

# Taking care.

A synergy made of thought and action, where the goal is the wellbeing of local communities in the areas where we operate, and beyond. Support and development, growth and equality, inclusion and sustainability: these are the keywords of all projects and initiatives.



# 8. Local areas

## 8.1 Creating opportunities for local areas

After the 2020 slowdown due to the lockdowns implemented in various countries to combat the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2021 Brembo's investment management policy continued in line with the guidelines followed to date, with the aim of strengthening the Group's presence not only in Italy, but also internationally.



**2,539** € million  
Economic value distributed



**14,000**  
Trees planted in the Brembo Forest



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Action areas for social projects

Group's total net investments undertaken in 2021 at all operations amounted to €236,175 thousand, of which €180,018 thousand was invested in property, plant and equipment, €29,988 thousand in intangible assets, and €26,169 thousand in leased assets. The most significant investments were concentrated in Italy (30.6%), North America (32.2%), China (14.1%) and Poland (9.8%).

In Italy, works on the new building in Curno, which houses the Carbon Factory, continued. The building has been designed in view of progressively verticalising — within a single production facility adjacent to Brembo's current hub — the entire development and production process for raw components used in carbon-fibre discs and pads for racing applications and for high-performing street vehicles. The new building occupies an area of approximately 7,000 square metres, in addition to the 10,000 square metres of green space, parking and logistics and storage areas planned as part of the project. After having installed and started up the first systems in the previous years,

additional machines continued to be installed in 2021 for a gradual increase in production capacity, which will reach full operation in 2022.

To meet the need for new production spaces, Brembo Czech entered into a new operating lease at the end of 2020 for a building (called O23) of about 22 thousand square metres in the same industrial park where the current production site is located. The RoU (Right of Use) recognised in the Financial Statements, calculated over a period of 15 years, was about €25 million. Painting, logo printing and assembly of fixed aluminium calipers, as well as storage of semi-finished and finished products, will be gradually transferred to the new building, part of which will be dedicated to offices.

The other investments in property, plant and equipment made by the Group primarily related to purchases of plant, machinery and equipment to increase the level of automation of production and constantly improve the mix and quality of factories.



With regard to investments in intangible assets, development costs incurred in 2021 amounted to €21,463 thousand (9.1% of the Group's investments).

In addition, Brembo — which represents a reliable partner for many businesses in the supply industry, with which they can develop partnerships and grow over time — has contributed to strengthening the entrepreneurial fabric in its value chain, creating a network of satellite companies that guarantees additional employment and technological development. In fact, in 2021, much of the wealth distributed by Brembo went towards

remunerating and supporting the system of businesses in the supply chains: overall, the Group's purchases exceeded €1,997 million. More than €506 million was distributed to Brembo personnel in the form of salaries, variable remuneration and social security contributions.

The economic impact of the Group can also be measured in its support for public spending through its contribution to tax revenue and its dividends to Shareholders, thereby encouraging further investments.

#### Economic value generated, distributed and retained (€ thousand)

	2019	2020	2021
<b>Economic value generated</b>	<b>2,687,122</b>	<b>2,276,003</b>	<b>2,887,840</b>
<b>Economic value distributed</b>	<b>2,338,379</b>	<b>1,985,387</b>	<b>2,539,452</b>
Suppliers	1,683,433	1,448,583	1,828,581
Brembo People*	465,696	425,029	506,617
Investors and lenders	124,495	53,235	138,229
Public Administration	62,977	55,755	64,312
Gifts and sponsorships	1,778	2,785	1,713
<b>Economic value retained</b>	<b>348,743</b>	<b>290,616</b>	<b>348,388</b>

\* The item "Economic value distributed to Brembo People" includes the costs of Brembo's employed personnel and temporaries.

The value generated and distributed by the Group had a particularly significant positive impact in those areas characterised by levels of industrialisation and wealth distribution below the national average. This is the case, for example, with the Homer production plant in the United States and the Ostrava plant in the Czech Republic — areas that are characterised by an above-average employment rate.

In recognition of the benefits produced by the presence of highly specialised manufacturing firms, in 2021 — as part of national policies designed to attract and support industrial innovation and development — the Group received more than €11 million in public grants, in the form of tax relief and research grants.

Brembo has always been very conscious of the role it plays within the country's economic development. The Group's constant investments aim to maintain and increase employment development and meet the economic and social needs of local communities, even in the difficult context dictated by the current pandemic.

