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This Spring is an important season for **Ocrim** and **Bonifiche Ferraresi**, who have worked hard, merging their expertise and knowledge together, for the study, design and construction of the **Milling Hub**, a mill complex located at the canal port of Cremona (Italy).

It is a 5-storey building, designed for two durum wheat grinding lines with a capacity of 150 T / 24h each. The whole complex, starting from the reception and pre-cleaning of the grain, up to the shipment of the finished product, was set up with the latest generation Ocrim machines. In particular, for each plant, there are 8 roller mills, 9 purifiers and a modular plansifter with 10 channels for processing wheat.

From left, Alberto Antolini and Federico Vecchioni, respectively CEO at Ocrim and CEO at Bonifiche Ferraresi.



In order to obtain an excellent final product, in line with what is required by the user of the semolina and meeting the most restrictive rules related to sanitation, all the drop pipes and the pneumatic system were made of stainless steel. The milling plant is equipped with an air treatment unit that regulates the temperature and humidity inside the building, helping to improve the yield and the final product quality. The



air treatment unit also allows the hot air produced by the mill itself to be recycled, thus allowing energy optimization, contemplated by the photovoltaic system, which is also already provided. Finally, the mill is also equipped with a centralized cleaning system on the floors, for further attention to hygiene and health.

The Milling Hub is an important investment for those who decide to use it. The “founding idea” of this project is to fortify and support the Italian agri-food chain, giving the possibility to food industries, without their own milling plant, to have in a short time a custom-



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ized plant and also all the technical and technological skills of the Ocrim and Bonifiche Ferraresi teams. They will be guaranteed a traced and certified excellent final product, thanks to an accurate control by the The Italian Agri-Food Chain Choice, of which Ocrim was the founder, together with Bonifiche Ferraresi and other Italian companies. Furthermore, in line with the project and taking advantage of the structure itself, the **Milling Hub Masterclass** training center will soon be available: an academic facility/school capable of guaranteeing a cutting-edge training that focuses on the knowledge of seeds, through the SIS (Società Italiana Sementi) of San Lazzaro di Savena, up to the marketing of finished products, passing through the raw material processing.
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