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Introduction

ITA – Italian Trade Agency is the Government agency that supports the international development of Italian companies and promotes the attraction of foreign investment in Italy, in line with the strategies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. ITA works to develop, facilitate and promote Italy’s economic and trade relations worldwide, with a strong focus on SMEs, innovative enterprises, and strategic partnerships.

Supporting startups and high-growth companies is an integral part of ITA’s mission. Each year, the Agency accompanies hundreds of Italian startups and scaleups along their internationalization paths, offering tailored services, global visibility at leading innovation events, and connections with foreign investors, accelerators, and corporate partners. Through these initiatives, ITA actively contributes to strengthening Italy’s innovation ecosystem and positioning Italian technological excellence on the global stage.

With headquarters in Rome and an office in Milan, ITA operates through a wide network of overseas offices under the coordination of Italian diplomatic missions, working closely with Regions, Chambers of Commerce, trade associations, and public and private stakeholders.

In 2026, ITA takes part in Podim for the fourth time, reaffirming its long-term commitment to this leading innovation and startup conference. On this occasion, ITA supports a selected group of eleven Italian startups, providing them with an international showcase to present cutting-edge solutions, build strategic connections, and explore new business opportunities.



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Aenergy Power

AENERGY POWER design gravitational storage systems that capture and store energy normally dispersed in seaports, construction sites, industrial plants and energy communities. We generate energy from the kinetic movement of large lifting machines, storing it to be available precisely when needed. Our solutions include Temporary Microgrids for construction sites and Stable Grids for maritime ports, ensuring constant energy and maximizing the efficiency of renewable sources such as wind and sun.

Our solutions
FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES
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FOR ENERGY COMMUNITIES

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ArtCentrica

AI ArtCentrica Stories: an innovative tool that turns ultra-high-res artworks into interactive multimedia narratives. Teachers, students and art curators can blend AI analysis with human creativity to craft immersive, interdisciplinary stories, boosting critical thinking and soft skills. AI ArtCentrica Stories is a unique educational tool where human and artificial intelligence converge to create interactive multimedia narratives, as seen in "Renaissance and the Silk Road": <https://tinyurl.com/3dnzxv5z>

AI ArtCentrica Stories are integrated also in ArtCentrica EDU, a cloud application with more than 8,000 artworks, from 22 global museums (Uffizi Galleries, MET, ...) with images up to 10 GigaPixel. See the one minute demo video <https://vimeo.com/1134198304>

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CapTop

Where batteries reach their limits (handling high power transients, ensuring safety, and sustaining extreme cycling) supercapacitor (SC) technology unlocks new performance. CapTop delivers scalable, high power energy storage solutions, from standard modules to fully customized systems for grid protection, data centers, e-mobility and hard to abate sectors. Its advanced portfolio combines SC and hybrid SC-battery BESS, merging ultra fast response with efficient energy buffering. His academic background forms the foundation for the research and development activities currently underway, which are aimed at improving sustainability, efficiency, and cost competitiveness over the next 12 to 18 months.

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Chef Marketplace

Chef Marketplace is a B2B2C SaaS platform transforming the fragmented €260B European foodservice market into a unified digital infrastructure. It connects restaurants and specialty food retailers with SME producers through one integrated system for sourcing, ordering, payments and logistics.

Its dual-mode model combines an open marketplace for customer acquisition with private B2B stores to manage existing relationships. Built-in B2C tools (digital menus, online ordering, payments) help restaurants increase revenues and customer engagement.

Asset-light and API-first, the platform scales across markets without physical infrastructure, while AI improves discovery, reordering and operational efficiency.

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eMomentum

eMomentum delivers an AI-powered, end-to-end solution that combines predictive maintenance with energy intelligence for electric motor-driven equipment. Using non invasive wireless sensors, proprietary physics based models, and continuous support from certified vibration analysts, we detect early mechanical degradation, quantify its impact on energy efficiency, and help industrial operators prioritize maintenance based on operational risk, economic return, and CO2 reduction. The solution reduces unexpected downtime, maintenance costs, and energy waste, while improving reliability and sustainability across industrial operations.

