

PRESS RELEASE

Equita awarded best independent broker in Italy for its research on Mid and Small Caps and its Trading & Execution activities in the 2022 Institutional Investor survey

- = Research team ranked first in the “Italy Small & Midcap Stocks” survey, and second in the “Overall Italy Research” ranking (first among Italian independent brokers)
- = Sales & Trading team ranked second in the “Italy Sales” survey (first among Italian independent brokers)
- = The team also ranked first in the “Italy Trading & Execution” and second in the “Italy Corporate Access” survey

Equita ranked first in terms of number of votes cast by investors and second in the “Overall Broker – Italy (weighted by commission)” aggregated survey

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Equita, the leading independent Italian investment bank, once again ranked among the leaders in Institutional Investor’s well-renowned ranking with its research, sales, trading and execution, and corporate access.

The Research Team, led by Luigi de Bellis and Domenico Ghilotti, **ranked first in the “Italy Small and Midcap Stocks” category for the third year in a row**, confirming its excellence in supporting Italian and international investors in their investment decisions on small and mid-cap listed companies. The team also came in **second in the “Overall Italy Research” ranking, first among Italian independent brokers as well.**

82% of the total votes received by the research team (88 out of 107) were excellent (score of 5 out of 5) and 94% of the votes (101 out of 107) were in the higher part of the valuation range (score of 4 and 5 out of a maximum of 5), confirming the quality of research and analysis.

The Sales & Trading team, led by the Head of Sales & Trading Fabio Arcari and the two Co-Heads of Global Markets Vincenzo Abbagnano and Cristiano Rho, also **confirmed its excellent ranking (no. 2) in the “Italy Sales” category and first among Italian independent brokers.**

The team also ranked **first in the “Italy Trading & Execution” category** for its ability to serve institutional clients with standing solutions, **and second in the “Italy Corporate Access” category** for its corporate access activities - **first among Italian independent brokers**, thanks to Equita’s ability to arrange meetings, sector conferences and videoconferences, and promote dialogue opportunities between investors and listed companies.

In general, **Equita ranked second in the “Overall Broker – Italy (weighted by commissions)” aggregated survey, first in terms of number of votes cast by investors**, with more than 76% of votes received in all categories (294 out of 389) in the excellent score band (score of 5 out of 5) and more than 90%

of total votes (352 out of 389) in the higher part of the valuation range (score of 4 and 5 out of a maximum of 5).

The terrific results achieved by Equita in the 2022 Institutional Investor survey, which highlight a significant improvement in terms of number of votes received by the team, is a strong confirmation of the overall leading position of the Group in the Italian market. Such an important achievement has been made possible thanks to the **continuous collaboration between the research team and the trading floor** – which numbers more than 160 professionals in total – and the recurring investments aimed at the diversification of the product offering, growth of the number of professionals and improvement in client service.

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