#### Financial investments (€ thousand)

	2021
Capex	242,037
Depreciation	214,715
Share buybacks	0
Dividend distribution	71,132
<b>Total</b>	<b>528,007</b>



## Contribution to developing the local intellectual capital

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Investments and work opportunities created in local communities are not the only positive effects generated by Brembo in the areas in question. Indeed, the Group deems it even more important to foster the growth of the districts' intellectual capital by offering its "know-how" as a resource for promoting local development through training and partnerships with various research and education institutions.

Partnerships like those with the Milan Polytechnic, the Lund University in Sweden, the University of Brescia, the University of Padua and the University of Trento have made it possible to share Brembo's legacy of expertise in materials, braking systems, technology, and industrial fusion and mechanical processing procedures, while also allowing the Group to develop highly innovative products with a view to open innovation that benefits both Brembo and the local areas.

Out of the main initiatives that demonstrate Brembo's key role in creating and promoting knowledge and innovation on a local level, the most significant are reported below:

### **The development of the innovation hub Kilometro Rosso**

The Group was involved in the creation of Kilometro Rosso from the very start. Established on the outskirts of Bergamo, where Brembo has its roots, this district acts as a catalyst for various areas of excellence in the field of research, high-tech production and services for innovation in various sectors and areas of specialisation. This knowledge hub aims to create a meeting point for businesses with a strong propensity for innovation, scientific institutions and R&D centres, with a view to promoting the sharing of specialist expertise among businesses operating in various industries, considerably increasing the ability of the people involved to generate product, process and service innovation.

Kilometro Rosso is now one of Italy's main science parks, accredited by the CENSIS 2009 report as one of Italy's top 10 outstanding initiatives for innovation. In addition to the Group's headquarters, within the park Brembo has a mechatronics, sensor systems and mechanical Research Centre and the laboratories of Brembo SGL Carbon Ceramic Brakes, a joint-venture set up between Brembo and SGL Group.

For further information: [www.kilometrorosso.com](http://www.kilometrorosso.com)

### **Accademia del Freno (Brake Academy) at the Polytechnic University of Milan**

In partnership with the Milan Polytechnic, Brembo set up the Accademia del Freno (Brake Academy) in 2014. This technical and scientific advanced education initiative specialising in braking systems seeks to complement the academic curriculum of Milan Polytechnic's engineering students. The Academy features a cycle of lessons and seminars in the University and in the company. It involves Group managers and specialists, who provide students with the knowledge and expertise developed by the Group, ranging from brake disc and brake disc caliper design to further study of friction materials, thermal and structural calculations, and testing and validation processes. This partnership aims to train new braking system specialists, therefore developing the sector's future professionals.

### **The support to local technological institutions**

The Group's partnerships with the world of education do not focus solely on universities. In fact, it is important for Brembo to develop a relationship with future generations from secondary schools onwards, so as to guide and introduce the best talents to the mechanics industry.



## 8.2 Social and cultural development of local communities

Over the years, Brembo has established close ties to the local areas where it is present, paying attention to the needs they express, and defining a path of joint development and growth, which leads the Group to provide tangible support to numerous projects and initiatives in favour of local communities in the areas of greatest social needs.

In order to guarantee structured and strategic management of social initiatives, the Group set up a central Social and Cultural Sponsorships and Donations Committee. This body periodically brings together the Heads of the main corporate functions, in order to define criteria, guidelines and priorities on which to focus sponsorships and donations in the social and cultural arena, establish the annual budget set aside for these activities, evaluate projects and initiatives to support, as well as monitor the compliance and efficacy of the projects being promoted.

In order to be ever closer to local communities and fully understand their needs, the Group engages Brembo's Country General Managers in listening to and supporting local socio-cultural development initiatives. In keeping with the priorities identified by the Committee, the appointed managers identify local needs and define suitable ways of providing support to the

communities, trying to meet specific targets of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and to offer solutions to the emergency situation outlined as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. An additional contribution is made by the voluntary figures of the CSR Ambassador and CSR Champion, who work with the CSR GCF to draw the Group's attention to requirements emerging in local communities.

In particular, in 2021 the Group supported initiatives in six areas of intervention viewed as priorities by Brembo:

- **Social area and children protection**
- **Education, training and research**
- **Art and culture**
- **Sport**
- **Environment and sustainability**
- **Brembo's social projects worldwide**

This final area of intervention reflects the Group's desire to be a leading and active player in the most urgent contexts and situations at international level. To this end, Brembo has been collaborating with the non-profit world since 2016 to carry out projects that promote the wellbeing of the local areas involved.

