

Institutional Investor

Institutional Investor confirms Equita as best broker for Equity Research on the Italian market

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Equita Group S.p.A., independent Italian institution with a strong presence in capital markets, announces that today the subsidiary Equita SIM S.p.A. ranked as best broker for research on Italian equities, based on the ranking of the prestigious Institutional Investor newspaper that published the results today.

The team of 15 analysts, headed by **Matteo Ghilotti**, won the first place in the “**Team-Based Leaders: Western Countries**” category, which honors the best research teams by country.

The sales team, led by **Fabio Deotto**, interact daily with more than 400 institutional investors all over the world, guaranteeing companies and investors the best service of information distribution to the market.

“Institutional Investor survey results – commented Andrea Vismara, CEO of Equita Group – have rewarded us again this year for the efforts in matching the expectations of institutional investors and corporate issuers. During the year, we maintained a cautious stance on the market, preferring exposure to high-quality stocks with strong fundamentals such as Ferrari, Moncler and Enel. Our Mid-Small caps portfolio had a strong performance (+52% and +13% compared to the benchmark) thanks to the selection of stocks that recorded fundamental improvements (for example Technogym, Interpump, Cementir and Iren). In 2018 we have confirmed the cautious approach overweighting Unicredit, Tenaris, CNH and Buzzi in our recommended portfolio”.



For over forty years, Institutional Investor has been an authority and trusted source of information on research and the analysts monitoring the stock markets of Europe, Asia, Japan, Latin America, Russia and the United States, and conducts an annual survey on the research and sales, trading, investor relations and hedge funds of all global markets. The survey, the results of which were published today, involved almost 2,200 fund managers for 850 institutions, overseeing an estimated \$5 trillion in European equities.

Equita is a reference partner for Italian companies and institutional investors, with over 40 years experience. The business model is clear and focused: the activity Sales & Trading on equities and bonds for domestic and international institutional customers is combined with a high profile Investment Banking platform dedicated to advisory to companies and financial institutions. The Proprietary Trading – with market making activities and advice on valuation of financial instruments – and Alternative Asset Management – providing with traditional portfolio management with concentrated positions along with innovative private debt e private equity portfolio management, such as the recent SPAC, focusing also non listed companies – complete the range of specialized and synergic services offered by Equita. All business divisions are supported by an Equity Research team recognized for its excellence. Independent advice and deep knowledge of capital markets grant Equita credibility by domestic and international institutional investors, ensuring a unique positioning in the Italian market with a focus on Mid & Small Caps.