components is the new "business event" created within Xylexpo 2020; organized in collaboration with Made expo, it is an exhibition area dedicated to semifinished materials, components and consumables for furniture, a world-class showcase to exhibit your production and provide visitors - mostly furniture manufacturers - with an all-round view of the entire wood value chain.

Focus Components is a turning point for Xylexpo, a real platform for the Production "4.0" of furniture and interior decorations with a focus on the industry, while offering an opportunity of in-depth information and professional update to architects and designers.

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## Giampiero Mauri innovation center trade day

Some forty agents and distributors from all over the world met last December at the headquarters of Giardina Group in Figino Serenza, in the province of Como.

There are many reasons behind the choice to invite their distribution network to Italy, to the factory where finishing and drying equipment is designed, manufactured and tested.

Most important is the 'official inauguration' for the 'Giampiero Mauri Innovation Center' business network, a 2,500-square-meter facility with meeting and training rooms surrounding a 1,500-square-meter showroom/workshop which includes all the operational technologies of the Giardina Group.

"This was a very important moment for us", declared Stefano and Riccardo Mauri, owners of the company. "We have put on display the fruit of a determined approach that allows us to have an effective centre where today all our skills are made explicit and available. A place that we have officially opened to our worldwide sales network because it is, and must always be, available to them,



so that they may illustrate what we know and what we can do to their customers".

This event ended an excellent 2019 for the group, which has seen a significant increase in sales, even at a time that many judged and experienced as being rather stable. "We have reached 20 million euros, and the orders we have for delivery

in the coming months are giving us a very positive outlook for 2020", added the two brothers.

"Our technologies and, more importantly, the quality of our excimer solutions allows us to be the ideal leading partner in many countries around the world today", commented Stefano Tibè, Giardina Group sales manager.

[www.giardinagroup.com](http://www.giardinagroup.com)

## 11th European TMT Workshop

In 2003, some years after the first introduction of thermally modified timber (TMT), the IHD started to organise the European TMT Workshop as a specific workshop focused to this material. In the same year, the European Conference on Wood Modification (ECWM) was established. Both conferences can look back to many successful events, but on the other hand, the technical and economic conditions of thermally and chemically modified wood changed continuously. For instance, a number of manufacturers appeared, but some disappeared.

After meanwhile 10 TMT Workshops, the time has come to rethink the concept, particularly in light of ECWM, with a very similar content and target group. In result, we decided to finish the TMT Workshop series and to merge it into ECWM in the near future.

This idea was proposed to the board of ECWM, together with the suggestion to organise the next but one ECWM conference 2022 in Dresden, as a joint conference. The Institute of Wood Technology Dresden (IHD) invites home and foreign speakers on 14 - 15 May 2020 to

the 11th European TMT Workshop to Dresden. Conference language is English.

*Registrations are possible not later than 4 May 2020 by using the online form.*

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