

EQUITA Group 1H'24 Financial Results (as of 30 June 2024)

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- 4. Appendix



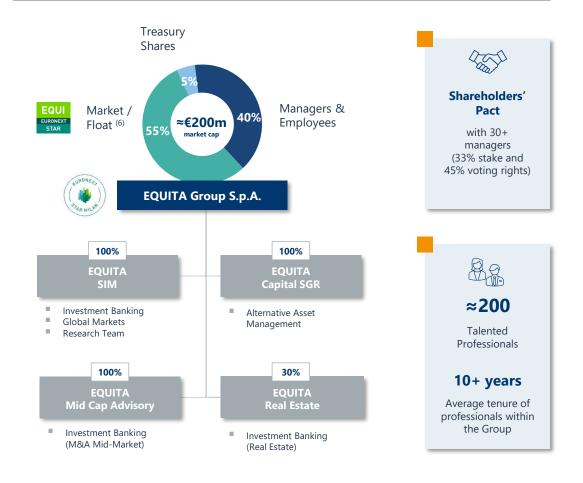
Who we are: the leading independent Italian investment bank

The most respected independent partner in Italy for investors, institutions, corporates and entrepreneurs, with a fifty-year history, listed on the Italian Stock Exchange and managed by a partnership of committed professionals

EQUITA in a Nutshell

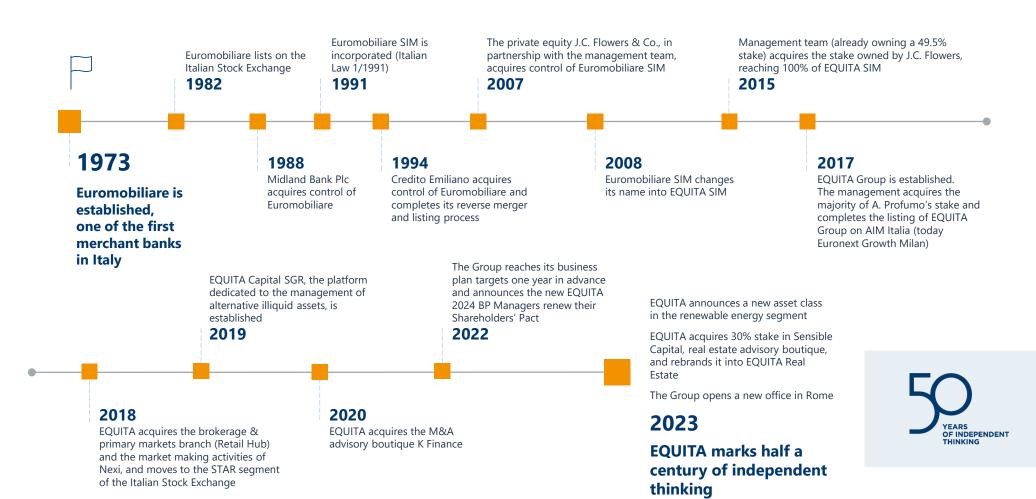
Shareholders and Simplified Group Structure (5)





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

The Group acts as broker, financial advisor and alternative asset management platform, and offers a full range of services to investors, corporates and institutions

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



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





The leading independent broker in Italy

Our team has always been at the top of investors' preferences for its outstanding research – especially on small & mid-caps – and its trading, execution, sales and corporate access services



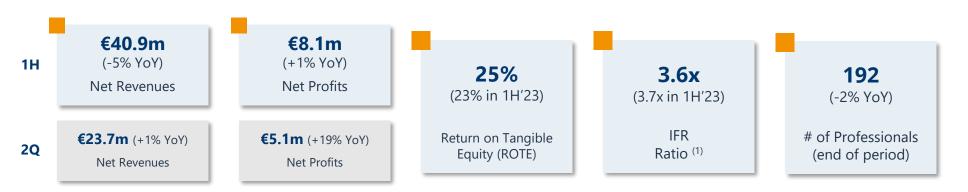


1H'24 financial results and recent initiatives



1H'24 performance benefitting from a good set of results in 2Q'24

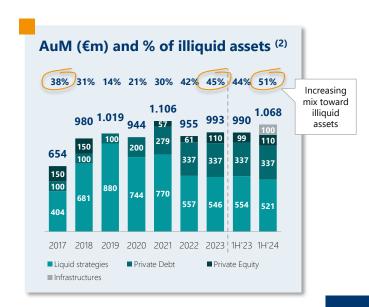
Key Consolidated Highlights



Key Divisional Highlights







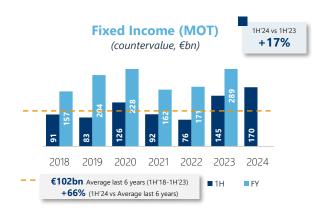


Improving environment in Italy, especially for S&T and large M&A, but still we levels of activity on small-mid caps and in ECM. Potential turning point expected in the next months

