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EXPO CHICAGO PARTNERS WITH EATALY FOR SIXTH EXPOSITION
SEPTEMBER 13 – 17 AT NAVY PIER’S FESTIVAL HALL

CHICAGO — **EXPO CHICAGO**, The International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art, announces a major collaboration with **Eataly**, the largest artisanal Italian food and wine marketplace in the world. During the exposition’s sixth edition, September 13 – 17, 2017, Eataly will create a special menu for all EXPO CHICAGO guests at Navy Pier’s Festival Hall (600 E. Grand), both on the main exposition floor and in the Northern Trust VIP Collector’s Lounge.

“We are honored to partner with EXPO CHICAGO to offer a menu of artisanal dishes paired with a world-class art experience right here in Chicago,” said Eataly USA CEO **Nicola Farinetti**. “There are many similarities between food and art. Just as artists search for the highest quality tools and canvases, Eataly’s producers and artisans search for the highest quality ingredients. When you get to know your food or art, you start to understand the artists and how much labor and effort goes into making such a masterpiece.”

The specialty menu created for EXPO CHICAGO will include an array of Italian specialties such as housemade fresh mozzarella, housemade focaccia, cured meats and artisanal cheeses from Italy and the U.S., housemade pastries and a select menu of made-to-order dishes. In addition, Eataly will host on-site activations including fresh mozzarella and pasta making as well as opening wheels of Parmigiano Reggiano DOP on the show floor. In the main dining area, a stationary coffee area by Lavazza will serve Italian coffee and espresso and Eataly’s signature Gelato Cart will serve housemade gelato.

“We are extremely proud that Eataly, the world-renowned culinary marketplace, has joined with us to elevate the dining experience for our patrons,” said EXPO CHICAGO President | Director **Tony Karman**. “We share Eataly’s manifesto of service, passion and commitment to quality, and their exceptional food will both complement and enhance the experience of our visitors as they view and purchase artwork from the world’s leading art galleries.”

In Chicago, Eataly is located at 43 E. Ohio Street. Find more information about Eataly online at www.eataly.com/chicago.

For more information on other EXPO CHICAGO sponsors and partners, please visit www.expochicago.com.

About Eataly

Founded by Oscar Farinetti, **Eataly** is the largest artisanal Italian food and wine marketplace in the world. From the opening of the first location in Turin in 2007, the philosophy “Eat. Shop. Learn.” has spread to the rest of the world. At **Eataly Chicago**, which totals over 60,000 square feet on two floors, it is possible to purchase high-quality food and drink at accessible prices. Consumers can experiment with new combinations of flavors at the various restaurants throughout the marketplace before learning more about Mediterranean culture with educational courses on food, wine, and nutrition. The Chicago location opened in December 2013. Eataly New York Flatiron and Downtown, Chicago, and Boston are a product of the collaboration between Oscar Farinetti and his American partners Mario Batali, Joe and Lidia Bastianich, and Adam and Alex Saper.

About EXPO CHICAGO

EXPO CHICAGO/2017, The International Exposition of Contemporary and Modern Art, is presented by Art Expositions, LLC at Navy Pier’s Festival Hall, hosting more than 135 leading International exhibitors presented alongside one of the highest quality platforms for global contemporary art and culture. Now in its sixth year as a leading international art fair, EXPO CHICAGO (September 13–17, 2017) offers diverse programming including **Dialogues**, **IN/SITU**, **IN/SITU Outside**, **EXPO VIDEO**, the **Curatorial Forum**, the **Art Critics Forum**, **Special Exhibitions**, **EXPO Sound** and **OVERRIDE | A Billboard Project**. In addition, EXPO CHICAGO continues to publish **THE SEEN**, Chicago’s International Journal of Contemporary & Modern Art. Under the leadership of President and Director **Tony Karman**, EXPO CHICAGO draws upon the city’s rich history as a vibrant international cultural destination, while highlighting the region’s contemporary arts community and inspiring its collector base. In 2017, **EXPO CHICAGO** and the **Chicago Architecture Biennial** (September 16–January 7, 2018) will align, establishing the city as a preeminent destination for global contemporary art and architecture, intersecting across a wide variety of programs including panels, international residencies, exhibitions and citywide events. In addition, EXPO CHICAGO partners with the **Palais de Tokyo** in Paris for its first U.S. satellite exhibition to kick off EXPO CHICAGO (September 12) at the Roundhouse at the DuSable Museum of African American History.

Vernissage, the opening night preview benefiting the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, takes place Wednesday, Sept 13, 6–9 p.m. General Admission to the exposition is Thursday, Sept. 14–Sunday, Sept. 17 (for hours please visit expo-chicago.com). Tickets to the exposition will go on sale in June 2017. Northern Trust is the Presenting Sponsor of EXPO CHICAGO. For more information about EXPO CHICAGO and **EXPO ART WEEK** (Monday, Sept. 11–Sunday, Sept. 17), visit expo-chicago.com.

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