

Investor Presentation FY'23 Results

March 19th, 2024 – STAR Conference





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EQUITA at a Glance



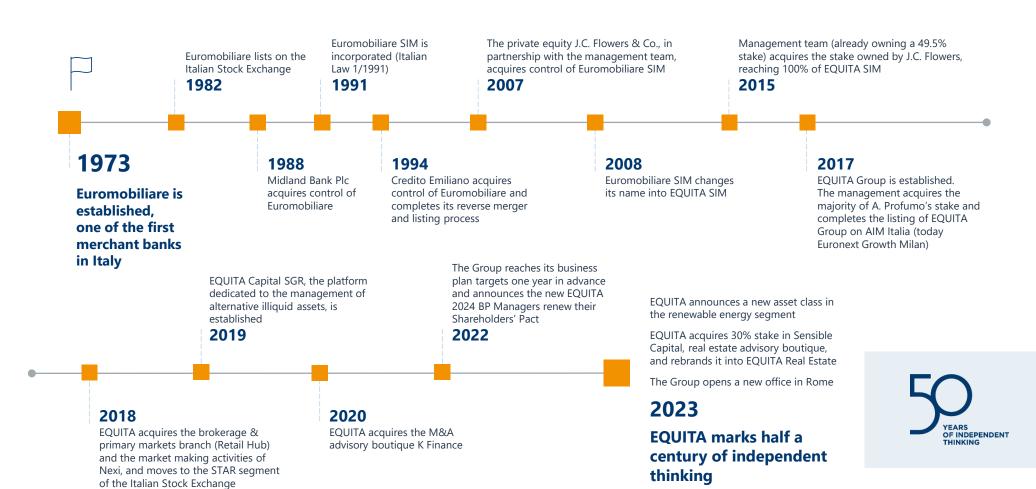
Who We Are: The Leading Independent Italian Investment Bank

One of the most respected go-to partner in Italy for investors, institutions, corporates and entrepreneurs, listed on the Italian Stock Exchange and managed by a partnership of committed professionals

EOUITA in a Nutshell Shareholders and Simplified Group Structure (5) Treasury Shares Shareholders' Managers & Pact Independent Research ≈€190m **Employees** Broker Team Market 55% market cap with 30+ in Italy (1) in Italy ⁽¹⁾ Float (6) managers (33% stake and 45% voting rights) **EQUITA Group S.p.A.** #1 #6 (#1) 100% 100% ECM M&A Advisor **EQUITA Capital SGR EQUITA SIM** Franchise in Italy in Italy (2) (Italian Independent) (3) Alternative Asset Investment Banking ≈200 Global Markets Management Research Team Talented **Professionals** 70% 30% **EQUITA K Finance EQUITA Real Estate** 10+ years Top 10 (#1) ≈€1bn **Investment Banking** Investment Banking Average tenure of DCM Advisor Assets (M&A Mid-Market) (Real Estate) professionals within in Italy under the Group (non-lender) (4) Management

Our Story: Half-a-Century of Independent Thinking

EQUITA was founded in 1973 as one of the first independent Italian merchant banks.





Our Unique Business Model and What We Bring to the Table

EQUITA acts as broker, financial advisor and alternative asset management platform. We offer financial advisory in strategic corporate finance transactions, capital raising solutions, access to global financial markets, execution of trading ideas, insights on listed companies, industry expertise, management of illiquid proprietary assets

Building blocks of the "EQUITA" model



Very diversified offering covering all clients and investment banking services

The Largest Contributor to Recent Growth, with Plenty of Opportunities



The largest independent trading floor in Italy

Very Profitable Historical Business and High Barriers to entry

Research Team

High quality research, ranked at the top of international surveys

A Team of Experts, at the Top of International Rankings



Fast growing multi-asset manager with a tilt on illiquid products

The Rising Star, where Sky is the Limit

The Independent Expert on Financial and Capital Markets

WE KNOW HOW





Financial Highlights (FY'23 Results)



