

## A record-breaking flame



The cauldron of the Games, designed by Pininfarina, is as high as a 20-storey building with a 4-m high flame.

After the Torch, another emblem of Turin 2006 Winter Olympic Games has been forged by the creativity of Pininfarina. The Torino 2006 Games will be illuminated by the largest cauldron in the history of the five-circle event.

The first cauldron of the 1928 Amsterdam Games has been followed by a set of increasingly innovative and technological cauldrons. But Torino 2006 intends to break all records. Although the name of the last torch-bearer is a closely-guarded secret, the structure that, together with the Olympic Torch, is the real symbol of the Games, i.e. the Olympic cauldron in which the Olympic Flame will burn brightly from the evening of the February 10 to that of February 26, has been unveiled.

Sixteen days of fire. Standing very tall: 57 metres of cauldron and a 4-metre high flame, as high as a 20-storey building. Much higher than the Olympic Stadium outside which it is installed. The five tubes forming the cauldron will have a diameter of 60 cm, with an internal diameter of three metres. A sixth central tube will reach to the top, spreading out in the last few metres in order to accommodate the burners necessary to obtain a flame visible from all points of the city.

"An extraordinary, unrepeatable and highly innovative project - commented Paolo Pininfarina, Pininfarina Extra CEO. - So innovative that it is reductive to call it a cauldron". In effect, the flame will be fed by six fires, equal to the number of burners in the tubes.

"The creative process - explained Pininfarina, - was guided by the desire to embody the tension generated by the Olympic challenge in a single object: five supporting columns will stretch towards the sky with force and dignity, representing the values of the Olympic spirit. In the race towards the sky, the tension of sportsmanship will generate a twist of pure energy that will burst immediately into a flame".