



## Press release

### **A NEW 2-DIGIT INCREASE (+15.4%) IN JUNE FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION IN ITALY, CLOSING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR AT +8.3%**

**Car production exceeded 410,000 units in the first six months of 2017, growing by 10% on the first half of 2016**

*Turin, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017* - According to preliminary data issued by ANFIA, in June 2017 the **domestic car production** exceeded 74,000 units, with an increase by 26% on June 2016, with the same number of working days in both 2016 and 2017 (21).

In the first six months of the current year, the car production went over 410,000 units, recording a rise in trend by 10%.

The total number of Motor Vehicles<sup>1</sup> manufactured in Italy in the period January-June 2017 was 610,000 units (+7%), of which more than one half for export. The share of those units sold out of Italy, if compared to the domestic production, was 53% as for cars and 62% considering all motor vehicles.

**The internal demand and the foreign one have driven the domestic production just to this date.** This year, in the first six months, the Italian car market has grown by 9% (+13% in June) and new registrations posted by FCA Group have recorded acceleration by 10% with a market share by 29.5% (in the Area EU-EFTA, in the first six months of 2017, the Group's increase was of 10.5%, with a market share by 7.2%). Also new registrations regarding other sectors presented a positive sign, in Italy, in the first six months this year, namely +6.5% as for light commercial vehicles, +21.5% as for trucks, +49.6% as for buses, +22.5% as for heavy trailers and semitrailers and +3.7% as for light trailers.

Speaking of the first five months of the current year, then, the **value of motor vehicle export** from Italy was in rise by 20%. In May 2017, motor vehicle exports reached a value of €2.34 billion (+28.3%), representing 5.7% of all exports, whereas the value of all imports accounted for €3.26 billion, namely +24.4%, equal to 8.9% of all domestic imports. In terms of value, the United States continued representing the first country of destination as for motor vehicle exports coming from Italy, posting a market share by 18.6%, followed by Germany and France, with shares by 13% and 12%, respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> The word "Motor vehicles" indicates cars and light and heavy commercial vehicles.

<sup>2</sup> ATECO Code 29: manufacture of motor vehicles, bodyworks for motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines (excluding tires).

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*"Still another 2-digit increase as for the Italian production of the automotive industry, as a whole<sup>2</sup> in June (+15.4%), after the percentage recorded in May (+11.4%) - according to what declared by the ANFIA Director Gianmarco Giorda. The first half of the current year closed, then, in a positive way, rising by 8.3% as for trend. The industrial production index as a whole<sup>3</sup> has so increased by 5.3% in June, while it has closed the first six months at +2.2%.*

*Also the production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines<sup>4</sup> closed the month of June posting a double-digit percentage growth (+11.5%, after the increase by 5.8% recorded in May), whereas in the first half 2017 it accelerated by 7.1%. In May 2017, in accordance with the last available data and after a slight decline in April, orders relating to this specific sector resulted in growth by 14.7% (+16% as for the internal market and +12.9% as for the foreign market); in the first half of the year, on the other hand, the trend variation was up by 8.5% (+10.9% and +5.4% as for internal and foreign components, respectively). Lastly, the turnover of the components industry, after the contraction recorded in April (-3.6%), closed the month of May at +12.7%, mainly due to an internal component in growth by 16.5% (+8.1% as for the foreign one). In the first six months 2017, the turnover index maintained its growth by 7.9%, with an internal component in acceleration by 11.4% (foreign turnover: +3.9%)".*

The orders<sup>5</sup> regarding the automotive sector as a whole indicated a trend increase by 20.3% in May 2017 (due to a growth by 20.6% of the foreign component element and by 20.1% of the internal one); in the cumulative total amount since the beginning of the year the trend increase was of 12.9% (+9.2% in the internal market and +17.9% in the foreign one). On the contrary, total orders of the industry (excluding the Building sector) accelerated by 13.7% in the month and closed the period January-May 2017 at +7.5% (+4.9% as for the internal component and +11.1% as for the foreign one). Lastly, the turnover<sup>6</sup> of the automotive sector grew by 17% in May and 11.8% in the progressive since the beginning of the year, maintaining a 2-digit growth, as already happened in closing the first four months of 2017 (+10.3%), thanks to a foreign turnover in growth by 16.1%, face to the internal one grown by 8.4%. As for industry, in the strict sense, the turnover went up by 7.5% in May, while the growth reached 5.2% in the first

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<sup>3</sup> Revised according to calendar effects: 21 working days in both June 2017 and June 2016.

<sup>4</sup> ATECO Code 29.3 does not include tires.

<sup>5</sup> Raw data: June-July updating will be published by ISTAT on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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five months of the year (with the component of the internal turnover at +5.3% and the one relating to the foreign turnover at +5.1%).

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