Very Resilient Performance in FY'23 and Significant Growth in 4Q'23

Key Financial Highlights



Divisional Performance





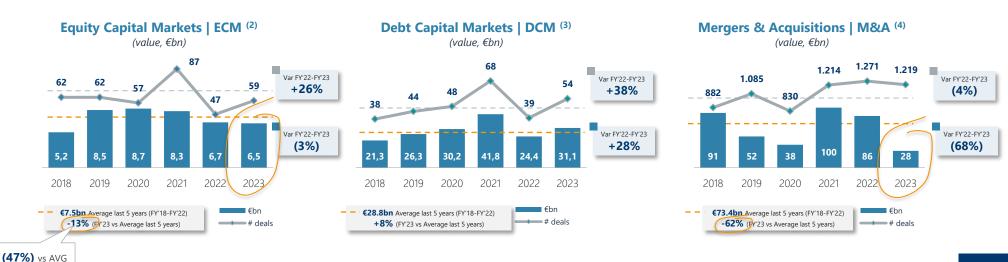




Tough Year for Equities (Brokerage, Capital Markets) and M&A in Italy



Capital Markets and Corporate Finance



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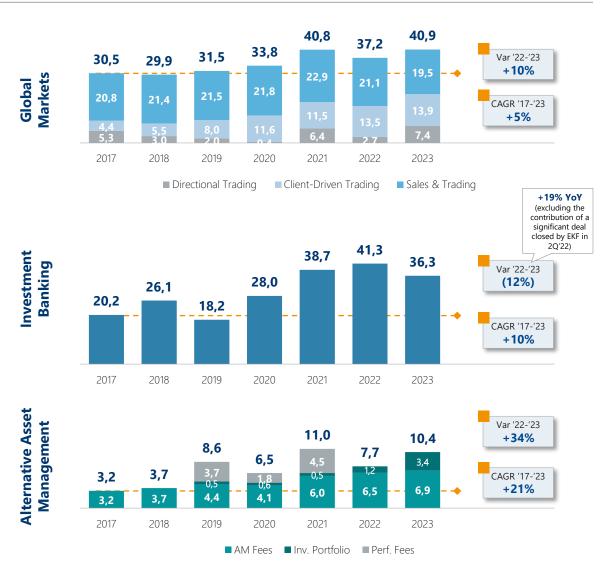
Better Performance compared to Peers, Implied Increase in Market Share

Comparison between Selected International Investment Banks and Advisory Firms vs EQUITA

FY'23 vs FY'22 (1 Jan – 31	Dec)	% Var Net Revenues	% Var Net Profits	Margin %
Investment bank	ABG Sundal Collier	0%	(13%)	14%
Investment bank	Baader Bank	7%	(68%)	2%
Investment bank	Goldman Sachs	(2%)	(27%)	17%
Investment bank	Jefferies (1)	(21%)	(66%)	6%
Investment bank	Morgan Stanley	1%	(19%)	16%
Investment bank	Piper Sandler	(7%)	(17%)	13%
Investment bank	Stifel	(1%)	(20%)	13%
Investment bank	UBS	18%	> 100% (excl.)	Excluded
Advisory firm	Evercore	(12%)	(46%)	10%
Advisory firm	Houlihan Lokey	0%	6%	15%
Advisory firm	Lazard	(12%)	(80%)	3%
Advisory firm	Moelis & Co	(11%)	< 100% (excl.)	Excluded
Advisory firm	Perella Weinberg	3%	< 100% (excl.)	Excluded
Advisory firm	PJT Partners	12%	(10%)	7%
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	EQUITA	2%	5%	18%
	Mean - Investment Banks	(1%)	(33%)	11%
	Median - Investment Banks	(0%)	(20%)	13%
	Mean - Financial Advisors	(3%)	(33%)	9%
	Median - Financial Advisors	(6%)	(28%)	9%

