



Luxottica restores Venice's Accademia Bridge

The Group donates 1.7 million Euro to the City of Venice for the restoration and the subsequent maintenance of the Bridge

Milan, Italy – May 26th, 2015 - Luxottica Group will support the restoration of Venice's Accademia Bridge, among the most popular symbols of the lagoon city, with a donation of 1.7 million Euro to the City of Venice to cover the costs of the entire project and the future maintenance work.

Built in 1932, the Accademia Bridge is the only wooden bridge crossing the Grand Canal with its great arch of 48 meters. One of the most used by the Venetians with 8 million people a year passing through it, the bridge leads to another symbol of Venetian art and culture: the Accademia Gallery.

"Luxottica is proud to participate in the realization of this important project, which will return to the Venetians and all tourists a city landmark in its original beauty," said Leonardo Del Vecchio, Luxottica's Chairman. "Today we are a global company, but our roots are in the Veneto Region where it all started. This donation is a gesture of affection for Venice and for our homeland".

"The decision to finance the restoration of one of the city's symbolic bridges is a tangible sign of Luxottica's commitment to the social, cultural and economic life of the Venetian community. The donation to the City of Venice reflects our passion for art and the Italian beauty we bring the world every day through our products" said Luigi Francavilla, Luxottica's Deputy Chairman.

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