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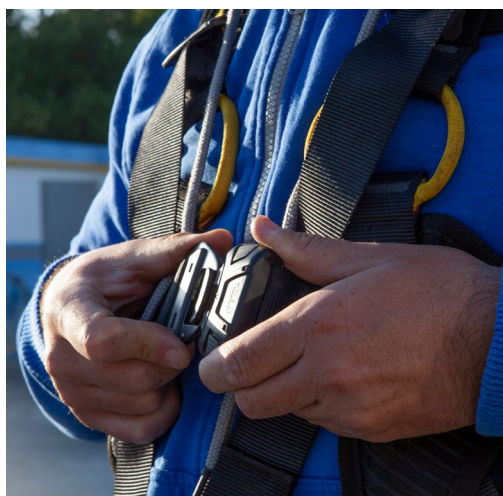
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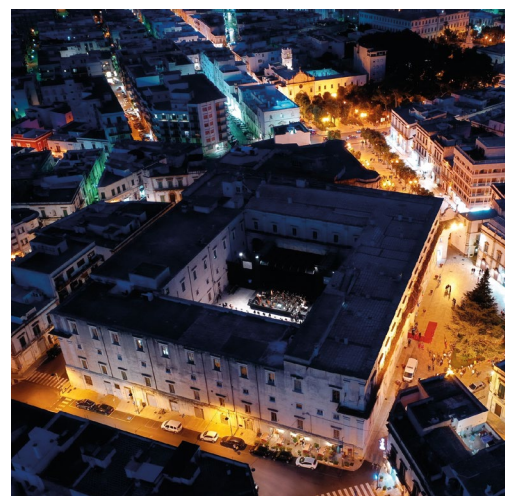
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My mom always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get!  
(Forrest Gump - Robert Zemeckis - 1994)





# THE EPIDEMIC IS DISRUPTING THE COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE

*In the middle are companies like us, forced to work even harder to ensure our survival.*

In spring, during the first wave of the pandemic, we Italians discovered that we knew how to be “serious” (and the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was recently reminded of this) and more “united” than we thought. Today, after a summer in which we let the reprieve we had just achieved slip through our fingers with too much lack of foresight, the second wave is making us aware that the virus has the tendency to divide us and that we could all pay a very high price as a result. COVID, in fact, risks dividing us up by age, into those who are or aren’t exposed to the most serious risks, between social classes that suffer the economic consequences more than others, and between the very institutions that are called upon to make choices - which are often unpopular - to reduce contagion and ensure the necessary assistance to those in need.

If you observe carefully, you can see the epidemic is actually pulling the country apart in a cannibalistic game between generations (with the elderly in the role of almost “expendable” victims), in a clash between those who have a more guaranteed income (for example state employees) and those who have fewer safeguards (such as the self-employed), in an ongoing power play between the central government, and the various territorial entities, such as the regional and municipal governments. In the middle are companies like us, are forced to work even harder to ensure our survival and to continue to guarantee the salaries of our employees, often having to pay out for furlough way in advance because of delays from the central government. A perverse spiral that risks undermining social stability and even twisting the system of checks and balances provided for by our Constitution. The pluralism and the articulation of the institutions of our Republic are and must continue to be, multipliers of positive energies, but this advantage is lost if we become divided, because of the COVID emergency. As is happening right now. Excluding the ABC of common sense, evidently not taken on board by enough people right now, the things which each of us can and must do for the common good is to follow the norms, ordinances and rules dictated and applied by our institutions. In short, we must adopt “prudent behaviour,” such as wearing masks, taking proper hygiene measures and social distancing, not because we are obliged to do so, but out of a sense of responsibility towards others and towards ourselves. (o.cri.)

## OUR NEW ALMAC BIBI 870-BL EVO

The Bibi 870-BL tracked elevator is a mini-scissor model with bi-levelling technology that allows work to be carried out up to a maximum height of 8 metres, guaranteeing absolute safety for its operators.

It is a tracked mini-scissor, high-performance vertical platform, equipped with an extendable and foldable 1.2m wide and 2.35m long platform. Opting for this model offers numerous advantages while working at height. First of all, it provides a large working area (250 kg capacity and 2 operators) with high stability even at height, but it can also ensure high manoeuvrability in all conditions where space is an issue. The platform offers the possibility to work on steep terrain or irregular surfaces (up to 20° longitudinal and 15° lateral). In fact, as a hybrid machine, another strong point of this lift is its dual diesel and electric power supply.



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## WERENT MACHINES ON THE SET OF “MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 7”

Once again, Werent machines on the set of a movie. This time it's “Mission Impossible 7” with a spectacular Tom Cruise starring in Christopher McQuarrie's latest blockbuster.

The location for the seventh episode of the saga is the scenic lagoon in Venice and it's set to become another big success.

Adventurous, highly-thrilling scenes, which were shot, in part, thanks to the lifting machines made available by Werent, more specifically some of our self-propelled telescopic and articulated aerial platforms.



## POLITECNICO DI TORINO: AMILCARE MERLO IS AN HONORARY ENGINEER

For the exceptional technical skills with which he has guided the development of numerous innovative projects in the field of mechanics and for the entrepreneurial spirit thanks to which he has founded and directs a company of international level of sure economic and social impact in the territory in which it is rooted”. These are the reasons why the Magnificent Rector of the Politecnico di Torino awarded Amilcare Merlo an Honorary Degree in Mechanical Engineering. This is a highly prestigious award reserved for those who have distinguished themselves, particularly deserved for the industrialist and knight Amilcare Merlo, founder and president of the group of the same name in Cervasca, a leading company in the telescopic handler sector. Few are the personalities awarded the title “Honorary Engineer”, which therefore acquires a special value. Among them, we would like to remind you: Giovanni Agnelli, Enrico Mattei, Giorgetto Giugiaro and Sergio Marchionne.





