

PRESS RELEASE

ESPANSIONE COMMERCIALE AT MAPIC 2006 (BOOTH 23.08)

Espansione Commerciale attends Mapic 2006 Edition with nine new Shopping Centres on letting and celebrates its birthday!

Milan, November 2006 – This year too, Espansione Commerciale is present to 2006 Mapic Edition which is held in Cannes from 15 to 17 November. Every year, on Mapic occasion, Espansione Commerciale presents in details all new projects to retailers and tenants, offering new opportunities to enlarge their national networks.

This year the Company based in Modena presents **nine new Shopping Centres**, from North to the South of Italy: "Villadolt", Shopping Centre in Fontanafredda (PN), "Valdossola" at Crevoladossola (VB), Udine Retail Park, in Udine, "Galliate Retail Park" at Galliate (NO), "Brindisi Shopping Centre", in Brindisi, "Emisfero" Shopping Centre located at Fiume Veneto (PN), "Fidenza Shopping Park" at Fidenza (PR), "Baggiovara" at Baggiovara (MO), "Le Cottoniere" in Salerno.

For some of these Shopping Centres the letting has already started but some of them are a very absolute novelty, presented for the first time at Mapic! For example, "**Villadolt Shopping Centre**", which will be built in Fontanafredda (PN): a very big and innovative project which is considered one of the most important of the North-East Area. This project will have 62.000 sq.mt. GLA, developed on 4 levels, one Hypermarket, 162 commercial units, shops and services, a Multiplex with 16 screens and two "leisure" areas of 3.500 sq.mt each, for family and fitness. The Centre will be completed with 4.200 parking places. The opening will be in 2009.

This Mapic Edition is a special one for Espansione also because on 7 November 2006 the Company has celebrated 20 years' activity.

"20 years of activity is surely a good goal, above all if I think that our enthusiasm and passion in this work are the same as ever" – says Mario Taccini, Espansione Commerciale's Managing Director- "Since 1986 things have surely changed and now there is more competition. But, in spite of the changing scenario and the difficulty to work always at one's best - goes on Taccini – my staff and I still enjoy ourselves in looking for the most suitable management formula, the most profitable layout, the most up-to-date brands because we have always believe in and we will go on this way".

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