



ELITE welcomes first intake of European companies to programme

- **25 new companies join ELITE this week from across Europe**
- **ELITE is London Stock Exchange Group's pan-European programme for ambitious high growth businesses**
- **Companies from Germany, Spain, France, Finland, Greece and Romania among those to join programme**
- **Further 42 Italian and UK companies also join ELITE programme this week**
- **More than 200 companies, 150 advisors, and 80 investors are already part of the ELITE community**

London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) today announces that 25 European companies and a further 42 Italian and UK companies will this week join the highly successful programme for inspiring growth companies.

Joining an existing ELITE community of over 200 companies, new companies from Germany, Spain, France, Italy, UK, Finland, Greece and Romania are among those to become part of the programme, bringing the total number of companies since ELITE was launched in 2012 to 271.

Designed to help businesses prepare and structure for their next stage of growth, ELITE facilitates company access to a full range of funding options, increases company profile and visibility, promotes relationships and opportunities with potential investors, and supports management best practice and entrepreneurship.

Launched in Italy in 2012 and the UK in 2014, ELITE has now become a pan-European programme. This week sees a celebration of ELITE companies across Europe, with a number of events in London and Milan, welcoming the new cohort of companies:

Monday 27 April	London Stock Exchange, London	25 companies from across Europe join first European cohort
	Borsa Italiana, Milan	26 Italian companies join seventh Italian cohort
Thursday 30 April	London Stock Exchange, London	16 UK companies join third UK cohort



Please see the full list of European, UK and Italian companies joining ELITE below.

Raffaele Jerusalmi, Director of Capital Markets, London Stock Exchange Group said:

“ELITE is already a highly successful programme and we are today delighted that so many high quality businesses from across Europe are now joining the programme. As well as helping accelerate the growth of their own individual businesses, ELITE has the power to help drive Europe's economic prosperity.

“Europe's future rests in its ability to harness the future of its best and brightest companies, and ELITE is already playing an important role in that. We warmly welcome the new companies and look forward to continuing to develop the ELITE programme, a platform where Europe's ambitious businesses can thrive.”

About ELITE

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 portal. 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 ELITE programme offers.

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

Company	Location	Sector	Description
AEK Football Club	Greece	Recreational Services	Athletic Union of Constantinople, commonly known as AEK FC, is a Greek football club, residing in Athens, Greece
BTSA Biotecnologías Aplicadas	Spain	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	BTSA is the first European company to manufacture Natural Vitamin E and to elaborate Natural Antioxidants for the food industry, dietetics, cosmetics and pharmacy
B2X Care Solutions	Germany	Software & Computer Services	B2X is a technology enabled service provider of customer care solutions for electronic devices to manufacturers, insurance providers, mobile network operators and retailers globally
Contronics Engineering	The Netherlands	General Industrials	Contronics produces ultrasonic humidifiers, water treatment equipment and controllers and sensors
EPS Group	Ireland	Support Services	EPS Group is focused on the Water & Wastewater and Clean Technology sectors
eToro	Israel	Financial Services	eToro is the first global market place for people to trade currencies, commodities, indices and CFD stocks online
Euronovate	Switzerland	Software & Computer Services	Euronovate is specialised in Business Digital Transformation Solutions
Gamma Solutions	Spain	General Industrials	Gamma Solution is active in the Energy (implementing renewable energy installations) & Telecommunications (technical activities in support of control of the radio spectrum) sectors
German Pellets	Germany	Construction & Materials	German Pellets produces various kinds of wood pellets for pellet heating and electricity and animal hygiene products
Global Remote Services	Romania	Support Services	GRS is the oldest and leading Independent Contact Centre provider in Romania, with nearly 12 years of experience in the Business Process Outsourcing industry
GROUPE ONEPOINT	France	Support Services	Groupe One point is a management consultancy & optimization of business processes and technologies company
Halcom	Slovenia	Software & Computer Services	Halcom is the leading solutions provider for digital banking and payments systems in Europe, Middle East and Africa
IEK AKMI	Greece	General Retailers	IEK AKMI is the top vocational training and graduate re-training provider in Greece
I'M Mining	Portugal	Mining	Almina works in the extraction of Ore and in the production of copper and Zinc concentrates, playing an important role in the region's economy
Invictus	Croatia	Financial Services	Invictus operates in Croatia's financial market in the area of structured finance, providing tailor made financing

