



Ecco Chamber

FORTNIGHTLY ITALIAN NEWS MADE IN
SOUTH AFRICA

TASTE OF ITALY

30 - 31 MAY

PARLA COME MANGI

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Chamber's Note

Parla come mangi

Parla come mangi, the old phrase in Italian which says to speak the way you eat is intended to encourage plain and direct speaking, a noble cause in an age of [bullshit](#). However, it can be interpreted slightly differently, especially if you have a taste for the unabashed flavours characteristic of Italy. Then the phrase would be encouraging you to speak with boldness and vitality.

Suppose the phrase instructed us to tell the truth, for our words to reflect only what we do, to put our money where our mouths are. With this interpretation we will find ourselves full circle back on the topic of food, a **tavola**. This is to say that we, the Italian Chamber, have always seen the special place that food holds in Italian culture and business.

As such we are constantly invested in this special sector which sustains many of our livelihoods, our childhood memories, and our hunger for Italy and its culture. Many of our members are importers or producers of Italian goods. Others are restaurants, distributors or service providers to the food industry. We are constantly monitoring and in touch with the sector and we were thrilled to learn that just yesterday the ban on Italian cold meats into South Africa was lifted.

At any of our events, food and drinks are vital ingredients. At our most recent Aperol Aperilink, at Old Town Italy in Constantia (Cape Town), not only were Aperol Spritz served by our lead sponsors Campari, but some impeccable Nabucco wine was served courtesy of our members from Morgenster. Moreover, other annual food and beverage events include our special invitation luncheons with Nedbank and the Vino in Piazza

Most importantly, on May 30th and 31st, we will finally be able to pay the sector its full due when we host the inaugural Taste of Italy B2B Exhibition at the Italian Club. At the exhibition we will host twenty physical exhibitors who are key role players in the South Africa's Italian food and beverage sector. The exhibition will focus on the creation of business relationships, plain and direct speech, hosting buyers from the HoReCa sector who will be exposed to the best Italian inputs for their products.

Any interest in the exhibition or any of our other events can be directed to italcham@italcham.co.za. If you are interested in sponsoring any of our events, contact desk@italcham.co.za. Contact us "per vedere cosa bolle in pentola".

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Aperol Aperilink

Rolling into Cape Town



The now reputed Aperol Aperilink brand made its first showing in the mother city on Thursday 7th of April, alongside the famous Cape wine farms at Old Town Italy in Constantia. The Aperilink concept is intended to expose stakeholders within the Italian community to multiple high-quality encounters with the potential of enhancing business.

On the evening, Italy's Consul to Cape Town Emanuele Pollio delivered an address, reinforcing the Consulate's ongoing will to support Italian business in the city and the region. Meanwhile the president of the Cape Town Giovani association Alessandro Marsh thanked the Consulate for its assistance in promoting youth involvement in the Italian business community.

The arrival of the Chamber in Cape Town creates a fuller Sistema Italia in the Western Cape, consisting of the Consulate, the Giovani, Comites Cape Town and, most importantly, the many Italian companies in the region. Moreover, the Chamber has just opened its own office at the Dante Alighieri in Cape Town, adding yet another link to the Italian network.





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Member News

A New Modern Warehouse Facility in Johannesburg for WAM South Africa

Following several years of considerable growth, WAM South Africa realises new premises that reflect the Group's mission to offer its customers all over the world professional advice and smooth order management.

The new Johannesburg facility will feature:

- A modern secure warehouse of 600 square meters
- Separate premises for sales offices
- A large lorry parks



Regarding the new opening, Gianluca Della Riccia, WAM South Africa General Manager commented:

"Our business has grown over the years, and we believe the timing is now right to open another premises. I am excited about the new services we can offer our customers and reward our hard-working and loyal staff with a better place to work from."

The new Johannesburg location ensures quick delivery to customers who do not have to wait 2-3 days for a shipment from Cape Town to Johannesburg as well as transport savings as they no longer have to organise pick-ups in Cape Town. In addition, customers can easily come to us for loading.



Last but not least, customers can benefit from ex-stock availability of components such as Cement Screw Conveyors and feeders ES, SILOTOP® Silo Venting Filters, WAMFLO Round Dust Collectors, FIBC Dischargers SBB HFF, Rotary Valves RV, Spring Loaded Pressure Relief Valves VCP, Butterfly Valves V2FS, WASTEMASTER® Screw Screens GCP, WASTEMASTER® MIT - Waste Water Mini-Treatment

Plant MIT, Micro-filter MFT, SEPCOM VERTICAL Screw Press Separators for Slurries (150 and 200).

UPCOMING EVENTS

TASTE OF ITALY FOOD & BEVERAGE SHOWCASE

30 – 31 MAY 2022

ITALIAN CLUB. JOHANNESBURG

FOOD & BEVERAGE EXPO

DISCOVER THE FLAVOURS OF ITALY AT ITALCHAM'S FIRST ANNUAL FOOD & BEVERAGE EXPO. BRINGING ITALIAN OPPORTUNITIES TO SOUTH AFRICAN TABLES.

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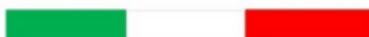
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Trade as a catalyst for board gender diversity

A report from the Stellenbosch Business School Research Chair: Women at Work

This report can help European and South African businesses do business responsibly. Factors such as board structure, the board size, and the tenure of directors are assessed to determine the influence of gender composition of boards. By explaining the differences in the structure and functioning of boards, it is hoped to make it easier for companies in different countries to do business. The report also aims to take the best of both worlds and inspire both European and South African companies to use their influence to work towards gender parity on boards across the globe.

- **Moving forward:** A summary of our recommendations covers learnings from the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK), and South Africa.
- **Board 101:** Fundamental building blocks covers the links between diverse boards, improved corporate governance, and stakeholder relations. We also look at the overall differences between rule-based and principle-based governance frameworks.
- **Board gender diversity:** The current state of play reflects on the broad spread of progress towards gender-diverse boards, and the reporting requirements for listed companies in South Africa, the UK and the EU.
- **Board structures:** Form follows function explains the differences between one-tier, two-tier, hybrid and Nordic structures, and the role of codetermination in European boards. We also look at the correlation between board structure and board size.
- **Women-led committees:** Breaking through the second glass ceiling reflects on the importance of the audit, nomination, remuneration and risk committees for better-governed boards and gender transformation.

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- **People on boards:** The right fit gets the best out of the board looks at which roles have the most influence, the implications of a dual chairperson-CEO role, the importance of monitoring how long directors stay on boards, and how to prepare new directors for their board roles.
- **Racial diversity:** A powerful force for good stresses that diversity is about more than gender, and explores the progress that South Africa, the UK and the EU have made towards creating boards that reflect the demographics of the population.
- **Levers of change:** More than one way to level the playing field reveals how institutional investors and shareholders have used their influence to encourage more gender-diverse boards. We also look at the role of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003 (the B-BBEE Act) in South Africa and its implications for gender diversity

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Welcoming our New Member



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