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Official Italian participation in Aeromart Montréal 2025

Montréal - Sixteen Italian companies will take center stage at the official Italian pavilion during Aeromart, an exclusive event taking place at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal, where aerospace companies meet based on predefined meeting agendas. The initiative is organized by the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) for the promotion and internationalization of Italian companies.

The 16 Italian companies (list below) boast extensive expertise in the aerospace sector, operating in sub-sectors such as engineering, automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, mechanical processing, raw and finished components, assembly, testing, laser drilling and welding, quality control, surface treatment, mechanical and 3D prototyping, production systems, special processes, integrated aerostructure assembly, aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), and electronic and digital systems.

Now in its ninth edition, the event will begin on March 25 with a conference dedicated to supply chains and will continue on March 26 and 27 with an exhibition and B2B sessions.

The Italian participation at Aeromart Montréal is strategic, given the global recognition of the Canadian aerospace industry for its advanced technology production and development, contributing CAD 29 billion to the country's GDP (about 1.35%). The sector's specialization and wide product coverage enable Canada to produce aircraft and components on a large scale, positioning the country as a global leader, especially in exports.

Aerospace activities in Canada are primarily concentrated in Montréal (Québec), Toronto (Ontario), and Winnipeg (Manitoba). Montréal, in particular, is regarded as one of the world's leading hubs for aerospace innovation, both in terms of product quality and the number of innovative companies.

On March 27, a round table entitled "Italy-Québec: A Space for Opportunities" will take place at Hôtel Monville (1041 Rue de Bleury, Montreal) starting at 6:00 p.m. The event, organized by the Consulate General of Italy, with the support of ITA, will feature the Italian research center CIRA, the Quebec research center CRIAQ, the Aéromontréal cluster, the Campania region, and ANSER (Emilia-Romagna region). This dialogue between Italian and Canadian aerospace players aims to foster new collaborations. To participate, registration is required via **montreal.eventi@esteri.it**.

On March 28, the Québec government, in collaboration with ITA, will host a presentation for Italian companies on the Espace Aéro cluster in Longueuil. This will be followed by visits to the Longueuil innovation zone and the Airbus A220 Center of Excellence in Mirabel.

Marco Saladini, Director of ITA offices in Canada, notes: "The Italian delegation at Aeromart 2025 covers a broad range of sectors, offering high-quality products and services that are exempt from duties thanks to the EU-Canada free trade agreement (CETA). The presence of associations and institutions, as well as investments from Italian companies in Canada, highlights the significant interest that the Canadian aerospace sector holds for Italy. ICE is available to promote new collaborations between Italian and Canadian companies, as the two countries' production systems are highly complementary."

For social media posts, please use the hashtag **#ItalyatAeromartMTL**.

For further information and materials on the initiative, please contact the ICE office in Montréal (+1 514 284-0265 - montreal@ice.it) and/or visit the dedicated page on the ICE institutional portal (<https://www.ice.it/en/markets/canada/aeromart-2025>).

ANNEX 1

CANADIAN INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

- Approximately 10% of the industry's spending in 2024 was earmarked for the adoption of innovative technologies such as automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, and drones, with a growing focus on sustainable development and reducing carbon emissions.
- The aerospace industry contributed \$30.5 billion to Canada's GDP in 2024, up from \$28.9 billion in 2023.
- Total Canadian aerospace industry revenues reached approximately \$32 billion, a 4% increase compared to 2023 with most revenues stemming from the production of aircraft, components and space technologies.
- The sector created 225,000 jobs nationwide, including approximately 90,000 direct jobs and 135,000 indirect jobs, marking a 3% increase over 2023.
- The sector's exports exceeded \$20.3 billion in 2024, a significant 6% growth from the previous year's \$19 billion. The primary export destinations were the United States, Europe and Asia.
- Research and Development (R&D) investment exceeded \$2.1 billion in 2024, returning to pre-pandemic levels and solidifying Canada's leadership in R&D among manufacturing sectors.
- The Canadian government supports the aerospace industry with R&D programs and tax incentives for technological innovation. Public-private partnerships are common, especially in space exploration and defense programs. Canada also invests in the training of aerospace engineers and technicians through institutions such as Polytechnique de Montréal, the Institut de recherche aérospatiale du CNRC (National Research Council Canada), and other universities with advanced programs in aerospace engineering.
- Major companies operating in the Montréal region include Bombardier, a manufacturer of regional and business jets; CAE, a world leader in flight simulators and pilot training; Pratt & Whitney Canada, a manufacturer of aircraft and drone engines; and MDA, a leader in space technologies, famous for the Canadarm and satellite communications.

ANNEX 2

OFFICIAL ITALIAN PAVILION AT AEROMART 2025

PARTICIPATING COMPANIES AND CONSORTIA

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Anser Consorzio aeronautica e spazio Emilia-Romagna	www.anser-it.it
Apostoli Daniele	www.apostoli.it
Comair	www.comair.it
Com.Stamp.	www.comstamp.it
Fabrica machinale	www.roboticom.it
Fidia	www.fidia.com
Htt - centro affilatura	www.htt.tools/
I.r.c.a. industria resistenze corazzate e affini	www.zoppasindustries.com
I.m.a.	www.lmasrl.com
Laga	www.laga.it
Lincotek Rubbiano	www.lincotek.com
O.v.s. Villella	www.ovsvillella.it
N.c.m.	www.ncmonline.it
Parpas	www.gruppoparpas.com/
Tema energy	www.tema-energy.it