### Action areas for social projects





## Brembo4Earth - The Brembo Forest

Every single tree is oxygen for the planet and a resource for man. It is sustenance and life, a symbol of rebirth and a gaze towards the future.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of its foundation, Brembo has decided to donate a tree to all the people of the Group, thus giving life to the first Brembo Forest in the world.

The initiative, called “**Brembo4Earth - A gift for you, our forest for the planet**” has aimed to involve all the Group’s people in celebrating 60 years of activity and at the same time strengthening Brembo’s global commitment to sustainability.

The forest project consists of a combination of stem and non-fruit trees species created according to the needs of the local area. Banana, avocado, coffee, markhamia, grevillea, guava, papaya and Japanese medlar are the species of the 14 thousand trees that have been planted in Kenya, in the Lake Victoria Region, allowing the development of small-scale agro-forestry projects to be promoted in rural areas and profitable alternatives provided for the population, together with local

farmers’ cooperatives. The project involves about 1,300 farmers who manage and take care of the forest.

The initiative is conducted in partnership with Treedom, a web platform that allows people to plant trees remotely and follow online the history of the project in which they are taking part.

All Brembo People around the world have received a postcard with a unique code that allows them to “adopt” a forest tree. Each tree is geolocated and it is possible to know its characteristics and meaning, personalise it with a name, follow the story of those who take care of it and much more. All online from the Treedom platform.

The Brembo Forest contributes to the achievement of 10 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals defined by the United Nations, producing both environmental and social benefits.

On the environmental front, the initiative reduces the destructive pressure on primary forests, protects biodiversity and soil fertility and counteracts soil erosion.

The social benefits that stand out include the strengthening of local communities through the training and transmission of skills for the care of trees to local farmers, the creation of positive synergies between communities and the increase in available food resources.



To learn more

Brembo Forest

<https://www.brembo.com/en/company/news/brembo-forest>





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**A gift for you, our forest to help the planet.**



## Houses of Smiles

As a result of the collaboration between Brembo and Foundation CESVI, an NGO, founded in Bergamo in 1985, involved in supporting development and combating poverty, the House of Smile was inaugurated in 2017 in Pune, India. The project aims to support highly vulnerable women and children and consists of a service centre within a building located in Bibwedi and three education centres for children in poor areas on the outskirts of Pune. Swadhar, the local NGO, operates within the service and education centre hub, coordinating the psychological support, legal guidance, healthcare and career assistance services for women and the support services for young mothers. Swadhar also promotes activities for children between the ages of 3 and adolescence in favour of education and children protection.

The children, divided into classes by age, attend daily classroom sessions in the three educational centres, consisting of fully structured and equipped facilities, and take part in a programme aimed at encouraging literacy, supporting study, civic education and proper, healthy nutrition.

The three educational centres also offer professional training programmes for young women such as tailoring, hair-styling and beautician courses that award a recognised completion certificate.

A fundamental part in the development of this important project is played by the active participation of the Brembo Brake India local team which, even throughout the Covid-19 health emergency, has kept up an open and ongoing dialogue with the managers of the Swadhar Association in order to support the women and families of the young people who benefit from the services of the House of Smiles.



In 2021 as well, during the lockdown imposed by the pandemic, the managers of the Swadhar Association continued to provide psychological support to the families and women online and educational support to young people with access to a mobile phone (despite living in a situation of extreme poverty, each family unit owns at least one).

The Swadhar teachers regularly sent parents activities for children and teenagers via WhatsApp, asking them to register their children when carrying out the activities and hand in the completed tasks by taking a photo of their work. There was constant follow-up with parents to monitor how the young people were progressing and support them in the event of any difficulties. These online activities met with a positive response among children and parents.

## School on Wheels

In 2019, Brembo inaugurated in India the project “School on Wheels”, by delivering to the local NGO Door Step School a school bus fitted out to serve as a full-fledged mobile classroom, including educational materials, chalkboards, computers, monitors and audio-visual materials, to allow the educators from the NGO to provide literary and basic education to hundreds of children.

“School on Wheels” is a project active six days a week, Monday to Saturday, in which educators use the school bus to travel, according to a pre-determined schedule, to six areas in Pune’s enormous slum to teach to a group of 20-25 children at each stop.

