

■ Ocrim completes mill expansion for Molini Valente

CREMONA, ITALY — Molini Valente SpA recently started a 250-tpd soft wheat milling line, integrated into its existing production architecture in Felizzano, Alessandria, Italy, by Cremona-based Ocrim.

The six-story mill receives wheat from the already operational and upgraded cleaning section, guiding it through the milling process up to the storage silos. The objective is to enable the flexible production of different types of flour using a milling diagram distinct from that of the existing section, organizing production into successive batches to be stored in silos. The plant produces high-quality flours for a wide range



of bakery applications, ensuring maximum food safety and full traceability.

“This new step in increasing production capacity represents the completion of a growth path that has involved not only volumes, but also the value and quality of our products,” said Andrea Valente, chief executive officer of Molini Valente and past president of Italmopa, an Italian mill-

ing association. “A path that had already been outlined during the company’s design phase, starting from the construction of the Felizzano milling plant. Today, this milestone confirms the soundness and forward-looking vision of the original project and at the same time provides the foundation on which we can build the next phases of development, focused on innovation and continuous improvement.”

For Ocrim, the Felizzano plant is not simply a production site. Since 1999 — the year in which the first 400-tpd milling plant, complete with its building, was constructed — it has represented a benchmark. Over time, it has become a frequent stop for technical visitors and clients whom Ocrim accompanies in discovering its most significant projects.

Operational management, entrusted to Lorenzo Cavalli,



keeps alive a tradition built on precision and continuity. Perhaps the most interesting aspect is the relationship — solid, discreet and concrete — between Andrea Valente and Alberto Antolini, CEO of Ocrim, the company said. The partnership has, over time, created common ground based on vision, foresight and reliability.

One of the unique features of the expansion is the way it has been integrated: like a new movement within an already complex organism, Ocrim said. It is a structure that fits into a well-established flow while simultaneously enhancing and improving it.

“It represents the sum of many elements: know-how, technical dialogue, shared history, and professional continuity which, in the milling sector, carries as much weight as an official certification,” Ocrim said. “This new milling line sends a strong signal — not so much of change as of evolutionary continuity. Molini Valente increases and refines its production capacity, while Ocrim confirms a design approach that places customer relationships at the forefront.

“And when a partnership lasts more than 20 years, there is no need to celebrate it: it simply becomes something to build upon, piece by piece, just like plants designed to stand the test of time.”