Strong Results in All Divisions

Trend in Net Revenues since IPO and Divisional Performance (€m)

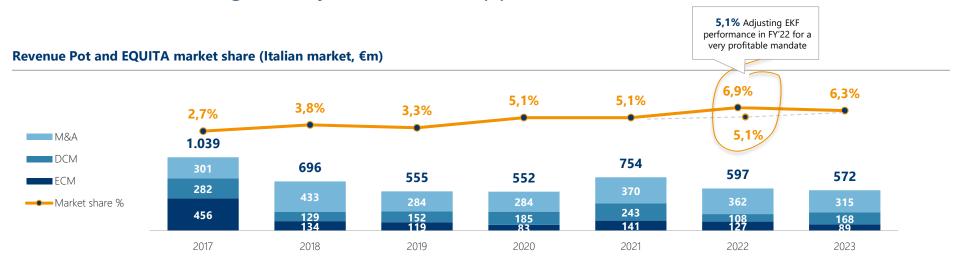


Commentary

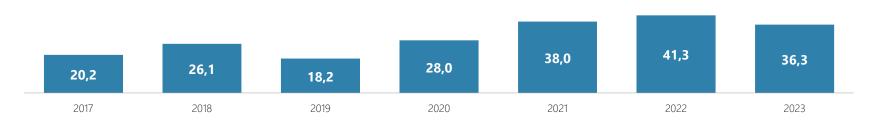
- Sales & Trading affected by the overall weak levels of investors' activity on equities, especially in Small-Mid Caps trading
- Client-Driven Trading & Market Making benefitted from higher levels of trading on bonds, certificates and derivatives
- Directional Trading recorded its best year since IPO, well-above average (€3.2m average '17-'22)
- Very resilient performance compared to the underlying market, with year-on-year growth impacted by the comparison effect with 2022.
- Capital Markets materially up year-on-year, partially offsetting the decline in M&A (and despite an increase in the number of mandates)
- Excluding one very profitable mandate closed in 2Q'22 by EQUITA K Finance, Revenues grew 19% in FY'23
- Revenue mix moving to AM fees from illiquid, proprietary assets (65% of FY'23 revenues)⁽¹⁾
- Investment Portfolio contributed positively, also thanks to a capital gain arising from the purchase of an additional fund share in EPD at a discount to the NAV



Investment Banking: Plenty of Growth Opportunities



Investment Banking Revenues since IPO (€m)



Investment Banking FTEs since IPO



P&L and Focus on Cost Structure

Reclassified P&L (€m)

	FY'23	FY'22	Var % 23-22	4Q'23	4Q'22	4Q Var % 23-22	
Client-related	76,7	82,3	(7%)	23,3	20,8	12%	Per
Non-client (Dir. Trading)	7,4	2,7	176%	2,5	1,1	132%	FTI
Investment portfolio	3,4	1,2	190%	2,3	0,2	n.m.	Cor
Performance fees	-	-	n.a.	-	-	n.a.	
Net revenues	87,5	86,2	2%	28,1	22,0	27%	
Total Costs (1)	(63,4)	(60,9)	4%	(19,1)	(17,2)	11%	Focus
Cost/Income Adjusted % ⁽²⁾	(71,5%)	(70,7%)		(68%)	(78%)		
Cost/Income %	(72,5%)	(70,7%)		(68%)	(78%)		
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Profit before taxes (1)	24,1	25,3	(5%)	9,0	4,8	86%	
Taxes ⁽¹⁾	(7,0)	(7,1)	(1%)	(2,5)	(1,3)	99%	
Tax rate	(29%)	(28%)		(28%)	(26%)		
Minorities	(0,7)	(2,0)	(66%)	(0,1)	(0,5)	(77%)	Cos
LTIP	(0,3)	(0,9)		(0,0)	(0,9)		Cos
Net Profits	16,1	15,2	5%	6,3	2,2	193%	
Adjusted Net Profits (1)(2)	16,9	16,2	5%	6,4	3,1	106%	
ROTE	26%	29%					ividend per share n FY'22 (≈100% payout

