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ELITE reaches 400 milestone: 17 new companies join today following partnership with Deutsche Bank Italy

- ELITE reaches milestone: 406 companies now part of London Stock Exchange
 Group's international programme dedicated to high grow SMEs
- 17 new companies join today through Deutsche Bank Italia ELITE Lounge
- Deutsche Bank Italy ELITE Lounge collaboration between ELITE and Deutsche Bank Italia to attract new companies to the programme

ELITE, London Stock Exchange Group's international support programme for high growth businesses, reaches a milestone today, with 406 companies now part of the ELITE community. 17 new ambitious Italian companies join ELITE, through a collaboration with Deutsche Bank Italia.

ELITE and Deutsche Bank Italia have partnered to create an ELITE Deutsche Bank Italia Lounge to attract new companies, specifically Deutsche Bank Italia clients, to ELITE. The ELITE Lounge model offers banks the opportunity to broaden their offering to clients, giving companies the opportunity to stimulate cultural and organisational change with the support of ELITE and the bank.

The new 17 Italian companies come from across the country, from Piemonte to Veneto and Lombardia to Sardinia and represent a diverse range of sectors, from food & beverage companies to software and electronics firms. Today, ELITE includes 406 companies with aggregate revenues of over €33 billion, accounting for approximately 140,000 jobs across Europe.

Raffaele Jerusalmi, CEO of Borsa Italiana said:

"The ELITE Lounge model is an innovation and opportunity in the banking sector. Through ELITE, banks have the ability to offer their fast growth clients a unique suite of support services. We are delighted to partner with Deutsche Bank Italia, allowing ELITEs network to grow and support more ambitious companies in their development. We warmly welcome the 17 new Italian companies joining ELITE today."

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"We strongly believe that exporting companies are one of the most important elements for the growth and development of a country – Flavio Valeri, Deutsche Bank Chief Country Officer for Italy commented. For this reason, we continue to support enterpreneurship which allows innovation, internationalisation and the ability for companies to face the challenges of global competition. Our commitment towards companies is characterized both by the support we give through commercial bank activities and through partnerships on exclusive tailor made projects like the one presented today, ELITE. We are excited to start this virtuous cycle side by side with our clients. I am sure that this growing path will reveal significant results."

Created to support companies in realizing their growing projects, ELITE gives them access to numerous financing opportunities, improves their visibility and attractiveness and puts them in contact with potential investors, supporting management in their cultural and organizational change.

The 17 new ELITE companies are:

Company	Sector	Province	Region
Argiolas	Beverages	Cagliari	Sardegna
Arredo 3	Consumer Goods	Venezia	Veneto
A.W.M	Industrial Machinery	Udine	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Bucci Automations	General Industrials	Ravenna	Emilia Romagna
COG	Industrial Engineering	Lecce	Puglia
Com Cavi Multimedia	Electronic & Electrical Equipment	Napoli	Campania
Executive	Software & Computer Services	Lecco	Lombardia
F. Divella	Food Products	Bari	Puglia
Fami	Diversified Industrials	Vicenza	Veneto
Italia Living	Furnishings	Bari	Puglia
Lumson	Containers & Packaging	Cremona	Lombardia
Pastificio di Martino Gaetano e F.lli	Food Producers	Napoli	Campania
Rondine	Construction & Materials	Reggio Emilia	Emilia Romagna
Rubinetterie Utensilerie Bonomi	General Industrials	Brescia	Lombardia
Starhotels	Travel & Leisure	Firenze	Toscana
Steel Color	Construction & Materials	Cremona	Lombardia
Valcolatte	Food Producers	Piacenza	Emilia Romagna

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About ELITE

ELITE offers businesses a full programme to help them grow, including education, business support and direct contact with Europe's financial and advisory community. In the UK, Imperial College Business School helps deliver the programme. Management teams are guided on how best to fast-track their development and capital raising processes, how to access the most suitable funding for their needs, whether private equity, venture capital or the bond or equity markets, and given advice on building their profile and reach. ELITE also allows its vibrant international advisor and investor community the opportunity to engage with a pool of high quality, dynamic companies and entrepreneurs, all of whom are open to the advice, opportunities and connections that the programme offers.

For further information on the programme, companies and the full list of partners, please go to: www.elite-growth.com

Borsa Italiana

Borsa Italiana S.p.A. is one of Europe's largest and most established stock exchanges with more than 350 companies listed across its markets. The Italian Exchange operates markets trading in Italian equities, bonds and derivatives. Markets include the MIV and STAR segments as well as IDEM, MOT, ExtraMOT, ExtraMOT PRO, ETFplus, and AIM Italia for small cap companies. Since October 2007 Borsa Italiana has been part of the international diversified exchange business, London Stock Exchange Group. www.borsaitaliana.it