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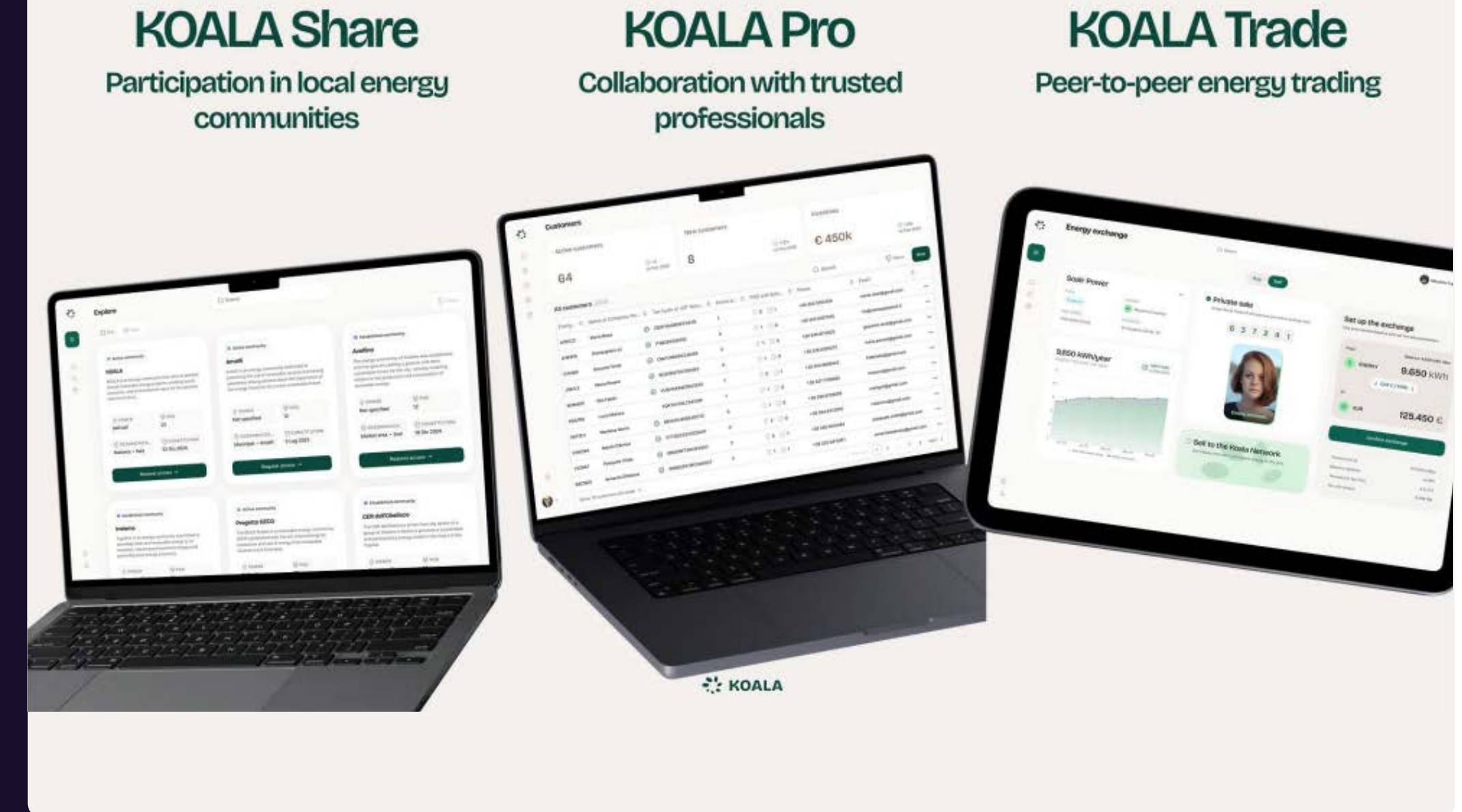
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Koala

Koala develops integrated digital and consulting solutions to accelerate the energy transition and enable smarter, decentralized infrastructures. Its platform combines data analytics, automation and user-centric tools to optimize energy production, consumption and economic value across distributed systems. By connecting public entities, businesses and individuals, Koala enhances operational efficiency, supports data-driven decision-making and unlocks new value streams. The solution is designed to be scalable, interoperable and adaptable to different regulatory and market contexts, positioning Koala as an enabler of next-generation energy and digital ecosystems.

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Loki

LOKI has created a moving anomaly detection system for road and sidewalk monitoring. The plug-and-play hardware uses up to 3 cameras and captures images and data at speeds of up to 130 km/h, which the AI anonymizes on-edge and analyzes in the cloud. With Asfalto Sicuro®, we detect defects (potholes, cracks), as well as vertical and horizontal signage. With AIPECRA, we identify architectural barriers near pedestrian crossings. The data is authenticated and therefore suitable for insurance purposes, with an accuracy of 20 cm. By combining satellite, weather, and traffic data, it is possible to predict the evolution and emergence of new defects, minimizing the number of surveys required.

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Rehabilia Technologies

PhiCube by Rehabilia Technologies is a modular robotic platform designed to transform play into powerful developmental experiences for children with developmental disorders. Recognizing that movement drives learning, PhiCube addresses the critical gap in adaptive play-based tools through its innovative features: bilateral interaction capabilities that stimulate brain interhemispheric communication, enhancing both motor and cognitive development; engaging gamified experiences that transform skill-building exercises into motivating play sessions; and a modular, compact design that ensures transportability and flexible use across different environments. PhiCube aims to reduce barriers to play-based educational tools, expanding opportunities for children with diverse developmental needs.

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Rexilience

mySCORE is a SaaS platform by Rexilience that provides a continuous monitoring of an organization's cybersecurity posture, delivering actionable and transparent results. It's based on 3 pillars: a structured assessment questionnaire aligned with leading cybersecurity frameworks; a vulnerability assessment that analyses the external attack surface simulating real-world attacker behaviour; an OSINT component that searches public sources and the dark web for leaked credentials, host reputation issues and sensitive data exposure.

