

EQUITA AWARDS FOR THE BEST STRATEGY ON CAPITAL MARKETS

EQUITA AWARDED THE BEST 2018 STRATEGY ON CAPITAL MARKETS: FEDRIGONI – FABRIC (BC), CAREL INDUSTRIES AND DIGITAL VALUE WON THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE EQUITA AWARDS

- EQUITA AWARD IN THE “FUND RAISING IN DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS” CATEGORY
 - ≡ 1ST FEDRIGONI – FABRIC (BC)
 - ≡ 2ND EX-AEQUO CARRARO INTERNATIONAL
 - ≡ 2ND EX-AEQUO PIAGGIO & C.
- EQUITA AWARD IN THE “FUND RAISING IN EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS” CATEGORY
 - ≡ 1ST CAREL INDUSTRIES
 - ≡ 2ND GAROFALO HEALTH CARE
 - ≡ 3RD PRYSMIAN
- EQUITA AWARD IN THE “FUND RAISING BY SMALL-MID CAPS COMPANIES IN EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS” CATEGORY
 - ≡ 1ST DIGITAL VALUE
 - ≡ 2ND INTRED
 - ≡ 3RD FINE FOODS & PHARMACEUTICALS N.T.M.

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Today, during the event held at Bocconi University *“The Italian corporate bond market: what is happening to the capital structure of Italian non-financial companies?”* and where the position paper that analyses the decisions of Italian non-financial corporates to appeal to the bond market instead of the traditional bank lending has been presented, **Equita awarded, with the sponsorship of Bocconi University and Borsa Italiana, the “Awards for the best strategy on capital markets”** for the following fund raising categories: debt capital markets, equity capital markets and small-mid caps companies in equity capital markets.

With this prize – reaching this year its sixth anniversary – **Equita awards the companies that distinguished themselves in debt and equity fund raising** during the year. The winners were selected among a set of transactions closed during the year, between the 1st January 2018 and the 31st December 2018.

Gaia Mazzalveri, Co-Head of the Investment Banking of Equita, presented the criteria involved in the selection process of the finalists’ transactions and companies and awarded the winners highlighting: *“The majority of the awarded companies turned to capital markets, in parallel with the traditional bank lending, to raise capital to sustain both their organic and external growth. This is a clear evidence that the Italian companies are aligning to their European competitors, historically more active on capital markets”*.

The winners were voted by a panel of highly regarded judges – chaired by **Francesco Perilli**, Chairman Equita Group – and composed by: **Paolo Basilico** (Chairman and CEO Kairos Partners SGR), **Stefano Caselli** (Dean of International Affairs, Bocconi University), **Paolo Colonna** (Chairman Creazione di Valore), **Claudio Costamagna** (Chairman CC & Soci), **Rodolfo De Benedetti** (Chairman CIR-COFIDE), **Stefano Gatti** (Antin IP Associate Professor of Infrastructure Finance, Bocconi University), **Alessandra Gritti** (Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Tamburi Investment Partners), **Raffaele Jerusalem** (CEO Borsa Italiana), **Paolo Marchesini** (CEO and Group CFO Campari), **Gaia Mazzalveri** (Co-Head Investment Banking Equita SIM), **Marina Natale** (CEO Società per la Gestione di Attività - SGA), **Umberto Nicodano** (Partner Studio Legale Bonelli Erede), **Claudia Parzani** (Partner Studio Legale Associato Linklaters), **Fabrizio Viola** (CEO DEPObank) e **Andrea Vismara** (CEO Equita Group).

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