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150 ELITE: new companies, internationalization and first operations on capital markets

- 27 new companies join ELITE
- 150 companies enrolled in the programme
- After Italy's success, ELITE launches in the UK

Borsa Italiana today unveiled the new companies joining ELITE. The companies come from across numerous sectors and across the country but sharing the same ambition and orientation to grow.

ELITE aims to guide senior management on how best to adapt and shape their businesses for further long-term growth and how to increase their visibility and attractiveness to potential investors.

Two years after its launch, ELITE continues to create value for companies, giving them access to a diverse support network. The programme has been exported to London, where London Stock Exchange recently held a successful launch event. Italian ELITE companies will be part of an international network, allowing them access to British investors and companies.

150 companies are now enrolled in ELITE, with an average turnover of €105 million and a growth rate at the time of admission of 15%.

The company admitted are heterogeneous in terms of sectors because they operate in different fields from software and computer services, engineering to fashion and food industries.



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ELITE has already achieved significant results. Among the companies attending the programme 15 are considering an IPO in the next few years; 8 are talking to private equity firms; 3 have issued minibonds on ExtraMOT PRO and 8 more are exploring this possibility; 25 launched M&A projects and joint ventures; SACE has €30 million invested in 18 ELITE companies and SIMEST has €20 million invested in 9 companies.

Raffaele Jerusalmi, CEO of Borsa Italiana said:

"ELITE is fast becoming an international platform involving an increasing number of companies, partners and investors. We are proud to have created an ecosystem in Italy which supports companies in their growth projects and gives them access to the capital markets. I am delighted that the model is generating significant interest abroad and attended the successful launch event for ELITE in the UK last week."

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Borsa Italiana S.p.A. is one of Europe's largest and most established stock exchanges almost 330 companies listed across its markets. The Italian Exchange operates markets trading in Italian equities, bonds and derivatives. Markets include the MIV and STAR segments as well as IDEM, MOT, ETFPlus and AIM Italia and MAC for small cap companies. Since October 2007 Borsa Italiana has been part of the international diversified exchange business, London Stock Exchange Group.



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New companies joining ELITE today are:

Company	Sector	Region
Adler Plastic Group	Automobiles & Parts	Campania
aizoOn Consulting	Software & Computer Services	Piemonte
Alpiah	Alternative Energy	Lombardia
Aquafil	Chemicals	Trentino Alto Adige
AZ Holding	Financial Services	Lombardia
Bauli	Food Produces	Veneto
Calligaris	Household Goods & Home Construction	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Carel	Electronic & Electrical Equipment	Veneto
Comdata	Support Services	Lombardia
DKC Europe	General Industrials	Piemonte
DOC Generici	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	Lombardia
Ducati Energia	Electronic & Electrical Equipment	Emilia Romagna
Forgital	Aerospace & Defense	Veneto
Giplast Group	Chemicals	Abruzzo
Gruppo LGH	Gas, Water & Multi-utilities	Lombardia
H-ART	Software & Computer Services	Veneto
Il Gufo	Personal Goods	Veneto
Inoxfucine	Industrial Engineering	Lombardia
L'Isolante K Flex	General Industrials	Lombardia
Medica	Health Care Equipment & Services	Emilia Romagna
NGI	Software & Computer Services	Lombardia
Pharmanutra	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	Toscana
Phoenix International	Industrial Engineering	Lombardia
Rimorchiatori Riuniti	Industrial Transportation	Liguria
Ubiquity	Mobile Telecommunications	Lombardia
Unidata	Fixed Line Telecommunications	Lazio
Zanotti	General Industrials	Lombardia

