



PRESS RELEASE

STAR: RESULTS FOR FIRST HALF OF 2006 PRESENTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY IN LONDON

Companies belonging to STAR, the High Standard Mid Cap Segment Borsa Italiana, meet with the international economic-financial community today and tomorrow in London.

The now traditional event organised by Borsa Italiana provides the opportunity to present results achieved during the first half of 2006.

Over 550 one-to-one meetings are planned among the 50 companies and 180 institutional investors and financial analysts present, in addition to one-to-many and group meetings, newly introduced for this year's edition.

The following companies will be present:

Actelios, Ansaldo STS, Astaldi, BB Biotech, Biesse, Bolzoni, Brembo, Buongiorno, Cad IT, Cairo Communication, Centrale del Latte di Torino, Cremonini, Dada, Datalogic, Digital Bros, DMT-Digital Multimedia Technologies, Ducati, Eems, Engineering Ingegneria Informatica, Esprinet, Eurotech, Fiera Milano, Gefran, IGD, IMA, Interpump Group, Irce, Isagro, IT Way, Jolly Hotels, La Doria, Mariella Burani Fashion Group, Marr, Mirato, Mondo TV, Negri Bossi, Nice, Panaria Group, Prima Industrie, Reply, Sabaf, Saes Getters, Socotherm, Sogefi, Stefanel, Targetti Sankey, Tas, Trevisan Cometal, Vittoria Assicurazioni.

Introduced in April 2001, the STAR segment of Borsa Italiana today counts 74 companies, and applies the most stringent requirements in terms of free-float, corporate governance and transparency.



At the end of August 2006, STAR had an aggregate capitalisation of 23 billion euros and total trading turnover of 98.5 million euro, greater than the average of the turnover of the Italian companies of equal size.

An analysis of aggregate data for 2005 shows that companies listed in the STAR segment achieved total revenues of 20 billion euros, for a yearly growth rate of 11% in the last two-year period.

The aggregate gross operating margin grew at an annual average of 16%, increasing from 1.8 billion euros in 2002 to 2.8 billion euros in 2005.

An analysis of trading confirms the leadership position of STAR companies in Europe in terms of liquidity: over the last 3 years, liquidity of the segment has grown at an annual rate of 60%, achieving average daily trades, for each stock, of 1.3 million euros.

Performance achieved by the AllSTARS index from the beginning of the year to the end of August amounted to 10%, and to a total of 90% over the last 3 years.

STAR Conference 2006 in London is part of a series of events organised, with the collaboration of Italian and international brokers, to promote STAR companies in the major international and financial arenas, such as Frankfurt, New York, Paris and Tokyo.

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