



## Focus on

### Waiting for the effects of the incentives



Further negative news for the Italian economy. The data published by Istat say that the GDP is down by 1% over 2007, the worst figure ever since 1975. The state deficit is 2.7% of GDP while in 2007 it stopped at 1.5%. The GDP downturn also depends on the collapse of the industry's added value (-3.2%). As for the automotive sector, incentives are producing their first positive effects. Registrations in February are still negative (-24.45% over February 2008), but this decline is 8% lower than in January (-32.64%). Nonetheless, orders in February count more than 220,000 contracts, that is 4% more than February last year (213,000 contracts). The maximum effects of the incentives are going to be felt in full in April/May. In the last month orders for petrol cars grew to cover a 44.5% market share and those with a low environmental impact - LPG, methane and hybrid cars - reached 11.9%, with ..read more

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information from the Community members....

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100% acquisition of NEW BSH Srl

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ALUMINIUM RHEINFELDEN GMBH  
Self-hardening alloys of the Castadur family.

## Latest picks

### Hydro to cut 250-300 positions

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Cone holder

## Outlook on extrusions and rolled sections

According to the Metal Bulletin Research February's issue, analysts are rather confident that the extrusion and rolled section markets in North American will start recovering from the second half of 2009. At present, the demand is still quite low and only the packaging and can sector reports a fairly good number of orders. Italy and Spain still are the European countries most seriously struck by the crisis despite the Russian market was the worst during the last two months in terms of decline also due to the fact that their building sector stops ..read more

### ALUMINIUM Dubai: Alu-Scout and Alu-TV are there, too!

The first-ever ALUMINIUM trade fair in Dubai will be host to an international trade public for three days in March - and Alu-Scout, the specialist portal for the aluminium industry, and Alu-TV, the aluminium sector's trade fair TV channel, will be there, too. Alu-Scout ..read more

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**Metal Prices**

Non Ferrous Metal prices  
LME official of 03/06/2009

	Cash (ASK)	3 months (ASK)
Aluminium	0	0
Aluminium alloy	0	0
Nickel	0	0
Lead	0	0
Copper	0	0
Tin	0	0
Zinc	0	0

**Technical analysis: by Kauffmann & Sons**



**Aluminium QUOTATION (USD)**

	3 MONTH		CASH		
Resistance	BID	ASK	BID	ASK	Support
1430	1310	1315	1278	1283	1280
1370					1250
	Totals		Movements		
STOCKS	3272700		6100		
RSI	41,17				
Short period trend			SIDE		
Medium period trend			DOWN		

ASK : the quoted market selling price.  
 BID: the quoted market buying price  
 CASH: the current price in the market for cash/spot contracts  
 3 MONTHS: the current price in the market for a delivery delayed of 3 months  
 SUPPORT: a price area where new buying is likely to come in and stem any decline  
 RESISTANCE: a price area where new selling will emerge to dampen a continued rise

**News from the aluplanet.com archive**

**Aluminium, food, reliability**

Representatives of the scientific, political, academic and institutional world gathered last October 1st in Milan on the occasion of the convention 'AAA, Alluminio, Alimenti, Affidabilità' (Aluminium, Food, Reliability), organized by 'Aluminium for Future Generations' for CentroAl  
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**Global trends in casting production**

Highlights of the most important factors of the sector from a privileged point of view, the European foundry association. Here you find the latest market data presented by Max Schumacher of Caef.  
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**Shakeout system of the 21st century**

We present a new heavy-duty shakeout, that can increase foundry productivity and production qualità maximising sand removal and minimising casting damage. It is produced by the Belgian company Carrier Europe.  
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- 10 - 13 Mar 2009 Barcelona, Spain 40th International Symposium on Robotics
- 10 - 14 Mar 2009 Barcelona, Spain Maquitec 2009
- 11 - 14 Mar 2009 Munich, Germany Metall München 2009

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