Results are delivered within hours, along with a PDF report and remediation Solution Cards. Vulnerabilities and OSINT findings are tracked monthly, making mySCORE ideal for self-assessment, third-party risk management and supply chain security monitoring.

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Spaider

SPAIDER is an AI-powered engineering platform designed to accelerate and enhance industrial simulation processes, which are often slow and computationally intensive. Rather than replacing existing tools, it leverages a company's historical engineering and simulation data to deliver faster performance predictions, real-time insights, up to a 70% reduction in new product development.

A key strength of SPAIDER is its ability to generate AI models from existing simulation datasets also using generative AI to accelerate data creation allowing faster iteration and enhanced predictive capabilities without disrupting established engineering workflows.

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Youmarell

Youmarell is a web platform for construction site visibility that revolutionizes the way to experience and learn more about the world of constructions. Each company and municipality can have its account and create its own page showcasing the development of construction sites it has worldwide and to all citizens. Through images, timelapse videos, podcasts and contents about construction sites, many professionals and people can experience the world of construction sites everywhere from any device. Privacy remains always a priority: sensitive data are blurred according to GDPR guidelines. The whole world of constructions could be seen from now on from Youmarell streaming platform.

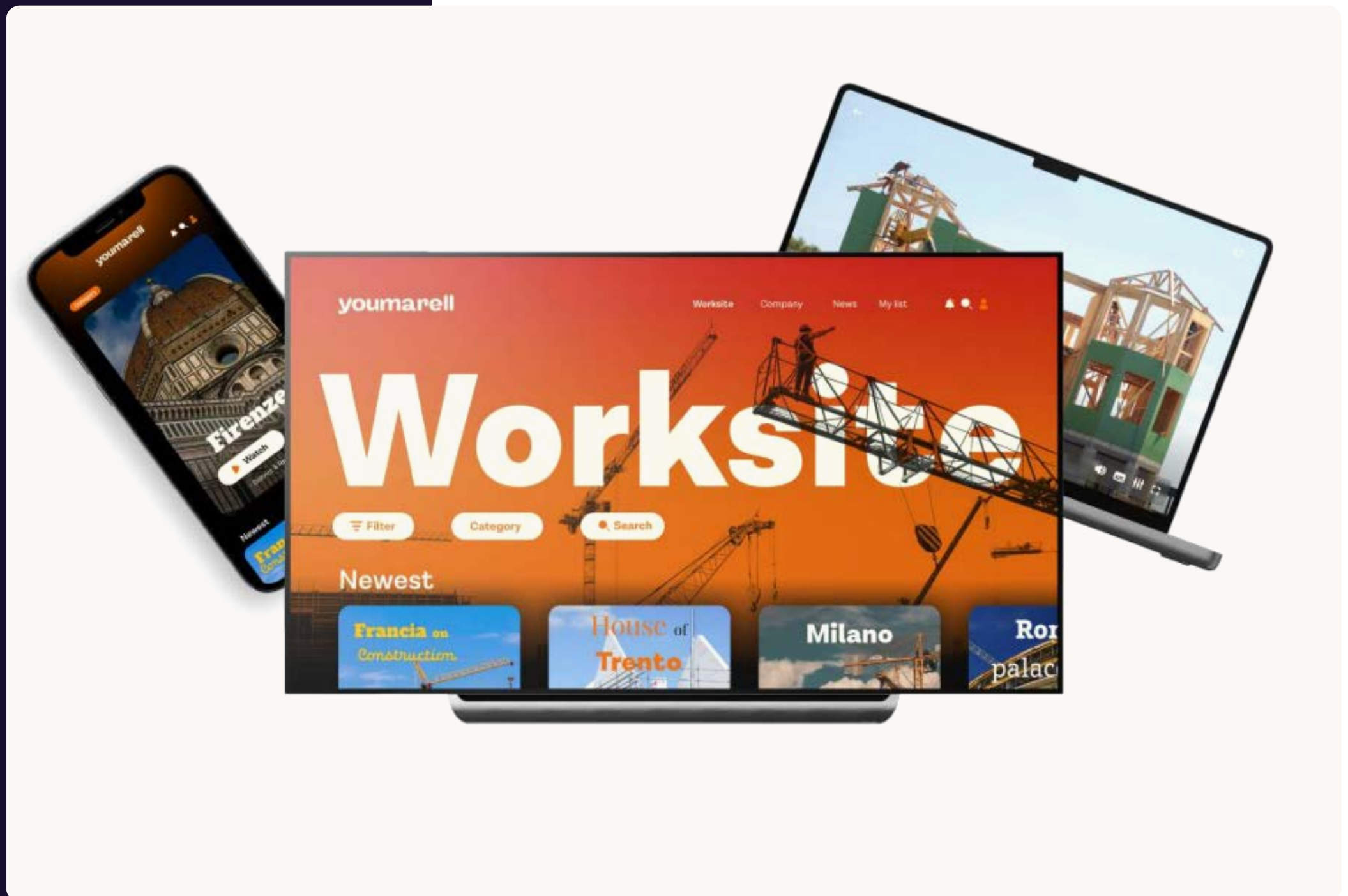
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