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‘Moment of rebirth’
 Elsewhere in Milan, Roberto Cavalli is back, under new artistic director Fausto Puglisi, while MM6 Maison Margiela and Luisa Spagnoli have shows for the first time. Gucci is not on the catwalk schedule in Milan but will unveil a new project entitled The Vault, while Giorgio Armani celebrates 40 years of his Emporio line with a retrospective exhibition. Italy was the first European country to face a wave of coronavirus cases in February 2020, sparking a nationwide lockdown that

plunged the eurozone’s third largest economy into recession. But a successful vaccination campaign has brought hopes of a return to some kind of normality-and economic growth. Carlo Ferro, president of the Italian Trade Agency, said the resumption of physical events in Milan “shows the courage of the organizers, the tenacity of the companies and the support of Italian industry”.
 The numbers on the Italian fashion industry-including the textile, clothing, leather, shoe and leather goods sec-

tors-are encouraging. Turnover in the first quarter of 2021 was up 24 percent compared to the same period in 2020. That is still 15 percent lower than before the pandemic, but industry players are hoping a sharp increase in orders will make up some of the difference by year end. The collections this week “mark a moment of rebirth”, said Carlo Capasa chairman of Italy’s national fashion chamber, the CNMI. — AFP

