



19 new companies join ELITE through BNL BNP Paribas Lounge

- **BNL BNP Paribas partners with ELITE to launch ELITE Lounge**
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- **ELITE reaches 483 international companies from 25 different countries, including 300 businesses from Italy**

ELITE today welcomes another 19 new companies, following an agreement signed last April with BNL BNP Paribas Group. Together ELITE and BNP Paribas are committed to supporting fast growth companies. The ELITE Lounge model creates a dedicated environment that puts banks' customers at the center of a thriving support network.

The 19 new ELITE companies come from across eight Italian regions and a number of sectors, including chemicals, pharmaceuticals and fashion. They have a combined total turnover of €953 million and employ over 4,300 people.

ELITE is London Stock Exchange Group's international business support programme dedicated to the most ambitious private companies, with a solid business model and a clear growth strategy. ELITE provides companies with access to long term financing opportunities, putting them in contact with potential investors and supporting the management in a process of cultural and organizational change. With the 19 new companies joining today, ELITE is now home to over 483 international companies, 300 from Italy, from across 25 countries.

Luca Peyrano, CEO of ELITE, commented:

"The ELITE Lounge model is an innovative development in the relationship between banks and businesses and we're delighted to welcome today a new group of 19 companies through the BNL BNP Paribas Lounge. We are confident that the partnership with BNL BNP Paribas Group will give these companies access to a new set of managerial tools and knowledge to support them in their growth."

Regina Corradini D'Arienzo, Director of Corporate Banking Division of BNL BNP Paribas, commented:

"BNL has developed, in partnership with ELITE, the first Lounge dedicated to "innovative companies", in order to allow them access to the capital markets and make training, new knowledge and new experiences



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available to entrepreneurs. Research and development are the foundation of innovation, driving competition and growth across the country."

19 new ELITE companies:

Name	Industry	Province	Region
ABC Farmaceutici	Pharmaceutical	Turin	Piedmont
Atom	Other Industrial Products	Pavia	Lombardy
Autoguidovie	Travel	Milan	Lombardy
Bettinelli F.lli - Gruppo Inman	Other Industrial Products	Cremona	Lombardy
Brovedani Group	Automotive	Pordenone	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Casa Vinicola Botter	Beverages	Venice	Veneto
Endura	Chemical	Bologna	Emilia Romagna
Fedegari Autoclavi	Other Industrial Products	Pavia	Lombardy
Giada	Fashion	Rovigo	Veneto
Gruppo Cartiera dell'Adda	Paper	Lecco	Lombardy
I.S.E.D.	Software	Rome	Lazio
KARTON	Other Industrial Products	Pordenone	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Luna Abrasivi	Chemical	La Spezia	Liguria
Monterferro	Building	Varese	Lombardy
Mosaicoon	Software	Palermo	Sicily
MTA	Other Industrial Products	Padua	Veneto
Noos	Pharmaceutical	Rome	Lazio
Publispei	Media	Rome	Lazio
Sourcesense	Software	Rome	Lazio



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ELITE offers businesses a full programme to help them grow, including education, training and direct contact with Europe's financial and advisory community, through a unique online platform. 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. Entrepreneurs and 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.

For further information on the programme, companies and the full list of partners, please go to:
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