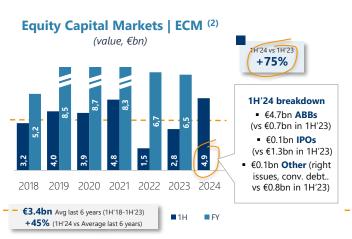
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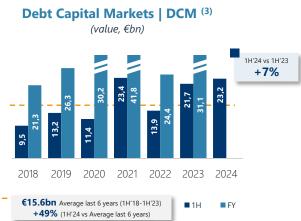


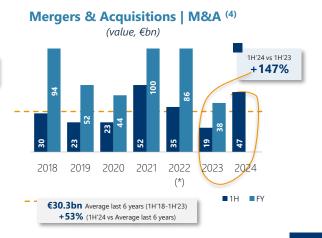




Capital Markets and Corporate Finance







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Strong positioning confirmed by recent achievements and initiatives, in all are

Summary of Recent Initiatives and Key Developments per Division



Global Markets





all segment









Outstanding research on Small & Mid Caps (2) Broker in Italy (#1 independent)

Research Team in Italy on Small & Mid-Caps



Investment Banking











clairfield Increasing brand of the EQUITA advisory platform.

Exclusive member for Italy of Clairfield, the global partnership of corporate finance boutiques

New senior advisor to bring the platform to a wider and international audience, with a particular focus on M&A advisory for private equity funds

Further integration of acquired teams

also abroad

Acquisition of 30% minority stake in EQUITA K Finance and rebranding to EQUITA Mid Cap Advisory

Alternative Asset Management



Private Debt (EPD II) (3)

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EQUITA Private Debt Fund provided subordinated financing to Valsa Group

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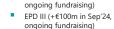


Private Equity (Smart Capital) (3)

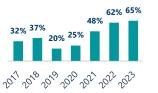


Fundraising initiatives

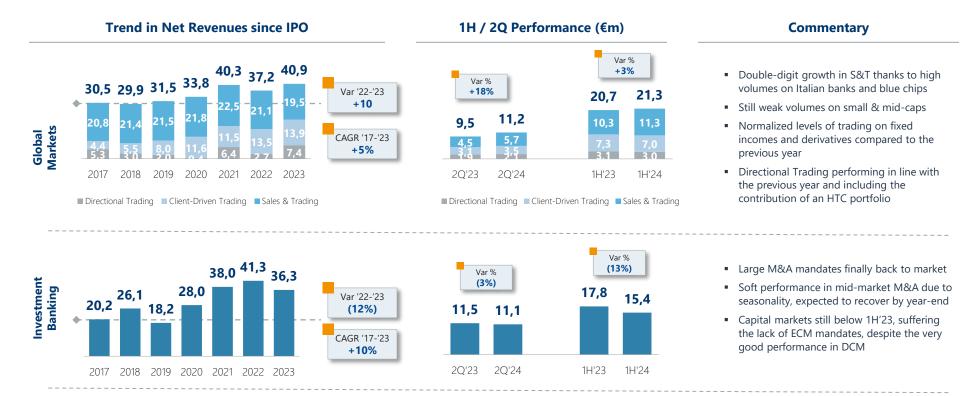




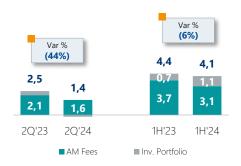




Improving market environment, still not contributing materially to the revenue of all divisions







- First time contribution of EGIF (renewable infrastructures fund) starting from Jun'24
- Intense capital deployment, with 4 investments closed by the private debt team and 2 by the private equity team to date
- 2Q'23 included an equalization fee deriving from the final closing of EQUITA Smart Capital – ELTIF



Disciplined approach on costs confirmed



Key Consolidated Highlights

	1H′24	1H′23	Var %	2Q'24	2Q'23	Var %
Net revenues	40,9	42,8	(5%)	23,7	23,5	1%
Total Costs (1)	(29,3)	(31,2)	(6%)	(16,4)	(17,3)	(5%)
Cost/Income Adjusted % ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	(71,8%)	(70,9%)		(68,9%)	(70,2%)	
Cost/Income % ⁽¹⁾	(71,8%)	(72,8%)		(68,9%)	(73,5%)	
Profit before taxes (1)	11,5	11,7	(1%)	7,4	6,2	18%
Taxes (1)	(3,4)	(3,4)	0%	(2,2)	(1,9)	19%
Tax rate	(29,6%)	(29,3%)		(30,3%)	(30,1%)	
Minorities	-	(0,1)	€0.7m		(0,1)	
LTIP	-	(0,1)	FY'23		(0,0)	
Net Profits	8,1	8,0	1%	5,1	4,2	19%
Adjusted Net Profits (1)(2)	8,1	8,7	(7%)	5,1	4,8	5%
ROTE	25%	23%				