Door Step School’s educators teach children ages 3 to 14 the three fundamental skills (the reading, writing and math), together with basic social skills such as hygiene, health and safety.

The bus is also used as a mobile reading room for children from Pune’s outskirts. This is why the school bus stops in certain areas for two hours to be available to those who wish to make use of the service. It is an initiative that is also very useful for children who already know how to read but do not have access to books.



## I was a Sari

“I was a Sari” — one of the projects that Brembo has been supporting since 2015 — is a social enterprise based in Mumbai, founded by an Italian entrepreneur with the aim of improving the lives of Indian women from the most disadvantaged social and economic classes.

The Sari is the traditional dress for Indian women that has passed down through the centuries in local culture.

The women involved in this project create hand-crafted fashion accessories — necklaces, bracelets, purses, shawls — using recycled Sari fabrics or premium textiles.

At the Mumbai logistics centre, awash in the unique colours of the fabrics, women select items, perform quality control, cut the saris and create fashion items.

Before they are dispatched to the customers, the products created at the “I was a Sari” tailoring centres are stocked and a custom label with a description of the project is affixed to each item.

The Indian women are thus taught specialist tailoring skills and guaranteed a dignified regular wage, which provides them with precious independence.

Brembo’s contribution has made it possible to transform a social

project for women’s empowerment into an independent “social business”.

In 2017, The “Houses of Smile” and “I was a Sari” projects received the Impresa Award, set up by the Italian-Indian Chamber of Commerce, in the “Community Development (Society) Awards” category, and dedicated to corporate initiatives that have made the biggest contribution to the development of local communities in India. The two projects were judged to be the best from among more than 50 initiatives presented by as many Italian and Indian firms.





## Dream Center

Within the socioeconomic context of rural China, it is difficult for the 61 million children in the underdeveloped regions to access quality education, and also for the 36 million children of migrant workers.

The “Dream Center” project developed by the local NGO ADream not only provides for the structural redevelopment of certain schools in marginalised areas, but also education programmes for teachers and the creation of an innovative education programme designed to stimulate the skills and aspirations of every single student, sometimes through the use of multimedia classrooms.

The joint contribution made by Brembo, which has supported the project since 2019 and the local Public Education office, has made it possible to set up four Dream Centers: “Shanghai Chongming District Deng Ying Primary School”, in a rural area four hours from Nanjing, with eight classes, 32 teachers and 197 students; “Tong Ling Xin Cheng Primary School”, a two-hour car drive away, with 13 classes, 32 teachers and 594

students (these two Dream Centers also benefited from the contribution of Tencent Holding); “ShangRao Jie Tian Primary school”, in the Jiangxi province at around 480 km from Nanjing, with 20 classes, 68 teachers and 983 students; “ZiXi County Experimental Primary School”, in the city of FuZhou (province of Jiangxi), a seven-hour car drive away from Nanjing, with 2,371 students and 133 teachers.

Alongside Brembo China, there has also been significant engagement with the project among Brembo’s collaborators in Nanjing who, through online donations to the “Tencent 99 Giving Day”, a national fundraising programme organised by one of China’s main Internet providers, have contributed to the purchase of educational material for the centres.

Quality education also means reducing the educational divide between the cities and the rural areas, supporting education as a tool for creating opportunities and believing in the potential for change, while respecting the diversity and personality of every individual, without leaving anyone behind.



## SOSTeniamoci

SOSTeniamoci is a development, progress and sharing programme that was created in 2016 to help the Bergamo's young unaccompanied foreign minors to achieve their life goals and lead them — through a job induction programme — towards social integration and economic independence. Thanks to this project, young people are supported from a psychological and linguistic point of view, are guided through ad hoc training courses and accompanied in their induction into the world of work taking into account their aptitudes and aspirations.



The young people involved are selected based on their motivation to build a life in Italy and later to be able to rejoin their family. Their attitudinal and personal characteristics are evaluated through a balance of skills that determines the paths to be taken within the project. All participants have signed a “pact of educational Responsibility”, in which they undertake to complete the two-year course on a reliable and committed basis. They are attending courses of study that involve participation in training programmes run by local training agencies or schools and vocational activities or workshops, followed by periods of hands-on experience at businesses in the Province of Bergamo. SOSTeniamoci is the result of Brembo's collaboration with the Cesvi Foundation, the AFP (Vocational Training Association)

Patronato San Vincenzo, an association that carries out vocational training, education, assistance and social promotion activities, and the Minors and Family service in Bergamo local area 1. Fundamental to the programme, moreover, is the cooperation with social workers, host communities, associations and the children themselves.

