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## CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ROBERTO CAVALLI AND MARCOLIN

*The Marcolin Group confirms its agreement with the Florentine fashion designer for the manufacture and distribution of the Roberto Cavalli Eyewear range.*

The relationship between the Marcolin Group and Roberto Cavalli, started in 1999, continues with today's confirmation of a licensing agreement that consolidates and prolongs their partnership for the next four years.

*"In view of the constructive working relationship and excellent results achieved"- stated the Florentine designer – "I am convinced that the Marcolin Group is the ideal partner for capitalizing on the significant growth obtained in the last few years and augmenting it considerably".*

In partnership with Marcolin, Roberto Cavalli Eyewear has achieved considerable success, becoming a collection of acknowledged appeal. The collection, which focuses on being extremely creative, while offering a highly refined style, is able to draw on the experience of a Group of established tradition, capable of supplying a quality product and the highest standard of technology and precision in its distribution process.

As pointed out by Maurizio Marcolin, Style & Licensing CEO, *"The work performed in synergy with the Roberto Cavalli fashion house is very stimulating and enhances Marcolin's particular talent for creating and marketing top-of-the-range eyewear. We are sure – he concluded – that the continuation of this partnership will produce results that are entirely and reciprocally satisfying".*

The Marcolin Group is one of the leading companies in the production and marketing of eyewear and sunglasses and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange. It has over 1,000 employees in 4 factories and 15 subsidiaries located worldwide. More than 6 million frames were produced in 2002 on the basis of around 400 designs.

The product portfolio includes: Roberto Cavalli Eyewear, Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear, D&G Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear, Chloé Lunettes, Costume National Eyewear, Montblanc Eyewear, Replay Eyes, Miss Sixty Glasses, Fornarina Vision Up, Mossimo Vision, Essence Eyewear, Unionbay Eyewear, Bob Mackie, Cover Girl Eyewear, NBA Eyewear, The North Face. The Group also has a wide range of its own brands which includes Céb  (ski goggles and sports eyewear).

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