



150 ELITE: NEW COMPANIES, INTERNATIONALIZATION AND FIRST OPERATIONS ON CAPITAL MARKETS

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

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 Jerusalemi, 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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New companies joining ELITE today are:

Company	Sector	Region
Adler Plastic Group	Automobiles & Parts	Campania
aizoOn Consulting	Software & Computer	Piemonte
Alpiah	Alternative Energy	Lombardia
Aquafil	Chemicals	Trentino Alto Adige
AZ Holding	Financial Services	Lombardia
Bauli	Food Produces	Veneto
Calligaris	Household Goods & Home	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Carel	Electronic & Electrical	Veneto
Comdata	Support Services	Lombardia
DKC Europe	General Industrials	Piemonte
DOC Generici	Pharmaceuticals &	Lombardia
Ducati Energia	Electronic & Electrical	Emilia Romagna
Forgital	Aerospace & Defense	Veneto
Giplast Group	Chemicals	Abruzzo
Gruppo LGH	Gas, Water & Multi-utilities	Lombardia
H-ART	Software & Computer	Veneto

Il Gufo	Personal Goods	Veneto
Inoxfucine	Industrial Engineering	Lombardia
L'Isolante K Flex	General Industrials	Lombardia
Medica	Health Care Equipment &	Emilia Romagna
NGI	Software & Computer	Lombardia
Pharmanutra	Pharmaceuticals &	Toscana
Phoenix International	Industrial Engineering	Lombardia
Rimorchiatori Riuniti	Industrial Transportation	Liguria
Ubiquity	Mobile Telecommunications	Lombardia
Unidata	Fixed Line	Lazio
Zanotti	General Industrials	Lombardia

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