



**Jean de Jaegher**  
**Honorary President EURATEX**

## Eulogy

Let me say a few words about Jean, not only a very good friend but also a mentor to me in my professional career. He was an entrepreneur in his family company and later, a key figure in the Marzotto Group where he was instrumental in the internationalization of Marzotto, in its global acquisition path. Being a key figure in Pietro Marzotto team that lead Marzotto Group to acquire and relaunch Hugo Boss, Valentino and Marlboro Classics.

Not only he was a leader in management but also he was a great diplomat who, as President, guided Euratex through a challenging period marked by the end of the Multi Fiber Agreement, navigating very diverse viewpoints within the membership group.

Full of determination to achieve the best outcomes for the industry in difficult negotiations with European institutions and trade partners around the world.

He was also instrumental in my coming to Euratex and I have to thank him, because he was always there in my Presidents' years in providing advise, good and innovative ideas, always giving me and the Board a positive and constructive support.

I would like to conclude in saying what I believe:

"This world is not Conclusion

A sequel lies beyond

Invisible as waves in the galaxy"

I ask you to stand with me for a minute of silence and pray. Thank you.

***Alberto Paccanelli***