PRESS KIT

**FAVOLE D’ACQUA**

*An event at Fantini Milano, Via Solferino 18, Milan*

“Favole d'acqua” (Fables of Water, in Italia) is an original project by architect Marco Carini for Fantini, opening on 28 November at the Fantini showroom in Milan.

The initiative is aimed at children and follows the social commitment within our "100 Fontane: Fantini for Africa" project.

"Favole d'acqua" is a poetic tale on the theme of play and the magic of the forms of water, which originated the design of magical, dreamlike, and ironic taps.

*"The underlying philosophy," says Marco Carini, "of the Favole d’Acqua project is linked to the concept of lightness, which, as Italo Calvino said and Gianni Rodari taught, does not equate to superficiality, but rather is a way of dealing with even the most important topics and make people think with a smile on their face.*

As in a fairy tale, in the polychrome set-up designed by Marco Carini for the event, his poems, watercolors, and shapes created in 3D create the magic of everyday objects and evoke play. Or, vice versa, with the limpid gaze of childhood, of games that become fun and functional objects to use in real life.

The dragonfly is the first shape that inspired the declination of the project. A metaphor for lightness and poetry, it was transformed into a real toy made of wood, as a limited edition of 99 pieces.

Together with Marco Carini, we decided to link the "Favole d'Acqua" event to “100 Fontane: Fantini for Africa”, a social project in Burundi that Fantini has been supporting since 2012, with an initiative aimed at children: the proceeds from the 99 Dragonflies will support the children from the orphanage of the Mission of the Sisters of Charity in Masango, Burundi.

Opening night – by invitation only:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th**

**FROM 6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM (RSPV HERE)**

**VIA SOLFERINO 18 - MILAN**

The exhibition will remain open:

**FROM NOVEMBER 29th**

**THROUGH FEBRUARY 28th**

**VIA SOLFERINO 18 - MILAN**

**MON-FRI 10 AM / 6 PM**