Focus on Personnel

	FY'23	FY'22	Var %
Personnel Costs (1)	(41,9)	(42,2)	(1%)
FTEs (End of Period)	195	188	4%
Comps / Revenues	(47,9%)	(48,9%)	(2%)
Normalized Comps / Revenues	(49,5%)		

Focus on Operating Expenses

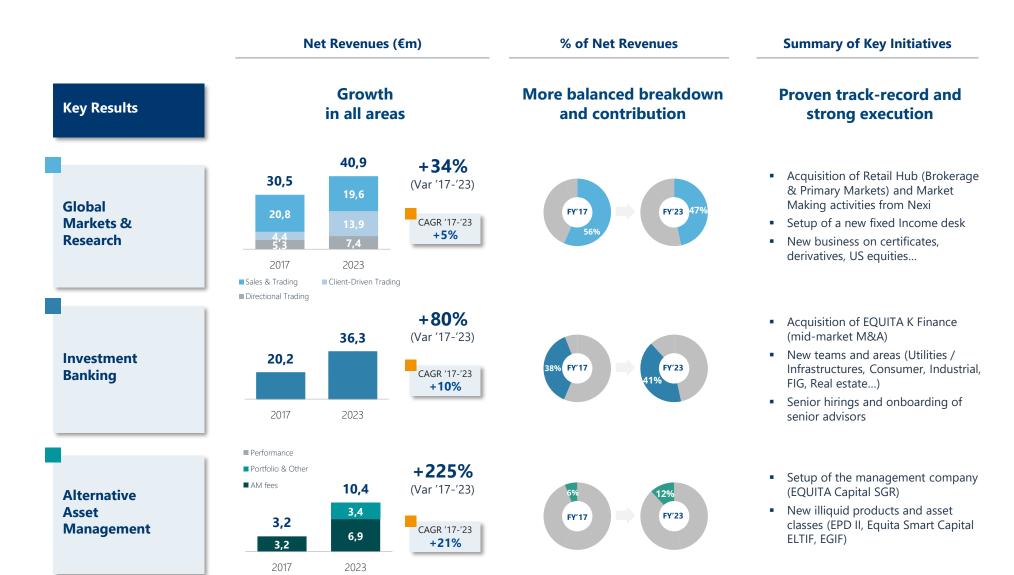
on Adjusted Net Profit)

			FY'23	FY'22	Var %
	Operating Costs		(21,5)	(18,7)	15%
	Information Techno	ology	(6,3)	(6,2)	1%
	Trading Fees		(3,1)	(2,9)	6%
	Non-Recurring (ann	niversary)	(0,8)) -	n.a.
	Other (marketing, g	governance)	(11,3)	(9,6)	17%
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	Cost/Income % ⁽¹⁾	/ [(72,4%)	(70,7%)	041
	Cost/Income Adjusted %	6 (ex. non-rec.)	(71,5%)	(70,7%)	Other costs u 17%, driven b higher
		Non-recurring items, mainly linked to the 50th anniversary of			marketing ar inflation on contracts
dividend per share	2	EQUITA (new visual identity, new website, events)			

