



TRANSFORMER
the new theme of the SPAZIO RICERCA
of Pitti Filati 89

The Spazio Ricerca is Pitti Filati's creativity workshop and experimental observatory where future trends are born. At this edition, with **Transformer**, the theme is transformation as something highly energetic, a concept intrinsic to life, nature, biology, mathematics, and sports. It is a change of state that we want to grasp and describe through three aspects that seem particularly important at this time. Transformation of the body, of spaces, of things in the sense of "devices" for our daily lives.

An ever exciting and experimental exhibition project, with the artistic direction of fashion designer **Angelo Ficus** and knitwear expert **Nicola Miller**, and a set design by **Alessandro Moradei**.

There are 3 aspects through which the idea of transformation is expressed:

BODY

The body – its physicality and spirituality – is the tool with which we acquire experience in our daily lives. Like society that from solid became liquid and from liquid became gas, the body too has changed form and expressiveness the way it is depicted in the visual arts. While waiting to understand what form it will assume this time, we will tell the story of the vigorous and equally elusive transformation of our world today through images.

SPACE

These times make us think about what spaces are: private, public, physical, virtual. In this theme the concept of space comes together with that of the body, giving rise to a vision of architectural and spatial fashion in symbiosis with the environment we live or just happen to be in. Knits are becoming more and more part of interior and object design precisely because they are so adaptable and transformable.

DEVICE

The transformation of spaces and the interpenetration of body and space lead to the transformation of the things we use in our daily lives, and always increasingly inside the home. This new lifestyle will be demanding more physical activity and reactivity. Our home furnishings will be multipurpose and will adapt to the several duties they will have to fulfill during the day. Garments will be versatile in a similar way.

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