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Kiosked	Finland	Software & Computer Services	Kiosked have developed the next generation in-view advertising automation and audience intelligence platform
Macsa	Spain	Industrial Engineering	Macsa design, develop, deliver and market coding and marking lasers
Manurhin Group	France	Aerospace & Defense	The Manurhin Group provides since 1919 top of the range machinery, services and solutions for the aerospace & defence industry
Medort	Poland	Health Care Equipment & Services	26 year old, medical company founded by Dr. Tomasz Perner, focussing on home care products, rehabilitation aids, non invasive orthotic, ostomy and other medical products
Migam	Poland	Support Services	Developer of next generation information & communication technology for people who have impaired hearing
Pinturas Isaval	Spain	Chemicals	Pinturas Isaval creates innovative solutions in the paint market showing a strong commitment to excellence in the distribution of quality products.
Romcab	Romania	Electronic & Electrical Equipment	ROMCAB manufactures cables, electric conductors, power cords and electric wiring
SOITRON Group	Slovakia	Software & Computer Services	Soitron Group operates on the European market as a system integrator for IT Infrastructure, Unified Communications, Customer Interaction, Content Management, Security, IT Services and Outsourcing
Sun Wave Pharma	Romania	Health	Sun Wave Pharma markets Ayurveda traditional medicine combined with modern research to build efficient, safe & unique products with therapeutic dosage
Teamnet International	Romania	Software & Computer Services	Teamnet Group is a leading regional IT & C integrator that develops large-scale technological projects geared towards continuous innovation

ELITE UK Companies

Company	Location	Sector	Description
Affectv	London	Media	Affectv is a UK based technology company developing solutions to improve the Internet by making advertising relevant for people
Brandwatch	Brighton	Media	A social media listening and analytics technology platform
Cambridge Imaging Systems	Cambridge	Software and Computer Services	Developer of enterprise video platform software and secure video hosting services
Celtic Renewables	Edinburgh	Alternative Energy	Celtic Renewables is commercialising a patented process technology which converts biological wastes and residues into high value biochemicals, biofuels and animal feed.
Clinov a	Southampton	Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology	Pharmaceutical group focused on developing, manufacturing, licensing and marketing consumer healthcare

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Guidance Marine	Leicester	Electronic and Electrical equipment	Developer and supplier of local position reference sensors
Independent Vetcare	Bath	Healthcare equipment and services	Nationwide veterinary practices group
I- Nexus	Coventry	Software and Computer Services	Software solution that enables complex organisations to support their integrated strategy execution activities
BE- Thinking	Bilsborrow	Support Services	Integrated energy and sustainability services and solutions for both the public and private sectors
Transact	London	Software and Computer Services	Investment wrap platform for online asset management and administration
Marmalade Technologies	London	Software and Computer Services	Hardware & software solutions for creative content management in the gaming industry
RealityMine	Manchester	Media	Research solutions to help businesses of all types understand the digital behaviours of their customers or employees
Renal Services	London	Healthcare Equipment and Services	Dialysis provider for End Stage Renal Disease patients
Smarmets	London	Travel and Leisure	Peer-peer online betting platform
Swoon	London	General Retailer	Online luxury furniture designer & retailer
Workshare	London	Software and Computer Services	A provider of secure enterprise file sharing and collaboration applications

ELITE Italian Companies

Company	Location	Sector	Description
Almax	Lombardia	Personal Goods	Almax is an international leader in the design and production of male, female and child mannequins and bust forms
Arcaplanet	Liguria	General Retailers	Reseller of pet food and accessories, plus niche/ premium brands as well as its own private label, which is mainly focused on food products
Bertazzoni	Emilia Romagna	Household Goods & Home Construction	Household cooking appliance manufacturer
Blu Hotels	Lombardia	Travel & Leisure	Italian hotel chain
Brugola OEB Industriale	Lombardia	Automobiles & Parts	Officine Egidio Brugola is the company famous for having invented the hexagon socket head bolt
COELMO	Campania	General Industrials	The company's core business activity is the production of generator sets

