ITALIAN TANNING INDUSTRY

In the past few years, the tanning districts, some of the most traditional manufacturing of finished leather in Europe, amounted to 35 million square meters.

On the left, main injury decreasing, while on the right, patients’ satisfaction increasing. Below you see the working spaces trend has been going down in the Italian tanneries. They are left empty. (Graphs according to data provided by INAIL, and depicted with regard to extensions and average values of the Italian tanneries, of the last five years, on a base of 1,000 employees)

ITALIAN LEATHER

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Italian leather Alliance spreads worldwide. You also personally see that in Milan, at Fashion Week, a library that puts together thousands of topics. The same goes for Fashion presentations, which take place, every year, all around the world – over 1,000 fashion week took part in it - style seminars held in different countries, in art, in fashion halls shows that every single day Italian leather is present.

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Looking at technology enhancement and manufacturing efficiency upgrading. In 2017, Italian tanneries implemented the industry a turning point, therefore taking advantage of an outstanding opportunity in terms of innovation. According to a survey carried out by UNIC, the associates of the Italian tanning industry have been rapidly involved in some investments in technology, and 27% more have planned their own in 2018.

Innovative and interconnected are of paramount importance to the future of the market, which requires higher flexibility, high productivity, top management control and immediate feedback. For Italian tanning industry, the future is now.

SAFE

CONTINUOUS MONITORING ALONGSIDE TIMELY COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY, ON THE JOB, ARE MANDATORY ASSETS OF ITALIAN TANNING INDUSTRY.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING

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METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

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As for some specific aspects, such as wastewater, economic figures, statistics about injuries, human resources, the database was completed with additional sources of information, aiming to give a more detailed picture of the situation. Data hereby highlighted refer to 2017 reporting, except for statistics about injuries (2016), which are provided by INAIL in their latest official report over the tanning industry.

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