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Arisen by a Gio Ponti's idea, the award was organized for years by "La Rinascente" department store in order to pick out the value and quality of the Italian design products.

Later it was given to ADI that, since 1964, has managed its organization, ensuring its impartiality and integrity.

The nearly three hundred products awarded in more than fifty years, along with the almost two thousand products selected with the Honorable Mention, are collected and kept in the **Historical Collection of the Compasso d'Oro Award**, whose management was given to **ADI Foundation**, created for this reason by ADI in 2001.

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