



## ELITE reaches more than 550 companies and marks fifth anniversary

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- *31 new Italian companies join ELITE today, bringing the total number of companies to 556 with over €42 billion in combined revenues, accounting for over 187,000 jobs*
- *More than 100 new international companies have joined ELITE since the start of 2017*
- *25 companies receive ELITE certificates, reaching a total number of 110 Italian certified companies*
- *€4 billion raised by ELITE companies through financial transactions since 2012*

31 new Italian companies join ELITE, the successful international business support and capital raising ecosystem, today as it marks its fifth anniversary. ELITE counts more than 550 companies with over €42 billion in combined revenues, accounting for over 187,000 jobs across Europe and beyond.

Today's new Italian companies come from across 11 Italian regions, representing numerous sectors such as technology, industry, beverages and chemistry and reinforce ELITE's ability to represent the real economy.

25 companies have completed their ELITE growth journeys and will receive ELITE certificates. They will continue to benefit from ELITE's services and network.

The partnership between ELITE and Confindustria continues with the aim of supporting the best Italian companies through the creation of ELITE Desks across the country. ELITE counts 39 desks including 15 new desks opened since the beginning of the year. Seven companies have joined ELITE through the partnership with Confindustria.

During the presentation of the new companies, particular attention will be given to ELITE Club Deal, the private placement platform dedicated to ELITE companies. ELITE Club Deal offers companies a fundraising tool and facilitates meetings with professional investors in a new, efficient and digital environment.

**Raffaele Jerusalem, CEO of Borsa Italiana and Chairman of ELITE, commented:**

"When we launched ELITE in 2012, we were committed to supporting the growth and development of Italian entrepreneurs and businesses. We have achieved results beyond our initial expectations, exporting the model to more than 26 countries, creating a dynamic community of entrepreneurs, investors and advisers that is constantly growing. ELITE will continue to promote ambitious businesses, giving them access to the global capital markets, ultimately allowing them to innovate, grow and create the jobs of tomorrow."



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## Luca Peyrano, CEO and General Manager of ELITE, commented:

"We are proud to welcome 31 new Italian businesses to ELITE today. The strength of the ELITE community is evident through the ongoing growth of the companies taking part. It is not a coincidence that over 30 per cent of ELITE companies have already completed extraordinary financial transactions with an aggregate value of over 4 billion euros. Today we are celebrating the first five years of a successful story. This is an important milestone for us, but it is not a point of arrival, it is a new starting point to continue investing in our mission: to connect businesses with capital and to support quality companies throughout their growth journeys".

## 31 new ELITE companies:

Name	Industry	Province	Region
Alpha Test	Publishing	Milan	Lombardy
Bioplast	Other Industrial Products	Salerno	Campania
Bit4id	IT	Naples	Campania
Brandsistribution	Other Industrial Products	Turin	Piedmont
Carcano Antonio	Other Industrial Products	Lecco	Lombardy
Convert Italia	Other Industrial Products	Rome	Lazio
Covisian	Other Industrial Products	Turin	Piedmont
Everton	Food&Beverage	Genoa	Liguria
Farmalabor	Pharmaceutical	Barletta-Andria-Trani	Puglia
Finproject	Chemical	Macerata	Marche
Fluid-o-Tech	Engineering	Milan	Lombardy
Forest	Fashion	Milan	Lombardy
Frattale	Food	Parma	Emilia-Romagna
G.I.D.A.	Distribution	Prato	Tuscany
Giaguaro	Food	Salerno	Campania



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Name	Industry	Province	Region
Gorent	Transport	Florence	Tuscany
ICA Group	Chemical	Macerata	Marche
Mecar	Engineering	Salerno	Campania
Monzese	Engineering	Monza and Brianza	Lombardy
Pellini Caffè	Food&Beverage	Verona	Veneto
Persico	Engineering	Bergamo	Lombardy
Poggipolini	Aerospace	Bologna	Emilia-Romagna
Prenventpcb	Electronic	Varese	Lombardy
PRINK	Other Industrial Products	Ravenna	Emilia-Romagna
R.E.S.	Other Industrial Products	Treviso	Veneto
Saviola Holding	Other Industrial Products	Mantua	Lombardy
STAV	Automotive	Pavia	Lombardy
Targa Telematics	Software	Treviso	Veneto
Tecnofar	Other Industrial Products	Sondrio	Lombardia
Teorema Engineering	Software	Trieste	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Volpato Industrie	Furnishings	Treviso	Veneto

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### **About ELITE**

ELITE is a full-service programme designed to help the most ambitious companies prepare and structure for the next stage of growth through the access to long term financing opportunities. It is a unique cross-border programme based on an exclusive training and tutorship model, supported by access to the business and financial community. Its aim is to prepare companies for their next stage of growth and investment.

For further information on the programme, companies and the full list of partners, please go to: [www.elite-growth.com](http://www.elite-growth.com)

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