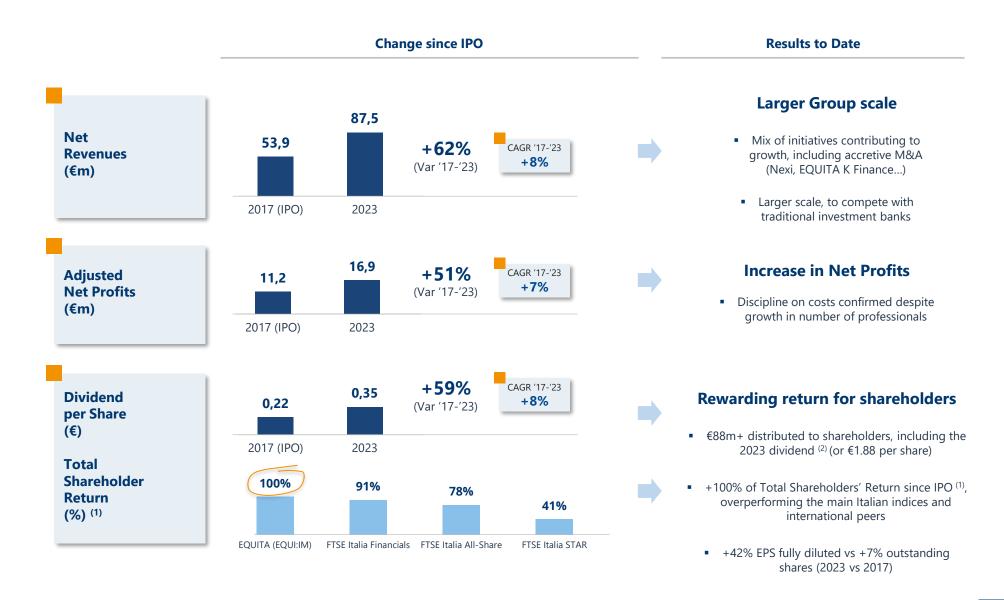
Results since IPO



Successful Track-Record since IPO



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What's Next and Closing Remarks



What's Next

Market Scenario

Still difficult **global environment** (war, inflation, recession...)

- Soft start of the year in terms of **trading volumes** on mid-small caps and **ECM** transactions in Italy
- Challenging **fund-raising environment** for alternative, illiquid assets



- Higher interest rates are now digested
- Ongoing simplification to ease access to capital markets, potentially increasing liquidity in financial markets
- Large portion of debt to be refinanced in 2024-2025
- €40bn of M&A transactions announced in the Italian market

Global Markets and Research

- Fixed income desk benefitting from increasing positioning and investors' appeal on bonds
- Equity volumes on mid-small caps expected to recover
- Expansion of research coverage on Italian and European listed companies

Revenues Investment **Banking**

- Strong pipeline in M&A, both in mid-market, large and public transactions
- Capital Markets activities expected to improve in 2H'24
- Increase in **positioning**, thanks to recent senior hirings, contribution from senior advisors and new areas of expertise (EQUITA Real Estate)
- Consolidation of Group's presence in Rome

Alternative Asset

- Growth in illiquid proprietary assets following fundraising of **EPD III** and **EGIF**
- Focus on **capital deployment** investing in private capital opportunities, on the basis of current interesting pipeline
- Positive contribution to Net Revenues from the Investment Portfolio and carried interest from 2025

Management

Group

Costs

- No other material additions of **workforce** or **investments** needed
- Adequate structure to benefit from increase in business volumes, revenues and net profits (operating leverage)
- Further optimisation of rental spaces
- Focus on business-related **marketing** to boost revenues with clients

M&A& Strategic **Initiatives**

- Scouting of external growth opportunities with bolt-on acquisitions, in Italy and abroad
- Preliminary discussions with EKF to acquire minorities and extend the partnership
- Always open to **strategic partnerships** that could accelerate growth of the business



Why Us?

