

## **EDISON CONTINUES AND STRENGTHENS ITS COLLABORATION WITH LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA AND IMPLEMENTS A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECT AT THE CORDERIE DELL'ARSENALE**

*Edison, which in 2018 committed itself to a virtuous path towards sustainability and the efficient use of resources together with La Biennale di Venezia, is back with renewed energy for the 17th International Architecture Exhibition «How will we live together?», implementing energy efficiency improvement operations at the Corderie dell'Arsenale: electricity consumption will be reduced by over 70% and 22 tons less of CO<sub>2</sub> will be emitted into the atmosphere per year.*

Venice, February 27, 2020 - Edison strengthens its collaboration with La Biennale di Venezia and its city, supporting the 17th International Architecture Exhibition «How will we live together?», providing, for the second edition running, its energy to one of the most prestigious and important cultural events in the world. Energy and its use are one of the seminal elements of architecture and contemporary living. Edison provides the Exhibition and the hosting City of Venice with its excellent competencies, with concrete energy efficiency improvement operations, like the solution implemented in the historic fourteenth century building, Corderie dell'Arsenale, in 2020.

*“We are honoured to continue our collaboration with La Biennale di Venezia. Architecture and sustainable development are inextricably bound together. We constantly strive to engage in dialogue with those who conceive, design and manage facilities and functions. **Nicola Monti**, CEO of Edison declares - This is why we want to continue to play our part and support the debate on the central values of architecture as well as the real and lasting contribution architecture makes towards the well-being of people in their everyday lives.”*

In 2018 Edison executed an innovative energy diagnosis of the Exhibition's most energy intensive and high-impact facilities, in order to identify ways of improving energy use, thanks to the IoT and evolved modelling techniques. Edison's high-efficiency solution applied to the Corderie dell'Arsenale significantly reduces energy consumptions at the facility. The project preserves the original industrial aesthetics of this splendid fourteenth century building consisting of a 320 metre long body divided into three naves, each with two rows of columns supporting two galleries covering the side naves, once used for the spinning of ropes. The revamping project will be inaugurated during the *17th International Architecture Exhibition*. The adopted solution will enable a reduction of over 70% in electricity consumption and prevent the emission of 22 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year into the atmosphere.

Edison is taking part in the *17th International Architecture Exhibition* providing smart stations equipped with energy recharging points and free WiFi so that visitors can relax and recharge their batteries, in a sustainable way.

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