

Mitsubishi Electric supports the Falcone Foundation to promote a culture of legality

Vimercate, July 10th, 2024 – Among Mitsubishi Electric's top priorities, beyond environmental protection through cutting-edge technology, is its responsibility to the communities where it operates. This commitment is reflected in various initiatives across different fields: from sports to cultural heritage preservation, from art to inclusion and education. It is in this spirit that the Japanese company has chosen to support the Falcone Foundation, particularly in the creation of the "Museum of the Present," dedicated to Giovanni Falcone, Paolo Borsellino, and all victims of the mafia.

Established in Palermo on 10th December 1992, the Foundation is dedicated to promoting a culture of legality and justice in society, especially among the younger generation, through research and study activities.

Located in the heart of old Palermo, just a few steps from the birthplaces of judges Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, the Municipality of Palermo and the Metropolitan City of Palermo have made Palazzo Jung available, where the Museum of the Present was inaugurated in May. This is the first such initiative in Europe, aiming to narrate the commitment of all those involved in the fight against the mafia by connecting their actions to the historical events of their time. The museum highlights how, then as now, overcoming the mafia's influence requires passion, commitment, and a culture rooted in community and individual action.

The museum includes a library with a selection of books from various disciplines, all centered around the fight against the mafia, and an exhibition space, the Gallery of the Present, where visitors can explore and understand the different stages of both public and institutional resistance to Cosa Nostra. There, it's also possible to visit the adjacent large garden.

Mitsubishi Electric supported the project both through a donation and by providing climate control for the building, in line with the "Mitsubishi Electric Climatizes Art" initiative. This program has seen the company involved in the creation or modernization of climate control systems in

important national museums, with the dual objective of enhancing the enjoyment of Italy's artistic heritage and promoting museum culture, while also contributing to the proper preservation of artworks.

“At Mitsubishi Electric, we share the values promoted by the Falcone Foundation: legality and justice, which are the pillars of our democracy, but also the preservation of historical memory, which is essential for understanding the present and imagining a fairer future. We are proud to support this important initiative. The inauguration of the Museum also provides a valuable opportunity to bring people, especially young people, closer to art, design, and culture, dimensions that enrich both individual lives and society. At Mitsubishi Electric, we have always supported events and activities in the world of art because we believe it is fundamental to human development and that it inspires positive concepts of inclusion and sustainability.” said **Mario Poltronieri**, President of Mitsubishi Electric's Italian branch.

The implementation of the climate control system was made possible thanks to the valuable and patient collaboration of our local partners: “Grippi Impianti” - represented by Antonello and Gabriele Grippi, “Airtec Rappresentanze” - represented by Andrea Ribaudò and Alessandro Brancato, and “arch&tech” - represented by engineers Fabrizio Anzaldi and Pietro Li Castri.

The Museum is part of the Falcone Foundation, with Maria Falcone as President and Vincenzo Di Fresco as the project's lead advisor, under the curation of Alessandro de Lisi.

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