The Magna Grecia Foundation International Award was presented to Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"We honor the jurist, but also the Italy-US bond."

In the unique setting of the Galleria Doria Pamphilj, an architectural jewel in the heart of Rome, the Magna Grecia Foundation awarded the Magna Grecia International Award to Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Samuel Anthony Alito, Jr. The award, according to the citation, was given to Justice Alito "for his extraordinary legal and institutional career, but also for being the example of a man who, always remembering his origins, rose to the top of the country's highest judicial body.

Over the years, the Magna Grecia International Award has been awarded to leading figures in politics, culture, and science, including, among others, Mauricio Macri, former President of the Republic of Argentina; Federico Faggin, world-renowned physicist and inventor of the microprocessor; and Prince Albert II of Monaco, heir to the Grimaldi family, who always cultivated His ties to Southern Italy; Oscar-winning director Giuseppe Tornatore; and George Pataki, former Governor of New York State. A gallery of prestigious names, including that of Justice Alito. Born in Trenton, New Jersey, to a family originally from Calabria on his father's side and Basilicata on his mother's, Alito has always proudly asserted his Italian roots, which the Foundation has emphasized as a driving force for redemption and excellence. His career, from his studies at Princeton and Yale to his nomination by President George W. Bush to the Supreme Court in 2005, a position that places him among the protagonists of American constitutional history, reflects the epic story of so many Italians who have transformed the sacrifice of emigration into opportunity and success. A career marked by rulings that have profoundly impacted international debate, helping to define crucial issues regarding fundamental rights and the separation of powers. The Justice, visibly moved by the memory of his ties to his homeland, recalled the courage of his grandparents who emigrated to the United States. United as a living part of his personal and professional identity. His presence in Italy, in this time marked by global tensions and democratic challenges, has appeared as a strong signal of unity between two worlds that share the universal value of justice. "In Justice Alito," the award's citation states, "Italy and America meet on a shared horizon of freedom and justice." This synthesis captures the highest meaning of the Foundation's mission: to celebrate Italy's roots around the world as a living force, capable of generating stronger institutions, more solid democracies, and more just societies.