



## Andrea Pininfarina nominated “Cavaliere del lavoro” (knight of labour)

*Turin, october 26, 2005* - During a ceremony held today at the Quirinale Palace, the President of the Italian Republic Carlo Azeglio Ciampi has conferred Andrea Pininfarina, CEO of the Pininfarina Group, on the insignia of “Cavaliere al Merito del Lavoro” (Knight of Labour). Life Senator Sergio Pininfarina was present. The nomination was communicated last June 2nd on the occasion of the Republic Day celebration.

The “Cavaliere del Lavoro” is the maximum recognition assigned to entrepreneurs who distinguished themselves in the economic world. The golden cross painted in green with the Republic emblem is shared by three generations of the Pininfarina family, as it happened in the case of the insignia of “Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur”: in fact, before Andrea Pininfarina, both honours have been awarded to his grandfather, the company’s founder Battista “Pinin” Farina, and his father, current Chairman Sergio Pininfarina.

Andrea Pininfarina was born in Turin in 1957, is married and has three children. Graduated in Mechanical Engineering in 1981 at the Polytechnic of Turin, in 1982 he began his career in the United States. In 1983 he joined "Industrie Pininfarina S.p.A.". Since July 1st 2001, he holds the position of President & Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, Pininfarina S.p.A.. He was President of FEDERMECCANICA – Italian Federation of Metalworking Industries and of UNIONE INDUSTRIALE di Torino – Employers’ Association of Turin, while since May 2004, Vice President of CONFINDUSTRIA - Research Department. He is a member of the Board of Directors of different companies such as Alenia Aeronautica, RAS and JUVENTUS Football Club. In 2004 his name was included among 25 outstanding leaders selected by the American weekly newspaper “Business Week” as the 2004 Stars of Europe, while this year he is one of the Eurostars 2005 nominated by “Automotive News Europe”.