



Italian Association of Glass Processing Machinery and Accessory Suppliers

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Established in 1980 by a small group of businessmen, GIMAV -- the Association of Italian manufacturers and suppliers of machinery, equipment and special products for glass processing – is known today as a guiding force for the industry in Italy and abroad. Its underlying goals are to safeguard the best interests of the industry, to foster the growth and expansion of its business culture, and to carry out activities that boost and support promotion of the Italian product around the globe. In the years of its activity, Gimav has considerably strengthened its representative presence in the entire glass processing industry. Sales volume of GIMAV member companies makes up more than 80% of the overall turnover of Italian manufacturers of machinery, accessories and special glass-processing products. The value and reliability of the initiatives that form the core of the Association's activities are evidenced by the exceptionally high degree of member loyalty and constant growth of the membership base over the years.

Industry giants have taken their place alongside the founding members of the Association, but it is the small and medium-sized businesses that etched their likenesses upon the industry. Recognizing the importance of each member nurtures mutual respect and gives everyone the opportunity to participate in and contribute to the Association's political and management decisions -- a policy that has forged a cohesive group that wields some strong international muscle.

Member Companies

The Association groups 77 companies and manufacturing sites and is divided in the Flat glass and Hollow glass division.

The flat glass division comprises 63 members, 46 from the machinery and equipment sector and 17 from the accessories industry.

The hollow glass division comprises 14 companies, 13 of which are manufacturers of machinery and molds. Only one member works with both flat and hollow glass through separate corporate departments.

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Entirely owned by GIMAV, is **VITRUM**, the International trade show specialized in machinery, equipment and systems for flat, bent and hollow glass and in glass and processed products for industry.

The 17th edition, VITRUM 2011, will be held at Fiera Milano from 26th to 29th October.