Some Reasons to Invest

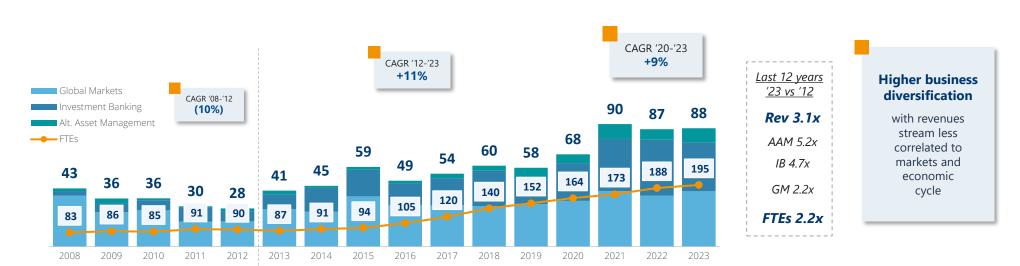
Track record in diversification, growth and remuneration of shareholders Track record Leading positioning in Italy and increasing footprint abroad Leadership Significant investments made to date, to boost growth in the future **Investments** Strong brand to develop new initiatives in other areas of business **Brand** Interesting time to invest, where the investment banking industry is weak **Timing** but expected to recover soon Compelling valuation with 9-10% dividend yield **Valuation**

Appendix



Track-Record in Diversification, Growth, Remuneration and Business Transformation

Evolution of Net Revenues (2008-2023)







Always profitable, with rewarding returns since IPO

100%+ TSR ⁽²⁾ (≈12% annual)

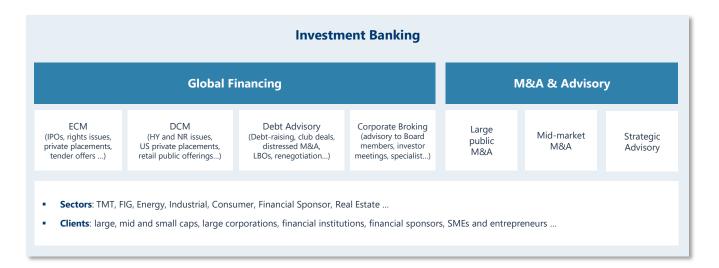
€88m+ cumulated dividends ⁽³⁾ (€1.88 per shares)

(1) Net Profits 2021 adjusted to normalise tax rate to 28% (average tax rate of 2020 and 2022 fiscal years). (2) Total Shareholder Return in the period 22 November 2017 – 11 March 2024. (3) €0.35 dividend per share proposed by the Board of Directors to the next Shareholders' Meeting, to be distributed in 2024.



Investment Banking: The Largest Contributor to Growth, with Plenty of Opportunities

Offering & Expertise



Why Us?

- Leading ECM franchise in Italy, #6 in M&A and Top 10 in DCM (#1 among non-lenders)
- The only one-stop-shop in Italy, combining independence, access to markets and diversified product offering
- Increasing standing and brand awareness, with several high-profile mandates and recent strategic senior hirings (4 MDs)
- Major source of growth during the last ten years and plenty of opportunities to grow more by adding new verticals and expanding the reach of the team in Italy
- Low capital absorption and strong operating leverage

Key Facts





Investment Banking: More than 50 Mandates in 2023

Public & Large M&A (selected credentials)



















Equity Capital Markets (ECM)









































Debt Capital Markets (DCM)

















Mid-Market M&A (selected credentials)



















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Investment Banking: an Increasing Footprint Outside Italy in M&A and Corporate Finance

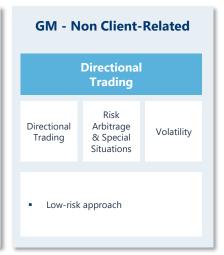
Solid track record in the execution of cross-border M&A transactions, helping corporates and private equity funds



Global Markets: Very Profitable Historical Business and High Barriers to entry

Offering & Expertise

GM - Client-Related Business Institutional **Retail Hub Client-Driven Trading** & Market Making Sales Sales Sales Specialist / Brokerage Trading / Trading / Market Liquidity on behalf (primary, (primary, Making Execution Execution secondary) secondary) Provider of clients Financial Instruments: Equity, Bonds, Derivatives (cash equity options, swaps, ...), Certificates ... Geographies: Italy, Europe, US, Japan ... Clients: institutional investors, banking groups with retail flows, listed companies, family offices...



Key Facts



Why Us?

