MARKET APPROACH

Prysmian Group has perfected a market approach over the years that puts the customer at the centre of its strategic, organisational and business choices. Its commitment to analysing customer expectations and their evolution over time allows the Group to develop organisational and operating models that translate into fast, efficient and targeted responses to the markets concerned. At the heart of this approach is "Customer Centricity", which expresses itself in the ability to anticipate and satisfy customer needs through its constant presence, from product design through to delivery, and provision of a level of service that is monitored against specific, agreed parameters. The Prysmian Group is able to develop solutions that not only meet specific standards but also satisfy precise customer needs. In particular, the Group is able to serve very different segments and markets thanks to its ad hoc matrix organisational structure that lets it have a local presence even for major global projects.

This means that markets with high local specificity are served by country commercial and development teams, and that markets with global products and customers are followed by integrated business unit teams, while other segments requiring a local presence and cooperation between countries draw on the matrix structure's potential.

Customer centrality and satisfaction are a strategic approach that is implemented by having a fast, smooth organisation throughout the supply chain, capable of expediting decisionmaking and time to market by adapting itself to the needs of the various industries by continuously investing in innovation. One of the ways of implementing customer centricity is through "**Factory Reliability**", a process that makes it possible not only to improve the reliability of planning and the execution of manufacturing output, in terms of both mix and volumes in ever faster response times, but also to have stricter control over inventory levels for every type of stock (raw materials, intermediate and finished goods); this enables the Group to deal effectively and efficiently with upswings and downswings in sales volumes and consequent variation in manufacturing output.

In addition to the Customer Centricity and Factory Reliability propositions, Prysmian Group has also started "**Supply Chain Integration**" projects with some of its most important global customers with the goal of improving process effectiveness and efficiency throughout the supply chain, from the producers of raw materials and intermediate goods used in manufacturing through to the end cable user.

