



### THE NEXT FRONTIER OF INNOVATION: BEAUTYTECH START-UPS

Research and Development is one of the driving forces of today's cosmetic industry: it is thanks in part to the study of new technologies, new ingredients, and interaction between brand and customer that leading international companies have been able to establish themselves in the sector.

On the threshold of a new decade, the new frontier of innovation is beauty tech: beauty becomes digital, and Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality become key elements for taking care of one's self.

At Cosmoprof Worldwide Bologna 2020, the Service Center will host 32 start-ups specialized in online platforms, digital solutions, virtual apps for product testing, e-make-up and 3D make-up services, software and services for customization, new solutions for retail stores, and interactive digital platforms. The area will be located within the Garden of Innovation, managed by the trend agency Beautystreams, and will be dedicated to the megatrends that will influence our society in the future and to the innovations that will characterize the beauty sector in the next 10 years.

Thanks to the support of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development and ITA – Italian Trade Agency, the start-ups will participate in Cosmoprof Next: a pitch competition that will promote the best projects by venture capitalists, investors, buyers and institutions.

The ini tiative is organized in collaboration with Cariplo Factory, FaB – Fashion and Beautytech, FoundersFactory, Living in Digital Times, and Unicredit Start Lab.

#### **COSMOPROF & COSMOPACK AWARDS**

Cosmoprof keeps on selecting the best products and services for the beauty sector. Starting from December 12, 2019, exhibiting companies will have the possibility to send their best projects and participate in the Cosmoprof & Cosmopack Awards 2020. A jury made of 50 opinion leaders, representing trend experts, managers and R&D, designers, journalists and influencers, will select the most innovative entries.

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For Cosmoprof Awards, there are 5 categories dedicated to the best proposals in finished product: Skin Saviors, New Kid, Hair Industry breakthrough, Make-up and Nail game-changer of the year, Nature Miracles.

TheCosmopack Awards will celebrate the excellence in the supply chain, following 5 categories: The Fountain of Youth: the ageless Skincare formula, Luminary make-up packaging, Designers' delight in packaging, The make-up formula transformer, Champion of sustainability.

Winners will be announced on March, Friday 13, at the Service Center.

## COSMOTALKS

The most qualified international experts and opinion leaders will participate in CosmoTalks, the educational section of Cosmoprof Worldwide Bologna 2020, to share their vision of the future of the industry and analyze the trends, new media, digital innovations, and the social and economic changes that will most influence the beauty industry.

At the Service Center, from Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 March, 10 panels will focus on key issues for operators and companies in the sector: the future, trends, new markets, digital, and sustainability. International journalists, managers of multinational companies, influencers, and experts from the fashion, art and lifestyle sectors will offer an innovative and disruptive approach to the evolution taking place in the beauty sector.

## THE INITIATIVES FOR THE HAIR SECTOR

On Sunday 15 and Monday 16, the Service Center will be transformed into a stage dedicated to men's cosmetics. Hair & Barber Forum will discuss the characteristics of this continuously growing segment. Internationally renowned hairstylists and professionals will discuss themes from personal care to barber trends and from training to hair salons' future innovations. Further to that, live demonstrations and Look & Learn sessions will be scheduled. In Hall 35, United Barber Show will host the best barber companies in an exclusive area totally dedicated to the sector.

Another highlight of the show will beHair Ring, the platform dedicated to young talents, with the collaboration of Camera Italiana dell'Acconciatura. On Sunday 15 and Monday 16 March, the creativity and enthusiasm of the young hairdressers will enrich the exhibition offering of JOY-for jewelry lovers 2020, the event dedicated to fashion jewelry. On stage, glamourous hairstyles will be created from the combination of talent and jewelry.

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