- The largest independent trading floor in Italy and the leading broker in sales, trading & execution (Institutional Investor Rankings)
- Diversified offering in terms of instruments (equity fixed income, derivatives, certificates...), markets (Italy, Europe, US, Japan...) and clients (institutional and retail flows)
- High market shares in equity brokerage and increasing ones in fixed income and derivatives
- High barriers to entry (long-standing relationships with investors, knowledge of the Italian market, IT infrastructure...)



Research Team: A Team of Experts, at the Top of International Rankings

Offering & Expertise Key Facts

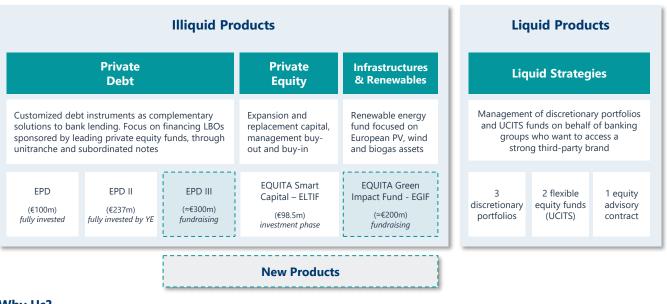


Why Us?

- Independent outstanding research, covering equity and fixed income issuers
- Leading position in Italy, with a team of analysts constantly ranked at the top of international surveys (Institutional Investors)
- Wide coverage of Italian listed companies (96%+ total market cap in Italy) and increasing coverage of European and international issuers
- Multi-sector expertise, proven track-record in understanding key trends in advance, and deep knowledge of Mid & Small Caps
- Professionals who provide valuable insights to the other areas of business of the Group (Investment Banking, Global Markets, Alternative Asset Management)

Alternative Asset Management: the Rising Star, where Sky is the Limit

Offering & Expertise



Why Us?

- One of the few multi-asset manager in Italy, with a diversified offering, combining liquid and illiquid assets, debt and equity, institutional and banking clients
- Among pioneers and leaders in private debt in Italy, with a growing footprint abroad (Germany)
- Solid track-record in the launch of products, performance generation and in growing team size
- Model based on recurring revenues' stream from alternative assets, potential upside from carried interest, and significant synergies from the collaboration with other areas of the Group (research, trading floor, investment banking)
- Low capital absorption, strong operating leverage, scalable business

Key Facts



A Reliable Partner with a Strong Brand and an Improving Positioning, Committed to Sustainability

Recent initiatives dedicated to sustainability

Launch of a new sustainable finance team to address clients' needs and advise investors, corporates, entrepreneurs and institutions in the delicate transition to sustainability

- Launch of a new asset class dedicated to green infrastructures (EGIF)
- Integration of research reports with ESG analysis
- Assessment of Group's carbon footprint and achievement of carbon-neutrality in 2022, before 2024 target
- Establishment of Fondazione EQUITA, with focus on young students, financial education, art and culture, local communities and environment.



