

## **EQUITA AND BOCCONI UNIVERSITY CONTINUE THEIR LONG-LASTING PARTNERSHIP TO ENCOURAGE THE DEBATE ON STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS OF CAPITAL MARKETS**

### **FINALISTS OF THE EQUITA AWARD FOR THE BEST STRATEGY ON CAPITAL MARKETS ANNOUNCED**

SIXTH EDITION OF THE “EQUITA AWARD FOR THE BEST STRATEGY ON CAPITAL MARKETS”. THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED DURING THE EVENT “*THE ITALIAN CORPORATE BOND MARKET: WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF ITALIAN NON-FINANCIAL COMPANIES?*”

- CARRARO INTERNATIONAL, FEDRIGONI – FABRIC (BC) AND PIAGGIO & C. AS CANDIDATES FOR THE EQUITA AWARD IN THE “FUND RAISING IN DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS” CATEGORY
- CAREL INDUSTRIES, GAROFALO HEALTH CARE AND PRYSMIAN AS CANDIDATES FOR THE EQUITA AWARD IN THE “FUND RAISING IN EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS” CATEGORY
- DIGITAL VALUE, FINE FOOD & PHARMACEUTICALS N.T.M. AND INTRED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE EQUITA AWARD IN THE “FUND RAISING BY SMALL-MID CAP COMPANIES IN EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS” CATEGORY

*Milan, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019*

Equita and Bocconi University continue their long-lasting partnership to encourage the debate on structural elements, development factors and possible solutions for the growth of capital markets of Italian companies.

The revamp of capital markets is key for our country and each year Equita and Bocconi University promote the realization of a study on specific topics of interest. **The position paper of this year is focused on the decisions of Italian non-financial corporates to appeal to the bond market instead of the traditional bank lending.** The paper also analyses selected financial and business aspects of listing companies and comparables, and studies the pricing of issued instruments.

The position paper will be presented during the event “*The Italian corporate bond market: what is happening to the capital structure of Italian non-financial companies?*” that will take place tomorrow, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at Bocconi University.

During the event **Equita, with the sponsorship of Bocconi University and Borsa Italiana, will award the “Best Strategy on Capital Markets Awards”** for the following categories:

- ≡ **Fund raising in Debt Capital Markets**
- ≡ **Fund raising in Equity Capital Markets**
- ≡ **Fund raising by small-mid cap companies in Equity Capital Markets**

With this prize **Equita awards the companies that distinguished themselves in debt and equity fund raising** during the year. The candidates have been designated among the transactions closed during the year, between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The transactions and companies running for the different categories of the Equita Award have been selected by a panel of highly regarded judges – chaired by **Francesco Perilli**, Chairman of Equita Group – composed by: **Paolo Basilico** (Chairman and CEO of Kairos Partners SGR), **Stefano Caselli** (Dean of International Affairs and BAFFI CAREFIN Research Center, Bocconi University), **Paolo Colonna** (Chairman of Creazione di Valore), **Claudio Costamagna** (Chairman of CC & Soci), **Rodolfo De Benedetti** (Chairman of CIR-COFIDE), **Stefano Gatti** (Antin IP Associate Professor of Infrastructure Finance and BAFFI CAREFIN Research Center, Bocconi University), **Alessandra Gritti** (Vice-Chairman and CEO of Tamburi Investment Partners), **Raffaele Jerusalmi** (CEO of Borsa Italiana), **Paolo Marchesini** (CEO and Group CFO of Campari), **Gaia Mazzalveri** (Co-Head Investment Banking of Equita SIM), **Marina Natale** (CEO of Società per la Gestione di Attività - SGA),

**Umberto Nicodano** (Partner Studio Legale Bonelli Erede), **Claudia Parzani** (Partner Studio Legale Associato Linklaters), **Fabrizio Viola** (Chairman of DEPObank) and **Andrea Vismara** (CEO of Equita Group).

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