

The STARs of Borsa Italiana meet international investors: 15th edition of the STAR Conference in London

- ***More than 700 meetings required: an absolute record***
- ***46 STAR companies participate in the Conference***
- ***The STAR segment capitalization increased by +35% (€30.58 billion) since the London STAR Conference in 2014***
- ***For the first time 4 ELITE companies introduce themselves to the financial community at the STAR Conference***

On the 5th and 6th of October Borsa Italiana organizes the STAR Conference 2015 at London Stock Exchange in London. During the event 46 companies of the STAR segment of Borsa Italiana's main market meet international investors.

More than 700 one-to-one meetings have been requested, for an average of 15 meetings for each company. The management of the participating enterprises will meet 120 investors representing 95 investment companies.

This year the London STAR Conference 2015 introduces several novelties: besides traditional meetings the Conference will host for the first time digital meetings on ELITE Connect, the new platform of London Stock Exchange Group which links listed companies, institutional investors and intermediaries.

Furthermore, Tech Value, Bomi Group, Masi Agricola and Giglio Group, the four ELITE companies listed on AIM Italia, will participate in the Conference and will have the chance to present their results and strategies for the future to the international audience.



On the 6th of October the four ELITE and 46 STAR companies will open the markets of London Stock Exchange.

The STAR segment counts 69 companies. The total market capitalisation of the segment is €30.58 billion (+35% on the capitalization of the segment in 2014) and the average capitalization for each company is €443 million.

In the first half of 2015 81% of the companies registered a turnover increase on the same period of 2014^[1].

The FTSE STAR index has been constantly overperforming the FTSE All Shares index (+194% since the beginning of 2003), registering a positive performance of 28% since the beginning of 2015.

The percentage of foreign shareholders investing in STAR companies is particularly worth noting: 91% of institutional investors come from outside Italy^[2] (32% from North America, 21% from the UK, 1% from Asia and Oceania, 37% from the rest of Europe, with Germany 8%, France 7%, Scandinavian countries 10% and Switzerland 4%).

Barbara Lunghi, Head of Small and Mid Caps at Borsa Italiana, commented:

“2015 is a very important year for the STAR segment. The segment saw four new debuts with the IPOs of Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi of Bologna, Banzai, Banca Sistema and Massimo Zanetti Beverage Group, which raised about €400 million overall. STAR companies have always been raising a high interest among investors thanks to their governance characteristics and to above-average economics and financial performances. Throughout the years we kept on registering records in terms of required meetings at the STAR Conference and also this year the number of

[1] This figure refers to the 58 companies which have published their economic and financial results up to 30.06.2013, which compile their half-year financial report on 30.06 and their balance sheet on 31.12 and which do not operate in the financial, assurance and investment companies sectors.

[2] Source: Facset

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required meeting confirms how the Made in Italy and the excellences of our market are appreciated worldwide”.

The companies of the STAR segment participating in the 15th edition of the STAR Conference in London are:

AEROPORTO DI BOLOGNA, ASCOPIAVE, ASTALDI, B&C SPEAKERS, BANCA IFIS, BANCA SISTEMA, BANZAI, BE, BIESSE, BOLZONI, CAIRO COMMUNICATION, CENTRALE DEL LATTE DI TORINO, DADA, DATALOGIC, DIGITAL BROS, EI TOWERS, ELICA, EMAK, ENGINEERING, ESPRINET, EUROTECH, FALCK RENEWABLES, FIDIA, FIERA MILANO, GEFRAN, GRUPPO MUTUIONLINE, IMA, INTERPUMP GROUP, ISAGRO, LA DORIA, MASSIMO ZANETTI BEVERAGE GROUP, MOLESKINE, MONDO TV, NICE, PRIMA INDUSTRIE, RENO DE MEDICI, REPLY, SABAF, SAES GETTERS, SERVIZI ITALIA, TAMBURI I.P., TERNIENERGIA, TESMEC, TXT E-SOLUTIONS, VITTORIA ASSICURAZIONI, ZIGNAGO VETRO.

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