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ELITE PROJECT COUNTS 131 COMPANIES

- **31 new companies join ELITE**
- **Virtual community aimed at connecting companies, investors and partners is launched**

31 new companies have been selected to join ELITE. The programme, launched last year by Borsa Italiana, now includes 131 participants. Its aim is to support private SMEs in their growth strategies.

ELITE is focused on helping companies become more competitive by helping them connect with a select group of international investors and advisers.

Today, 31 new companies were unveiled at Palazzo Mezzanotte. They come from across a broad range of sectors and locations but share the common goal of growth. Average turnover for today's cohort of companies is €134 million, with an annual growth rate of 12 per cent. They operate in various sectors, including industrial engineering, fashion, food and beverage, automotive, ICT, and chemical and pharmaceutical.

Today, a new virtual platform, dedicated to ELITE companies, is also unveiled. It is an online professional environment, where companies can interact in real time. They have the opportunity to share their experiences with the ELITE investors and partners supporting the programme.

Raffaele Jerusalemi, CEO of Borsa Italiana, commented:

“Borsa Italiana is committed to contributing to the value creation of the Italian economy. Today’s companies showcase some of the country’s inspiring businesses and our objective is to support them on their growth journey.”

The 31 new companies joining ELITE today are:

Aboca, Arredo Plast, Ase, Cefriel, Ciro Paone (Kiton), ContactLab, Cornaglia, Dasit Group, Diplomatic Oleodinamica, Duvetica Industrie, Electrade, Elemaster, ELES, Semiconductor Equipment , EPTA, Fincons Group, Granarolo, Gruppo Castellini, GVS, HT, Maggiore, Marchesi de' Frescobaldi, Megadyne, Mep, Nau, Oppent Group, Plastica Alfa, Powersoft, Renco, Snatt Logistica, Turbocoating, USCO.

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