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Samoter reports strong mini excavator market for Italy

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Strong demand for compact machines is being seen. Data from Veronafi's **SaMoTer** Outlook in collaboration with Prometeia and with the information input of equipment manufacturing association **Unacea** has shown the growth in the market for small machines. Mini excavators and small wheeled loaders weighing up to 6tonnes have seen a particular growth in sales. These two types of machines accounted for 15% of global sales for Italian manufacturers in 2010, but accounted for 24% in 2015.

Sales of mini excavators hit 3,935 units in Italy between January and July 2016, 24% more than in the same period last year. Meanwhile sales for small wheeled loaders and compact crawler loaders also grew by 44% to 342 units and 41% to 286 respectively.

Although sales of larger machines have struggled in Italy since the economic crisis of 2009, it is nevertheless encouraging that the market for compact equipment is recovering, with a view to the 30th edition of SaMoTer, Italy's trade fair dedicated to earth moving, site and building machinery scheduled at Veronafi 22-25 February 2017.

And compact specialists such as Eurocomach-Sampierana, **Ihimer**, **Kubota**, **Takeuchi** and **Yanmar** have already confirmed attendance as exhibitors at SaMoTer 2017.