

## **Italgas strengthens its presence in the United States with a technological outpost in San Francisco**

Milan, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Italgas strengthens its presence in the United States by opening a technological outpost at INNOVIT, the Italian Innovation and Culture Hub in San Francisco.

This significant step consolidates Italgas' presence in the heart of Silicon Valley. The new technological outpost, in fact, continues the successful path initiated with the Innovation Antenna inaugurated in 2022 at the "Mind the Bridge Innovation Center," also in San Francisco.

*"Congratulations to Italgas, the first Italian company to activate its own desk at INNOVIT. We are delighted that a leading industrial group focused on energy transition has chosen the hub of the Italian System as an outpost to seize new opportunities in the Silicon Valley ecosystem. INNOVIT, born at the initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is ready to welcome Italian groups that choose to follow Italgas' example, providing them with high-quality services and ensuring access to a unique network"* - commented **Mariangela Zappia, Ambassador of Italy to the United States.**

*"Regarding our new innovation and research outpost in Silicon Valley, our objective is to fully leverage the advantages of being in close proximity to the global epicenter of innovation and business opportunities - stated **Paolo Gallo, CEO of Italgas** -. Through our direct presence, we aspire to establish ourselves as a key reference point for startups interested in creating targeted solutions for our industry sectors".*

*"The opening of Italgas' outpost at INNOVIT is a strategic event for the entire Italian System in the Bay Area and a powerful stimulus for the presence and activity of the most innovative Italian ecosystems in Silicon Valley"* - commented **Sergio Strozzi, Consul General of Italy in San Francisco.**

The new facility was officially inaugurated by Italgas in the presence of Sergio Strozzi, the Consul General of Italy in San Francisco, and Alberto Acito, the Director of the Innovation Center at INNOVIT.

The objective of this new outpost in the Bay Area is to foster relationships between Italgas and the innovation ecosystem of Silicon Valley. This initiative aims to identify emerging technologies applicable to the field of activities in which the Group operates.

With the opening of the Technological Outpost in San Francisco, Italgas reaffirms its position as a global benchmark in the energy sector, ready to seize the opportunities offered by innovation and lead the transformation towards a sustainable future.