

PRESS RELEASE

EQUITA confirms its top positioning in Italy in the 2025 Extel surveys and improves its ranking in Sales and Research categories



#1 Italy Trading & Execution

#2 Italy Research

#2 Italy Small & Midcap Stocks

#2 Italy Sales

#2 Italy Corporate Access

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EQUITA, the leading independent investment bank in Italy, **announces the 2025 Extel survey's results which confirmed the team's top positioning in Italy, with an important improvement in Sales and Research rankings.**

The rankings published by the prestigious international financial news agency Extel highlighted the very positive performance of both EQUITA's research team and its trading floor, in all categories of the survey.

The acknowledgement for the best trading and execution services in the "Italy Trading & Execution" category (#1) was supported by the good positioning achieved by the team in the "Italy Small & Midcap Stocks" (#2) and the "Italy Corporate Access" (#2)

categories. These results were further strengthened by the improvement in "Italy Research" (#2) and "Italy Sales" (#2) rankings.

Survey's results confirmed **EQUITA as the go-to partner for institutional investors** and strengthened its **successful track-record as leading independent investment bank, consistently ranking it among top 3 brokers in all categories of the international survey since 2013.**

Luigi de Bellis and Domenico Ghilotti, co-heads of Research Team, commented: *"The results of the survey confirm our analysts' ability to help institutional investors with value added insights on listed companies, in-depth sector expertise and unbiased analyses. Over the past few years, we further strengthened the team and today we cover more than 95% of the Italian total market capitalization and several international stocks. We confirm our constructive view on mid and small caps, especially on those listed companies that we consider Italian Champions for their ability to bring the Italian excellence around the world with their successful investment cases".*

Vincenzo Abbagnano and Cristiano Rho, co-heads of Global Markets, commented: *"EQUITA was awarded best trading floor for its trading and execution services for the fourth year in-a-row and has consistently ranked among top brokers in Italy across all categories of the Extel survey. This is a great achievement for EQUITA, confirming the team's efforts, strategy and commitment have been appreciated and rewarded. Actually, we are pleased to see a growing support from international investors as a direct result of our commercial efforts across Continental Europe and the UK. This encourages us to keep investing in diversifying our product offering and the client base, strengthening the dialogue between listed companies and investors on different asset classes."*

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