

SCM Group continues its unrelenting race towards its 700 million revenue goal line and ‘plays’ at the Hamburg Philharmonic Hall.

For the Rimini-based colossus also the year 2017 closes with a positive balance sheet, with a double-digit growth rate in annual revenues and major investments in territories where it has been operating.

SCM Group continues to grow, and its 2017 revenues are estimated at 650 million euro with an ever-growing orders portfolio. A success which confirms the SCM Group growth trend of recent years. The Group was established around the Rimini-based SCM company, which back in 1952 invented the first SCM woodworking machine and later diversified its operations and entered other industrial sectors – from the processing of composites and plastics to metal, aluminium, glass and stone.

For all Group companies, the transformation of materials has for over 65 years been a mission as well as a passion, which guided its choices regarding acquisitions and territorial expansion with a view to continuously improve the quality of its products and services.

SCM Group has always believed and invested in the territories where it has been operating. This year, too, it confirmed this commitment by inaugurating a new production area in Zogno (BG), reviving a 20,000 sq m manufacturing centre in order to increase production of CMS special machines. CMS is a Bergamo-based company which for 15 years has been the pride of the Group, focusing on the processing of advanced materials, plastics, glass, metal and stone, used in the automotive and aerospace industries for example.

SCM Group investments do not stop at the Italian border but also cross the Alps – acquiring Hg Grimme, in partnership with the founder of that German company which specialises in designing and building machines that process plastics and composites; or opening new branches such as the one inaugurated in Vancouver, Western Canada, in November – demonstrating its desire to be ever closer to customers in order to provide prompt and efficient service.

All our achievements in recent years have been the result of a unique mix of strategy and commitment in multiple areas. Among these, human resources have been the key, demonstrating that Italian companies, and SCM Group in particular, *can* invent and innovate while operating around the entire world. In the last year hundreds have been hired, bringing the total number of SCM Group workers, both in Italy and abroad, to over 3,500.

These are men and women coming with a variety of skills and experiences – to breathe new life into the Group's knowledge and contribute to the extensive skills and know-how acquired by the company over the years – and who thus help nurture the organisation's international culture and allow it to better compete in an ever more challenging global market.

Always on the lookout for new talent, SCM Group has stepped up its presence in schools and universities by participating in many open days in such institutions, both national and international, organising courses of professional education such as the **Digital Innovation Graduate Programme**, an elaborate programme that is part of a **Digital Master's Studies** course developed in collaboration with partners and leading universities. The selection process culminated in late November when the final tests were performed directly at the Group's Rimini headquarters, to expose the candidates to an actual workplace. The finalists then signed a permanent work contract and thus effectively joined the *Digital Innovation Graduate Programme*.

And 'Digital', with a capital D, is an element of vital daily importance at the SCM Group.

Demonstrating this 'Digital' approach, the Group will organise the **SCM Digital Days**, 25 to 27 January 2018, at the SCM Technology Centre, at the recently renovated Rimini headquarters. Three days with a packed schedule of events and activities during which SCM, the world-leading producer of woodworking machines, will present its technological and digital solutions to its national and international customers: concrete solutions that meet customers' needs, offering them a real return on investment.

Turnkey solutions, integrated and fully automated systems, such as the one shown in Hanover during the most important trade fair of the wood industry, Ligna 2017, where SCM displayed in grand style over 60 different machines and hosted numerous events with industry experts in a 4,000 sq m stand, which combined unique elegance and design to form a perfect setting for the best the wood industry can offer today.

On display were solid machines that allow SCM Group customers to deliver such great projects as the interior wall cladding in the new **Hamburg Philharmonic Concert Hall**, using the so-called "white skin" with its superior acoustic characteristics that ensure evenly-distributed and brilliant sound in every corner of the hall. Two years of work, 10,000 panels of varying design and a final outcome of exceptional sound quality.

Just one of many extraordinary outcomes which SCM Group's Made-in-Italy technology has helped achieve in every corner of the globe.

SCM Group is a technological world leader in processing a wide variety of materials: wood, plastics, glass, stone, metal and composites used in industrial components. The Group companies, operating throughout the world, are reliable partners of leading companies in various market sectors, including the furniture, construction, automotive, aerospace, shipbuilding and plastic processing industries.

SCM Group coordinates, supports and develops a system of industrial excellence in 3 large highly specialised production centres employing more than 3,500 workers and operating in all five continents.

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