

Giardina Group Acquires Italian Finishing Machinery Firm De Stefani

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GIUSSANO, ITALY - Giardina Group, one of the best-known international brands for finishing solutions, has acquired De Stefani Valerio & C snc based in Giussano, Italy, a sanding equipment manufacturer specializing in profile edge sanders that has been operating for over 40 years all over the world. The deal was signed during the global lock down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We didn't stop and we also carried out this project, which we had been working on for some time," said Stefano Mauri, owner with his brother Riccardo of the Giardina Group. The company operates Louisville, KY-based **Giardina USA**. "We believe that it is in complex times like the one we are experiencing that companies must demonstrate that they have a project, a perspective, the strength to look ahead without waiting for interventions from governments and institutions. Never more than today is it fundamental to believe in your own strengths and ideas."

The analysis and evaluation processes that led to the integration between the teams have already been perfected, with a view to defining a complete production, management and commercial synergy. De Stefani will continue to operate at its headquarters in Giussano, with the coordination of Sara and Alessio De Stefani – sons of the founder Valerio – who will maintain the management of the production unit in coordination with the various leaders of the group activities.

"We will be stronger and have more resources to develop new products; we can count on a sales network that will open new markets and on a technical team that will contribute to our operations on an international level," the sellers said.

The acquisition of De Stefani opens a new chapter of the Giardina Group 2030, an industrial plan that the group says defines its strategies to face the markets with an increasingly articulated range of solutions, but above all with the skills and knowledge necessary to design and build machines and plants in the many sectors in which the group operates, from wood to glass, from plastic to automotive, from composites to aerospace.

Giardina Group says it is "an important stage in the finishing specialist's journey, which includes the recent inauguration of the 'Giampiero Mauri Innovation Center' and which takes place exactly ten years after the acquisition of Giardina Finishing by Mauri Macchine, the founding moment of Giardina Group today.



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