

INTESA SANPAOLO MAIN PARTNER FOR MIART 2019

This year the **Intesa Sanpaolo Group** returns as the **Main Partner for miart 2019**, the international modern and contemporary art fair which will take place in Milan from 5 to 7 April. Internationalism, excellence and a focus on the country's cultural growth are the values which link the Bank to the event.

Intesa Sanpaolo has been actively involved in supporting art and culture in Italy for many years, and its **Historic, Archaeological and Artistic Heritage Department** prepares the extensive **“Progetto Cultura”** programme every three years with these aims in mind. On display at Intesa Sanpaolo's three museums in **Milan, Naples and Vicenza** (known collectively as **“Gallerie d'Italia”**) is a selection of over 30,000 artworks owned by the Group, from archaeological artefacts to contemporary pieces: in Naples, Caravaggio's masterpiece *The Martyrdom of Saint Ursula* and a body of southern Italian artworks from the 17th to the early 20th century; in Vicenza, ceramics from Attica and Magna Graecia, 18th century Venetian paintings and Russian icons; and in Milan, Italian collections from the 19th century and the second half of the 20th century. As well as its permanent displays, Progetto Cultura also curates **temporary exhibitions** at the Gallerie d'Italia as part of original research projects, including loans and exchanges with leading Italian and international museums. In this respect, a particular emphasis is placed on **promoting 20th century and contemporary art**, with exhibitions featuring the Agrati collection, artworks by Galliani, Pinelli and Ghitti in Milan, “London shadow” in Naples, loans of works by Boccioni to the Estorick collection in London, and loans of pieces by Fontana to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Progetto Cultura also includes the **Restituzioni** programme, which has been supporting the restoration of Italy's artistic heritage in association with ministerial conservation organisations since 1989. As well as this, the Group **extensively supports Italy's major museums, cultural institutions and initiatives**, from theatre and music, to exhibitions and festivals, with a particular focus on supporting books and reading. The **Officina delle idee (Workshop of Ideas)** project aims to provide young people, graduates and post-graduates with valuable vocational training in the art world.

In recognition of its work, the Intesa Sanpaolo Group was named “Patron of the 21st Century” by Italy's Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities at the Corporate Art Awards.

The Group's involvement in **miart 2019** is boosted by the presence of **Intesa Sanpaolo Private Banking**, which has always had its finger on the pulse of the art world. From the Group's stand at the event, it will be offering innovative, wide-ranging solutions for wealth management in all its forms, with a particular emphasis on its **art advisory service**.

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