The first and second editions of the project involved a total of 41 young unaccompanied foreign minors who received diplomas attesting to the goals achieved during their training course.

On 21 March 2019, Brembo was given an award for SOSTeniamoci as part of the “Welcome - Working for refugee integration” project, recognition that UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, awards to companies that have distinguished themselves in promoting refugee employment and supporting their integration process in Italy.

SOSTeniamoci was also narrated through “NumerUomini”, a short film of about 12 minutes, by the Director Gianfranco Ferraro, which documents the life path of young people from the escape from their lands of origin to their arrival in Italy and inclusion in the project. On 13 June 2018, “NumerUomini” received a special mention during the Award Ceremony of the Globi D'oro assigned by the Foreign Press Association in Rome on June 13, 2018.

For Brembo, a company that operates in 15 countries on three continents with the collaboration of over 12,000 people<sup>36</sup>, it is essential to encourage multiculturalism and value differences. In this sense, the SOSTeniamoci project represents an exemplary example, the two editions having involved young people from Albania, Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, Kosovo, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan and Senegal.



**To learn more**

**Numeruomini**

<https://www.brembo.com/it/company/news/numeruomini>

<sup>36</sup> The figure includes J. Juan's workforce (570 employees). It should be noted that the acquisition of the company was finalised on 4 November 2021. Therefore, the scope of quantitative data relating to personnel which are indicated in Brembo Group's Disclosure of Non-Financial Information does not include this company.



## The partnership with the Atalanta Youth Team

Brembo supports the social role of professional and competitive sport and shares educational and cultural values with Atalanta, which will allow young people to become professionals in work and life: loyalty, team spirit, sacrifice, training, merit, a love of challenges, support for talent and constant improvement, all of which also have something in common with academic education.

It is on the basis of these common principles that Brembo and Atalanta, two of Bergamo's outstanding achievements belonging to different worlds, decided to collaborate, focusing on the new generations. In fact, since 2018 Brembo has been Top Partner of the Atalanta Bergamasca Calcio's Youth Sector, which is due to continue for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 sporting seasons.

This collaboration also continued with the "Brembo Prize", which is awarded annually to the most deserving young footballer in each youth team, from the Under 15 to the "Primavera" categories.

The best athletes are identified by a group of technical experts on the basis of criteria that consider not only strictly sporting aspects, but also educational results and fair play. In 2021, the ceremony took place on 9 June at the Mino Favini Academy, inside the headquarters of the Youth Sector at the Bortolotti Centre in Zingonia in the presence of Luca Percassi, CEO of Atalanta, and Cristina Bombassei, Chief CSR Officer of Brembo, who presented awards to the most deserving youngsters.

Brembo also supports the "School at the Stadium" project, a social and educational programme for students that aims to educate young people in sticking to the rules, fair play and preventing episodes of discrimination.

Lastly, the partnership also includes Brembo's support for the organisation of summer Football Camps held by Atalanta Bergamasca Calcio football team for children aged 7-14, which attract large numbers of participants every year.



## Muse - The Sustainability Gallery

Brembo is the main sponsor of the Muse Sustainability Gallery, Trento Science Museum, inaugurated on 4 October 2021. The Muse is one of the main Italian exhibition centres that also participates in the scientific debate on the major issues of sustainable development and respect for the environment.

Inside the Sustainability Gallery, a special area called Goal Zero contains virtuous sustainability and production experiences that run through new business models: eight entrepreneurial stories, eight companies that operate concretely in the field of sustainability.

Brembo's exhibition at the Muse Sustainability Gallery in Trento talks about the use of recycled ferrous materials for the production of the Company's brake discs, a fundamental component of a car's braking system and its safety.

With its own process, the result of innovation and attention to sustainability, Brembo promotes circular production that helps reduce consumption of natural resources and energy and production of waste.

The different ferrous recycled materials that make up Brembo brake discs can be seen at the exhibition, such as sections of rails, discharged batteries, cans for preserves and parts of car metal sheets sent to the breaker's yard.

In addition to these materials, visitors to the Muse can also discover the new Greentive® disc, a name created by combining the terms Green and Distinctive, to highlight on the one hand the sustainability aspect of a disc that reduces braking system emissions by up to 50%, and on the other the unique aesthetic characteristics of its special mirror-like finish.

