



Success edition for Marca by BolognaFiere 2024 Save the date on January 15th and 16th, 2025

The 20th edition of Marca closes with a visit from Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Minister for Cohesion Raffaele Fitto and ICE - Agency General Director Lorenzo Galanti. Unprecedented success for the only Italian event dedicated to the Private label. More than 20.000 visitors, 1.100 exhibitors, 22 exhibiting Retailer chains, 7 halls covering a net area of 26.000 square metres and more than 250 hosted buyers from 30 countries.

Curtain comes down on the twentieth edition of Marca by BolognaFiere and the number of visitors is exploding: more than 20.000, up 18% compared to 2023. Record-breaking numbers that match the growth in exhibitors – 1.100 in total - for a net exhibition area of 26.000 m2 (+26%). In the International Buyers Lounge more than 2.400 business meetings were organised and surveyed between the 250 foreign buyers attending the event and the exhibiting companies.

Organised in collaboration with **ADM - Associazione Distribuzione Moderna** and under the patronage of the **Emilia-Romagna Region** and the **Bologna Chamber of Commerce**, **Marca by BolognaFiere** is the highlight of the private label market, which in 2023 posted a record turnover of 25.4 billion euro, or 31.5% of the turnover of the Modern Distribution market.

Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, together with the Minister for Cohesion Raffaele Fitto, Deputy Transport Minister Galeazzo Bignami, and ICE Agency Director General Lorenzo Galanti, arrived on the occasion of the visit to confirm the centrality of the sector. Other speakers on the opening day included Francesco Lollobrigida, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry (video-message), Valentino Valentini, Deputy Minister for Business and Made in Italy, and Stefano Bonaccini, President of the Emilia-Romagna Region. The heads of the main trade associations were also present, including Ettore Prandini, President Coldiretti, Maria Grazia Mammuccini, President FederBio and Nicoletta Maffini, President AssoBio.

The 2024 edition of Marca also had record numbers in communication: over **750 journalists** accredited to the event, the website counted **150.000 visits** in the last six months from **70.000 unique users**, and in the first **15** days of January alone, **2 million page views**. The Exhibitors' Catalogue was consulted 400.000 times. Social views exceeded **350.000 impressions** in the last quarter. Finally, Marca by BolognaFiere is the leading agrifood exhibition in Italy on LinkedIn.

The meeting with the next edition of Marca by BolognaFiere is 15 and 16 January 2025.

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