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ELITE welcomes 19 new firms bringing the total to 2,400 companies

- **19 new companies from 10 Italian regions representing 14 sectors join the 135 excellencies admitted since the beginning of the year**
- **ELITE, Euronext's ecosystem that helps companies grow and access private and public capital markets, reaches 2,400 companies since its launch in 2012**
- **Alternative finance, corporate governance, sustainability, and internationalisation are among the key topics for developing new skills and facilitating companies' access to capital**

Milan – 5 November 2024 – ELITE, the Euronext ecosystem supporting privately-owned small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in their sustainable long-term growth, continues its expansion and today welcomes 19 new Italian companies.

The companies come from 10 Italian regions (almost 50% from the centre and south of the country) and operate in a variety of key sectors, ranging from industry to services, from technology to food & beverage. They have an aggregate turnover of around €3 billion and employ over 2,300 people.

By joining ELITE, these companies will have the opportunity to access specialised expertise and a European network of entrepreneurs, top executives, partners and investors, including institutional investors, to facilitate the raising of resources on the private and public capital markets.

Since the launch of ELITE in 2012, more than 2,400 companies have been selected and admitted, of which more than 1,600 are European excellences with a total turnover of €190 billion and employing more than 661,000 people.

ELITE is a success story in facilitating access to capital, including financial capital, for many private companies to accelerate their growth: €960 million raised with direct support for more than 260 companies, leveraging the Basket Bond® model, 72 companies have listed raising €4 billion, 204 companies have issued over 320 corporate bonds raising €3.6 billion and around 600 companies have invested in inorganic growth through over 1,850 M&A operations.

Marta Testi, CEO of ELITE, commented: *"We are thrilled to welcome 19 new Italian companies to ELITE. Today, we have reached an important numerical milestone for the year, with 135 companies admitted since January. Their admission to ELITE reaffirms our mission: to support SMEs by offering complementary services that accelerate sustainable growth. We combine knowledge capital, relational capital, and financial capital, supporting companies ready to access both public and private capital markets. For us, being an ecosystem means fostering connections among companies, advisors, investors, and institutional stakeholders. I would like to extend my thanks*



to all the partners who have supported the entry of these companies into ELITE, including NUO Capital—also an ELITE shareholder—Award Consulting, ABC Company, Banco BPM, Cassa Padana, EY, Futurea, and the law firm Gianni & Origoni. As part of Euronext, the leading pan-European market infrastructure, we create a multiplier effect that drives growth for all our clients.”

Admitted companies:

COMPANY	SECTOR	REGION	WEBSITE
Arpitel	Engineering and telecommunications	Apulia	www.arpitel.it
Caast	Production and sale of sealing systems and gaskets	Lombardy	www.caast.it
Candioli	Production of animal welfare and hygiene products	Piedmont	www.candioli.it
Copral	Distribution of aluminium and PVC profiles, window and door accessories	Sicily	www.copralsrl.it
Emu Group	Production of outdoor furniture	Umbria	www.emu.it
Esserre Pharma	Production of nutraceuticals	Lazio	www.esserrepharma.com
Garofoli	Production of manufactured goods for the mechanical engineering, defence and telecommunications industries	Umbria	www.garofoli.it
Gesco (Amadori)	Production and distribution of food products	Emilia-Romagna	www.amadori.it
Guzzini & Fontana Projects	Production and distribution of furniture and home furnishings	Abruzzo	www.guzziniefontana.it
Idea (Rolmarkem)	Design and production of adhesive labels on reels	Emilia-Romagna	www.rolmarkem.it
Il Luogo Di Aimo e Nadia	High catering and food distribution	Lombardy	www.aimoenadia.com
Il Pastaio Di Maffei S. & C.	Producers of fresh pasta and pasta products	Apulia	www.pastaiomaffei.it
Ludovico Martelli	Production and sale of perfumes and cosmetics for hairdressers	Tuscany	www.marvis.com www.proraso.com
Osit Impresa (Subdued)	Clothing and fashion accessories	Lazio	www.subdued.com
Rattix	Digital platform for the sale of mobility services	Lombardy	www.rattiauto.it
Sterne International	Production and distribution of textile articles	Umbria	www.lorenaantoniazzi.com
Sts Communication	Design and technical installation services for events, corporate, live, TV studios and virtual	Lombardy	www.stscommunication.it
Tecno World Group	System integrator	Piedmont	www.tecnoworldgroup.it
Xlam Dolomiti	Design and construction of residential, commercial and multi-storey wooden buildings	Trentino-Alto Adige	www.xlamdolomiti.it



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About ELITE

ELITE, launched in 2012 by Borsa Italiana and now part of the Euronext Group, is the European network of private SMEs which accelerates the process to access private and public capital markets. ELITE's mission is to support companies by connecting them to capital, skills and network to drive their sustainable growth in the long-term. Based on a unique offer of services and solutions, ELITE combines a calendar of workshops and coaching sessions, supporting entrepreneurs and executives upskilling and empowering their strategic plan and business opportunities. ELITE Companies' management teams are also guided on how to fast-track their development and how to access the most suitable funding options for their needs, whether the Basket Bonds®, institutional investors, private equity, venture capital or equity markets. With over 2000 companies and 200 partners admitted since the launch, about €20 billion have been raised by ELITE businesses through 1200+ corporate transactions, highlighting how dynamic SMEs are once they are provided with an efficient access to private and public markets. For more information please visit: elite-network.com and follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/weareelite) using the hashtag #weareELITE

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