The exhibition is completed by a GP4-MS motorbike caliper, designed for track enthusiasts, and a B-M8 caliper, one of the largest ever made by Brembo, to also express innovation and design as fundamental traits of the Company's DNA.



Archivio MUSE

## Bergamo Science Festival

The 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the BergamoScienza Festival took place from 1 to 17 October 2021. Brembo was Gold Sponsor of the event and hosted one of the virtual tours "Science in the company", which was attended by Roberto Vavassori (Chief Public Affairs and Institutional Relations Officer), Sara Arragoni (System GBU Design Engineer) and the scientific journalist Gianluca Dotti.

The tour covered some of the interior spaces of the Kilometro Rosso headquarters, showed the Company's products and talked about the innovations introduced in 60 years of Brembo history, looking at the challenges that await it in the future.

BergamoScienza is the first scientific popularisation festival established in Italy that every autumn transforms the city into a national stage and not only of science, inviting to the discussion the most representative voices in the world, including, to date, as many as 31 Nobel Laureates. In 2021, the Festival returned to being a live attended event, while offering the opportunity to follow conferences, workshops and debates streamed on the website [www.bergamoscienza.it](http://www.bergamoscienza.it).

The Festival has always involved an audience of all ages, eager to discover the changing world, with 2,355,921 attendees in 18 editions also achieved thanks to the help of 39,849 volunteers.

## Giocamico

As of 2014 Brembo makes an annual contribution to the Giocamico project at the Papa Giovanni XXIII hospital in Bergamo. Giocamico comprises a psychological support for young patients through a fun activity that prepares them for surgery and diagnostic investigations and is available in all paediatric wards of the hospital.

Children can therefore face what will happen to them in a fun manner; the operating theatre becomes a space ship and the operation an adventurous journey. Thanks to the use of sounds, images and simulations, they are not just told about their treatment, but actually experience it. In the context of the pandemic, the Giocamico project has taken on a valuable role, becoming even more of an element of support for families. A project that accompanies and provides supports in the approach to care and the network of caregivers, providing at the same time a bridge between “an inside and an outside”, which have never been so distant as in this historic period.

It was precisely the reflections that emerged during the period of the pandemic that gave rise to Giocamico as a tool for young patients involved in long and complex hospitalisations to “approach and dialogue” with their siblings.

In January 2021, the new room set up for paediatric patients accessing the Neuroradiology Unit to perform magnetic resonance imaging without using general anaesthesia was also inaugurated. This space contains a model machine that can

support the child in the simulation of the procedure, set up in an environment designed to recall elements of fantasy that can help young patients approach the examination in a positive way.



## FROM and Mario Negri Institute

In keeping with its nature as a company with a strong vocation for innovation, Brembo supports scientific research projects in various fields of application, as well as various initiatives linked to education and training for young people. In particular, the Group supports FROM, the Research Foundation of Pope

John XXIII Hospital in Bergamo, set up in 2008 to allow hospital workers to play an active role in national and international medical research, and with the Mario Negri Pharmacological Research Institute, one of the largest centres of biomedical and pharmacological research in Italy.

## Brembo supports research to fight Covid-19

In 2021, Brembo decided to continue to support scientific research to combat Covid-19, a commitment that will continue in 2022 as well.

Brembo's donation to three leading Bergamo institutions — Pope John XXIII Hospital, the Bergamo Hospital Research Foundation (FROM) and the Mario Negri Institute — which stood out in fighting against Coronavirus in one among the areas most severely affected by the pandemic, allowed to finance over 20 research projects conducted jointly by the three beneficiaries. Brembo's contribution has allowed a new way of contributing to scientific research by combining clinical and pharmacological research with the aim of: reducing hospitalisation following contraction of the virus, reducing its severity and unfavourable

outcomes, studying the medium-term impacts after healing and proposing treatments also for the permanent and semi-permanent effects of the infection on different organs.

The results of the funded research projects have been published in the most prestigious scientific and medical journals worldwide. The results achieved by the mixed groups, those formed by scientists and technical staff belonging to all three institutions, were also positive.

For a Group like Brembo that has innovation and research in the chromosomes of its DNA, it was natural to support the Project. Research is Brembo's way of doing business, as it believes it to be the only viable way of finding an effective solution also to such a difficult situation on a global scale.



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