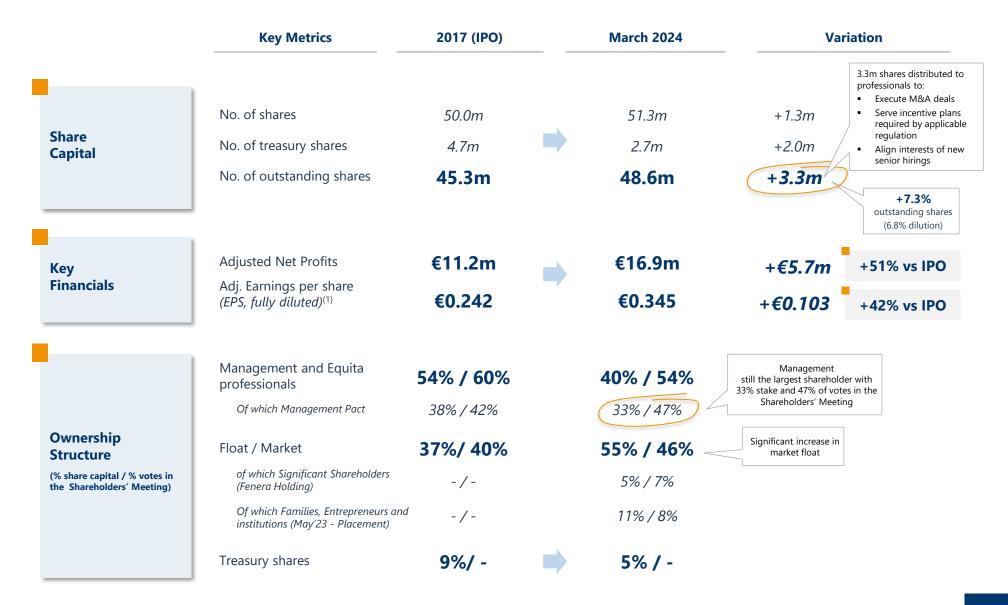
The EQUITA brand



Why Us?

- ESG and sustainability at the core of our strategy, to support business development
- Strong perception of EQUITA as brand, with high-reputation among institutions, entrepreneurs and decision makers
- Business model dedicated to «entrepreneurs» and managed by managers who are «entrepreneurs»
- Families, leading institutions and entrepreneurs among «loyal» shareholders in the share capital
- Growing presence on newspaper and media as evidence of the strong EQUITA brand
- Opinion maker with significant engagement in institutional initiatives dedicated to capital markets and finance in general (participation to the European Commissions' Technical Expert Stakeholder Group (TESG) on SMEs, Consob Stakeholder Group, Ministry of Economics and Finance Taskforce...)

Successful Track-Record since IPO



Balance Sheet

(€m)	FY'23	9M′23	1H′23	1Q'23	FY'22	1H′22	FY'21	FY'20
Cash & Cash equivalents	130.5	75.1	74.0	106.3	107.9	125.3	136.1	117.2
Financial assets at fair value with impact on P&L	77.4	99.3	95.5	90.4	111.7	79.6	49.2	43.8
Financial assets at amortized cost	101.2	122.5	144.6	128.0	99.6	97.1	91.4	86.1
Equity investments	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Intangible assets	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.1	27.2	27.5
Tangible assets	6.0	5.7	5.8	6.0	4.1	4.6	5.2	6.2
Tax assets	3.2	4.9	5.3	8.1	7.5	4.7	4.4	3.1
Other assets	34.1	36.0	34.0	39.4	41.7	42.1	1.9	1.6
Total Assets	379.7	370.3	386.1	405.0	399.5	380.5	315.6	285.8
Debt	213.9	203.0	220.0	222.5	221.3	197.4	175.6	171.3
Tax liabilities	1.3	1.6	1.1	5.3	3.6	3.4	6.0	2.2
Other liabilities	50.8	64.1	66.1	62.7	64.4	87.7	27.9	21.7
Employees' termination liabilities	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3
Allowance for risks and charges	3.2	2.4	2.1	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.4	2.7
Total Liabilities	271.1	273.1	291.4	296,5	295.2	284.8	216.3	200.1
Share capital	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	81.3	76.8
Treasury shares	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.3)	(3.9)	(4.0)	(4.1)	(4.1)
Reserves	80.0	78.5	78.2	96.3	79.4	76.5	69.9	65.4
Net Profits of the period	16.8	10.3	8.1	3.8	17.3	11.7	22.1	12.9
Third parties' equity	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Shareholders' Equity	108.6	97.2	94.7	108.5	104.3	95.7	99.3	85.7
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	379.7	370.3	386.1	405.0	399.5	380.5	315.6	285.8
ROTE %	26%	22%	23%	26%	29%	38%	44%	27%
IFR %	499%	579%	538%	550%	489%	648%	587%	N/A

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