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## **UNIPOL GROUP SPONSOR OF THE BOLOGNA JAZZ FESTIVAL**

### **For the first time the Unipol Auditorium will host the Festival's opening night**

The Unipol Group renews its support as sponsor of the *Bologna Jazz Festival*, this year in its eleventh edition, scheduled **from 5 to 20 November**, with other related events planned for as early as 27 October.

For the first time, the **Festival's opening night on 5 November** (the first of a series of concerts in theatres) will be held at the **Unipol Auditorium** at Via Stalingrado 37, with a not to be missed performance by **The Cookers** (with, among others, Billy Harper, George Cables, Cecil McBee and Billy Hart). The auditorium will also stage another amazing performance on 8 November by the all-star quartet **Aziza**.

This year's festival is characterised by a mix of pure jazz, contemporary music and international sounds (Latin, African) in a creative experimental tone: an uninterrupted program of concerts, master classes and other events for a full immersion in international and Italian jazz life.

With its support for the *Bologna Jazz Festival*, the Unipol Group once again shows its willingness to participate in the cultural and artistic life of the community it operates in, consistently with its values and in the belief that the economic development of companies must advance while also accompanying and supporting the social and cultural growth of society. With its Corporate Sponsorship Program, the Unipol Group wants to be close to people and communities, supporting projects that embrace sport, scientific research and social utility, the environment, entertainment, art and culture, such as in the case of this prestigious music festival.

### **Because for the Unipol Group, thinking of people's future also means thinking of what they love. Music.**

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