# HANDLING OF TWO MEGA MARINE PLATFORMS

The mega transport of two platforms within the Port of Taranto. The multi-sector pier operated by the San Cataldo Container Terminal Spa of the Yilport Group is currently hosting a number of heavy-duty “cargo project” operations, in this case the maritime transport of non-standard and “oversized” cargoes.

The activity was carried out by a team of 10 men from the MARRAFFA company, engaged in the handling of the two large cargoes. These two marine platforms, the first of 650 and the second of about 500 tons, will be installed at sea in the Ionian area in front of the port of Taranto, as part of the infrastructure serving the Eni refinery. The two vessels had arrived in Taranto from Genoa several months ago and were provisionally positioned on the quayside, pending completion of the work for final installation.

The San Cataldo Container Terminal managed the handling of the platforms from the yard to the quayside and the loading on board the ship with stowage and lashing operations.

For these special handling operations, Marraffa used a convoy of two self-propelled SPMT trucks arranged in parallel, each with 18 axles. Subsequently, the platforms were loaded on board a ship to be transferred offshore.



## TRANSPORT OF A 31-METRE TOWER TO VENEZUELA



A 31-metre tower on a convoy about 40 metres long, approximately 6 metres high and over 4 metres wide. These are the numbers of the exceptional maxi transport which left Samec Spa in Livrasco and was transported to Mantua to embark for Venezuela.

The tower, made of carbon and stainless steel with a total weight of 70 tons, will be installed as part of a plant for the production of fertilizers. It will be used for the revamping of a plant located in Trinidad and Tobago, in the Caribbean Sea, to the northeast of Venezuela. The project was commissioned by a Swiss engineering company which, in turn, received the commission from an American multinational in the sector.

The road transport to Mantua was carried out by the MARRAFFA company, specialised in large exceptional transports, and had to travel along several secondary roads, as the load could not pass under overpasses. Marraffa then loaded the tower onto a barge bound for Chioggia and then the port of Marghera, where it was embarked on a ship that transported the mega cargo to its destination in Venezuela.

## THE CHARM OF A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE

A historical locomotive, which operated from the 1920s to 1969, when it was decommissioned, has been on the move again after more than 50 years, this time not on rails, but on the road thanks to a special convoy set up by MARRAFFA, a company which specialises in exceptional transport. The convoy left the railway depot and then headed for the entrance to the Arsenal at Porta Levante, in Cimino.

The historic steam locomotive 835327, after its disposal, was recovered and transported in 2010 to the workshop of the Taranto State Railways, by the Associazione Treni Storici di Puglia, and then underwent careful restoration by the same association. It originally operated along the coastal stretch of the Circummarpiccolo, transporting personnel and materials from the arsenal plant to the Buffoluto powder magazine.

It brings to mind the classics of ‘Westerns’ in the cinema, or the films of Pietro Germi and Jean Gabin and has unique, almost romantic dimensions. The locomotive in question is part of a group of thirty such engines manufactured between 1920 and 1921 by Officine Omi “Reggiane” in Naples, to act as shunting locomotives. They helped to build the image of the Italian railway system in the twentieth century. It will be possible to admire it in person in Taranto, near the small square in front of the Arsenal Historical Exhibition (Mo.S.A.) where it has been placed on a short stretch of tracks and sleepers.





# WE TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY AT WERENT



Lifting things and people in total safety is the real “know how” of Werent. The theme of workplace safety, in fact, is today the strength of the company, which is highly specialized in the rental of machines for lifting things and people.

With Werent there is the certainty of a constantly updated fleet of machines, which allows you to rent machines suitable for your every lifting need: from the small, 5-metre vertical aerial platforms, to the larger truck platforms which can reach 103 metres.

Our customers rely on Werent for numerous reasons. First of all because renting, as compared to purchasing the machines, allows you to save considerably, but also because each activity is different and with Werent there is the possibility to rent a machine for every specific need, at a very low cost and with technical assistance ready to respond to any possible problem, even directly on site.

All the machines are under constant maintenance, in order to ensure they are always efficient and safe, thanks to the technical workshops located in each depot, where every machine is also cleaned.

There is no place that cannot be reached and with Werent there is the certainty of being able to complete every job, regardless of the space and working context, and with no limits with regards to height.

The under-bridge, so-called “by bridge” platforms, on the other hand, allow negative work to be carried out in total safety for the maintenance of road infrastructure and specialised work on bridges and viaducts.

## TO OBSERVE THINGS, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO LOOK AT THEM FROM UP HIGH

*“ICARO” IS THE 2021 COLLECTOR’S CALENDAR FROM THE ASTERISCO ASSOCIATION*

To escape from the labyrinth of King Minos, Daedalus built wings of feathers and attached them to their bodies with wax. Despite his father’s warnings not to fly too high, Icarus got caught up in the thrill of the flight and got too close to the sun, where the heat melted the wax making him fall into the sea.

The 2021 collector’s calendar by Asterisco was dedicated to “Icaro” and his dream of flying.

The association, based in Martina Franca has been committed for years to the social and cultural promotion of the Itria Valley area in Puglia. Flying is the primordial dream of man, because in order to observe things well you have to know how to look at them from up high.