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Colcom Group	Lombardia	Construction & Materials	Production and commercialization of glass hardware for tempered glass
Confezioni Andrea	Lombardia	Automobiles & Parts	Production of aesthetic sheets for interior and exterior use for cars, motorcycles and recreational vehicles
Cotonificio Albini	Lombardia	Personal Goods	Manufacturer of fabrics for shirts using cotton, linen or other natural fibers
Faresin Industries	Veneto	Industrial Engineering	Faresin Industries designs, manufactures and sells worldwide feed mixer wagons for the livestock sector and telescopic handlers for the agricultural, industrial and construction market
Faster	Lombardia	General Industrials	Faster is active in the hydraulic industry, designing and manufacturing couplings
Gelsia Reti	Lombardia	Gas, Water & Multiutilities	Gelsia Reti operates in the energy distribution industry and is particularly active in the distribution of natural gas
Gruppo Happy	Lombardia	General Industrials	Gruppo Happy is a manufacturer and commercial site in the food packaging sector
LSWR Group	Lombardia	Media	LSWR Group is a developer of professional knowledge in the Health and Legal markets, through solutions and services for communication, information and training
M.E.P. Macchine Elettroniche Piegatrici	Friuli Venezia Giulia	Industrial Engineering	MEP Group is active in the innovation, and construction of machines for the processing of round rods used in construction
Molemab	Lombardia	General Industrials	Molemab is a manufacturer of abrasive products for precision grinding, mainly for the automotive and aerospace market
Phase Motion Control	Liguria	Electronic & Electrical Equipment	Phase Motion Control is a technological leader in Power Electronics and specialty Mechatronics
Pro-Gest	Veneto	Forestry & Paper	Progest is involved in paper production, cardboard and packaging
Raccortubi Group	Lombardia	Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution	Manufactures, stocks and supplies piping materials used in chemical and petrochemical plants, oil installations, power plants, shipyards, fertilizer plants and offshore platforms
Tekka	Piemonte	Mobile Telecommunications	Tekka is specialized in creating digital services and contents distribution platforms
Tubiflex	Piemonte	General Industrials	Tubiflex manufactures flexible hoses in stainless steel, convoluted PTFE, multilayer corrugated, expansion joints and bellows
Uno Maglia	Toscana	Personal Goods	Production of men's and women's high end clothes, specialized in the production clothing in jersey
Unox	Veneto	General Industrials	Unox produces professional ovens sold worldwide, for the gastronomy, patisserie and bakery sectors

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Value Lab	Lombardia	Software & Computer Services	Management consultancy, specialising in IT solutions, analytics and data bases
Yalla Yalla	Emilia Romagna	Travel & Leisure	Online travel agency
Zanzar Sistem	Puglia	Construction & Materials	Zanzar Sistem is active in the production of insect screens

About London Stock Exchange Group:

London Stock Exchange Group (LSE.L) is a diversified international market infrastructure and capital markets business sitting at the heart of the world's financial community. The Group can trace its history back to 1698.

The Group operates a broad range of international equity, bond and derivatives markets, including London Stock Exchange; Borsa Italiana; MTS, Europe's leading fixed income market; and Turquoise, a pan-European equities MTF. It is also home to one of the world's leading growth markets for SMEs, AIM. Through its platforms, the Group offers international business and investors unrivalled access to Europe's capital markets.

Post trade and risk management services are a significant part of the Group's business operations. In addition to majority ownership of multi-asset global CCP operator, LCH.Clearnet Group, LSEG operates CC&G, the Italian clearing house; Monte Titoli, the T2S-ready European settlement business; and globeSettle, the Group's newly established CSD based in Luxembourg.

The Group is a global leader in indexing and analytic solutions. FTSE and Russell Indexes offer thousands of indices that measure and benchmark markets around the world. The Group also provides customers with an extensive range of real time and reference data products, including SEDOL, UnaVista, Proquote and RNS.

Following the acquisition of Russell Investments, LSEG conducted a comprehensive review of the investment management business to analyse its strategic fit with the Group. This was concluded in February 2015, and LSEG is now exploring a sale of the business in its entirety.

London Stock Exchange Group is a leading developer of high performance trading platforms and capital markets software for customers around the world. In addition to the Group's own markets, over 35 other organisations and exchanges use the Group's MillenniumIT trading, surveillance and post trade technology.

Headquartered in London, with significant operations in North America, Italy, France and Sri Lanka, the Group employs approximately 4,700 people.

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