



**Two ERMINI exceptional lots at the 1000 FINARTE auction: the ERMINI brand, with the ERMINI “seiottosei” prototype, and the first car known to be equipped with an ERMINI DOHC engine.**

For the first time at 1000 FINARTE, among the "top lot" currently scheduled, a car brand will be auctioned. This is a unique opportunity to acquire a prestigious brand with the heritage of the great Italian craftsmanship. The ERMINI brand participated to build the history of sports motoring and of the postwar Mille Miglia. "Pasquino" Ermini was one of the most representative sports cars' manufacturers after World War II. He developed the idea of a twin-cam aluminum head to be applied to the Fiat 1100 block. ERMINI cars participated to the Mille Miglia since 1948 and the variety and quantity of Fiat-ERMINI engined cars was huge. The "Squadra Corse ERMINI" will appear officially in 1952, while the palmarés increased every year. Ermini, always fighting with the competitors, faced new projects, with the important support of Eng. Alberto Massimino. The last one being the 357, which had a long and successful career. Finally, the passing of Mr. Ermini in 1958 decreed the end of the Florentine brand. ERMINI cars were successful on all the race fields, from the Mille Miglia to the Targa Florio, from the Gran Premio di Napoli to the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti, driven by some of the most competitive and talented drivers of the era, including Ugo Bormioli, Piero Scotti, Supremo Montanari and Aldo Terigi, but also Clemente Biondetti, Giulio Cabianca, Piero Taruffi, Carlo Chiti and Gino Munaron. Today, ERMINI cars are rare and sought after by collectors, their economic value is great. Fifty years after going out of business, a new ERMINI is born, presenting the "seiottosei" prototype at the 2014 Geneva Motor Show, built with great attention to every detail. In this car the motto of Pasquino Ermini is still alive: *"I always thought of my cars as light feathers, to fly away, arm in arm with the wind"*. In the auctioned lot: the brand with the related registered classes, the prototype and related projects. An ideal and unrepeatable opportunity, able to give prestige to growing industrial companies in search of visibility, as already happened with other brands. A perfect opportunity for entrepreneurs or investment funds who want to enhance or develop sports models with traditional or ecological vocation, tribute or sanction models and parts for the existing ERMINIs. The registered classes also allow the production of clothing, watches, accessories, jewelry, modeling, publishing. Great the opportunity of sponsoring international events like the Mille Miglia or to revive the "Squadra Corse ERMINI". The lot has an estimate of € 2.000.000,00 – 2.500.000,00.

Another incredible ERMINI opportunity is the Fiat 1100 Sport ERMINI (Bertone-Ortolani), chassis no. 279904, the first car fitted with an ERMINI DOHC engine. The car was built in 1946, on specific request by the "Scuderia Milan" to the Carrozzeria Bertone, for the realization of an aluminum sports car, on a modified Fiat 1100 B chassis. It is believed that Bertone built very few cars, one of them entrusted to Tazio Nuvolari. It is not excluded that the chassis no. 279904 could be this last car and that Nuvolari may have participated with it to some races in 1946. The car was then bought by Ermini. The engine was transformed with a twin-cam head. The car was later sold to Siro Sbraci, who used it in several races. In 1948, a failure made it necessary to replace the engine block. A Fiat 1100 S block was used and the power increased. Chassis no. 279904 was then sold to the driver Carlo Meoni and, in 1951, to the driver Bruno Maroccini who faced the 1952 Giro di Sicilia, but he ran off the road. Maroccini was a sheet-metal worker in the famous Ortolani bodyshop and realized a new nose, similar to that of the Ferrari 225 S. The car, with entry no. 409, participated to the Mille Miglia. The Fiat 1100 Sport ERMINI (Bertone-Ortolani) has undergone regular maintenance in the years and had a careful and conservative restoration in the 1980s, it has now a wonderful "patina" and it's still successfully participating to races and re-enactments. The car has the same plates since 1951. It has Fiva, ASI, Fiche CSAI. The car has an estimate of € 700.000,00 – 1.000.000,00. Big lots for 1000 FINARTE, 2019 edition at the Museo Mille Miglia! In addition to ERMINI, other exceptional lots like the 1934 Alfa Romeo 6C 2300 GT Cabriolet (Castagna) chassis no. 700212, the 1933 Alfa Romeo 6C

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1900 GT (Alfa Romeo) chassis no. 121315288 and the 1931 Fiat 522 Torpedo Sport (Viotti) chassis no. 002336.

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