

## **41 new ELITE companies presented today. ELITE now counts over 300 companies in Europe.**

- *26 new members in Italy for a total of 220 Italian ELITE companies*
- *15 new members in the UK for a total of 62 British ELITE companies*
- *On December 10 the new European ELITE companies will be officially presented. To date the program includes 25 members representative of 15 countries*
- *ELITE aims to accelerate the growth of enterprises through an innovative plan of organizational and managerial development, set to make companies more competitive, visible and attractive to investors*

Today, with a joint presentation event in London and Milan, 41 new companies – 26 in Italy and 15 in the UK – will join ELITE. ELITE is a program created by Borsa Italiana in 2012 to accelerate the growth of enterprises.

ELITE today totals 307 member companies: all growing enterprises with long term development plans. These companies have combined revenues of over €28 billion and contribute to create over 105,000 jobs around Europe.

Alongside Italy and the UK, the program is also growing in the rest of Europe and on 10 December, the pan-European companies that are joining the program will be introduced to the public. The program is also expanding



internationally thanks to partnerships engaged with companies in fast-growth rate countries. . Through the ELITE license the London Stock Exchange Group, can partner with domestic stock exchanges and provide support to implement and manage the program on a local level.

Today the London Stock Exchange Group proudly announces the signed agreement with with Casablanca Stock Exchange that will support Moroccan businesses in their path of growth and in their approach to capital markets. Further licensing will be concluded in the coming months.

Among the novelties presented during the day there is the partnership between ELITE and Opportunity Network, a platform that allows companies to share business opportunities anonymously.

During the event in Milan, 18 ELITE companies that have already completed the program will receive the ELITE certificate.

**Raffaele Jerusalem, CEO of Borsa Italiana and Director of Capital Markets of the London Stock Exchange Group commented:**

“The immense success of ELITE continues to attract companies, investors and advisors from all around the world. When we launched ELITE we were sure that working for the growth of SMEs would generate innovation, employment and opportunities for the whole European economy. The results we have achieved thus far are confirming this: ELITE is a model recognized at any institutional level, both domestic and European. ELITE, which sees the participation of companies from several sectors - from fashion, food and customer goods -



gives us a clear image of the Italian economy and demonstrates how our markets could evolve in future.”

**Luca Peyrano, Head of Primary Markets of Continental Europe, remarks:**

“We are happy to reinforce the international network of ELITE today, by welcoming the companies that are about to initiate this path, which is exciting and rich in opportunities. We are also proud to host our friends from Casablanca Stock Exchange, who will develop this program in their country with us, in order to prepare Moroccan enterprises to achieve their growth plans and overcome the challenges of international markets.”

**Italian companies admitted to ELITE:**

<b>Acantho</b>	Fixed Line Telecommunications	Bologna	Emilia Romagna
<b>Almo Nature</b>	Food Producer	Genova	Liguria
<b>Alpitour</b>	Travel and Leisure	Torino	Piemonte
<b>Athena</b>	Electronic and Elettrical Equipment	Vicenza	Veneto
<b>Bios Line</b>	Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	Padova	Veneto
<b>CAP Holding</b>	Gas, Water and Multi-utilities	Milano	Lombardia
<b>Cartografica Galeotti</b>	Other Industrial Products	Lucca	Toscana
<b>DIESSE Diagnostica Senese</b>	Other Industrial Products	Milano	Lombardia
<b>Euroflex</b>	Industrial Metals and Mining	Salerno	Campania
<b>Fonderie di Montorso</b>	Other Industrial Products	Vicenza	Veneto
<b>Gnutti Carlo</b>	Automobiles and Parts	Brescia	Lombardia



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<b>GTS Holding</b>	Industrial Transportation	Bari	Puglia
<b>Interporto Bologna</b>	Industrial Transportation	Bologna	Emilia Romagna
<b>Irritec</b>	Construction and Materials	Messina	Sicilia
<b>L. Molteni &amp; C. dei F.lli Alitti</b>	Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	Firenze	Toscana
<b>Metlac</b>	Chemicals	Alessandria	Piemonte
<b>Panino Giusto</b>	Food Producer	Milano	Lombardia
<b>Plax</b>	Chemicals	Bologna	Emilia Romagna
<b>Proma</b>	Automobiles and Parts	Caserta	Campania
<b>Quid Informatica</b>	Software e Servizi Informatici	Firenze	Toscana
<b>S.I.I.T.</b>	Food Producer	Milano	Lombardia
<b>Salumificio F.lli Beretta</b>	Food Producer	Milano	Lombardia
<b>Shedir Pharma</b>	Food Producer	Napoli	Campania
<b>Sicily By Car</b>	Travel and Leisure	Palermo	Sicilia
<b>Techedge</b>	Software and Computer Services	Milano	Lombardia
<b>Viasat Group</b>	Software and Computer Services	Torino	Piemonte

The Italian companies that receive the ELITE certificate today are: Antares Vision, Bauli, BV TECH, Calzavara, Duplomatic Oleodinamica, Eco Eridania, ELES Semiconductor Equipment, Forgital Italy, Giunti Editore, Inglass, Inoxfucine, La Patria, Miniconf, Nuceria Adesivi, Objectway Group, Oppent, Sestrieres SpA, Ubiquity.



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