

ITALMOPA ALIGNS WITH CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY LOS ANGELES, ITALIAN TRADE AGENCY AND U.S. INDUSTRY LEADERS TO PROMOTE 'PURE FLOUR FROM EUROPE' PROGRAM

At exclusive dinner at Drago Centro in Los Angeles, Pure Flour from Europe presented its campaign to expand collaboration among U.S. food media, content creators and chefs.

LOS ANGELES, March 25, 2023 — The Italian Milling Industry Association (ITALMOPA) hosted nearly 50 Italian dignitaries and U.S. food industry leaders at a March 7, 2023, dinner to celebrate its Pure Flour from Europe program. Co-funded by the European Union, ITALMOPA's program promotes the superior quality, safety and versatility of Italian and European organic flour and semolina.

"The European milling industry combines traditional skills with advanced technology and the highest safety standards," said ITALMOPA President Andrea Valente. "Specifically, the Italian milling sector's universally recognized excellence stems from centuries of experience and mastery that has produced the best grain selection. Today, the range of available flours is wider than ever, thanks to the miller's ability to identify, select, mix and transform the best varieties of wheat to produce flours suitable for different uses."

At the event, attendees experienced the excellence and versatility of Italian organic flour and semolina during a cocktail reception and three-course tasting menu curated by Chef Celestino Drago. Tray-passed canapés featured Kamut wheat flour,





courtesy of Molino Grassi, organic soft wheat flour, courtesy of Molino Casillo and semolina, courtesy of Molino De Vita. The seated dinner featured traditional Italian recipes and modern interpretations of classic dishes, such as pappa al pomodoro with organic semolina bread, cavatelli di semola alla carbonara and gnocchi alla romana.

Representing ITALMOPA, Manuela Barzan welcomed guests and presented the rich history of Italian's milling industry as well as the modern innovations that ensure EU flour leads the world in food safety and environmental sustainability. The newly appointed Consul General of Italy in Los Angeles, Raffaella Valentini, recognized Italy as one of the leading international producers of organic flour and semolina and encouraged the industry leaders, chefs, media and influencers to embrace EU flour for its value, ease of use and reliability.

About ITALMOPA

Founded in 1958 and based in Rome, ITALMOPA represents 82 companies across Italy that mill soft and durum wheat for the production of flour and semolina for pasta, breads, pastries, pizza and more.

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