Focus on Personnel Costs

	1H'24	1H′23	Var %	
Personnel Costs (1)	(18,9)	(20,0)	(6%)	
FTEs (End of Period)	192	195	(2%)	
Comps / Revenues	(46,3%)	(46,8%)		
Normalized Comps / Revenues	(47,0%)	(47,1%)		Increase in IT expenses related to higher post-
Focus on Operating Expens	requiring infoproviding services (fully variable cost)			
				variable cost)
	1H′24	1H′23	Var %	
Operating Costs	1H'24 (10,4)	1H′23 (11,1)	Var %	
Operating Costs o/w Information Technology				
	(10,4)	(11,1)	(6%)	
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What's next and closing remarks



Considerations about the next 18 months



Market scenario

- Soft-landing or no-landing scenario for all major economies
- Decrease in interest rates and expansionary monetary policies
- Further progress in institutional initiatives to ease access to capital markets and increase liquidity in financial markets, especially on small & mid-caps

Business outlook

- Improving environment for Investment Banking activities also in Italy, as experienced by international peers in the US and other developed countries in the first part of 2024
- Growing number of M&A announcements, mainly driven by smaller-size deals
- Turning point expected in ECM with the re-opening of the IPO market
- Positive contribution from brokerage business, enhanced by the increasing interest for small & mid-caps
- Increase in AuM and AM fees, mainly driven by fundraising of new illiquid proprietary products (EPD III, EGIF), and first carried interest on private debt funds from 2025

Resources set aside or built since IPO: ≈€9m of retained earnings, ≈€10m of reserves deriving from issue of new shares linked to incentive plans / remuneration policies and ≈€10m of other former reserves available for distribution

Expectations

- FY'24 results coherent with shareholders' remuneration targets
- Significant improvement of Group's results starting from 2025



- + 1H'24 Net Profits [**€8.1m** / **≈€0.16** EPS]
- + 2H'24 Net Profits
- + Significant resources set aside since IPO



Widespread institutional effort to promote capital markets



Commitment at European Level

Commitment at Italian Level

What's Next?



- Changes to prospectus (extension of exceptions for secondary issuances, standardization of prospectus format and content)
- Changes to MAR (management of inside information in "protracted processes", simplification of insider lists...)
- Unbundling obligation for research removed

Publication of the "Libro Verde" and consultations with market players, legal experts and associations



Prospectus Regulation

- Simplification of the approval process and the Prospectus itself (max 300 pages, possibility to avoid information on non-relevant risk factors)
- Possibility to draft documentation in English



Documentation, Research and Responsibility



- No longer required to file to Borsa Italiana all documentation (business plan, report on corporate governance, last 3 annual reports...)
- Mandatory research for listed companies (market cap <€1bn) for the first 3 years after the IPO</p>
- Listing agent no longer required to assess the listing company's management control system and forecasts of the business plan

«Manifesto» for the Development of Capital Markets

 10 concrete "actions" advanced by Assonime, Bocconi, Borsa Italiana and EQUITA, and supported by 160+ signatories



Legge Capitali



- Multiple-vote shares and increase in voting rights
- Simplification of the process to approve prospectus (timing for approval, principle of proportionality...)
- Dealers / intermediaries are no responsible in case of missing or misleading information on Prospectus
- New rules for the Board of Directors' renewal and
- New definition of SME (>€1billion)

- Fund of funds promoted by CDP/Ministry of Economy to develop funds specialised on small/mid caps (new funds expected to be active from mid 2025)
- Systemic effort, involving banks, insurance companies, pension funds
- Incentives for independent equity research
- Additional incentives for IPOs addressed to SMEs which are resident in Lombardy
- Improvements to PIR funds rules





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A lot of initiatives and investments made. What's next

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Global

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Markets

Research

Banking

Revenues & Positioning

M&A& Strategic **Initiatives**

Group

Key Investments Completed (last 3 years)

- **Diversification** of the **product offering** (bonds, certificates, derivatives, US equities...), new team dedicated to family offices and expansion of the research **coverage** (increasing # of foreign listed companies and inclusion of ESG analysis)
- Implementation of new business solutions (CRM, CMS) to boosts productivity and generate commercial synergies

Investment

- Hiring of **senior professionals** (MDs in Consumer, FIG, Industrial, Struc. Finance) and new senior advisors, constantly engaged with the team
- **Increasing presence in Italy** (Piedmont, Northeast, Rome...)
- **Cross-selling opportunities** with other areas of business

Alternative Asset Management

- Fund raising of EQUITA Smart Capital ELTIF (private equity)
- First investment outside Italy (e.g. DACH area) completed by EPD II and first closing of **EPD III**
- Launch of a new asset class (renewable infrastructure), first closing completed successfully in 2024, and appointment of **Stefano Donnarumma** as senior advisor
- Transition to new SFDR
- Office space increased to accommodate growing workforce and corporate events
- Renewal of corporate bodies, with strong presence of Independent Directors and female members in the BoD (including the Chair)
- Increase in brand awareness by leveraging on the EQUITA 50th anniversary. New corporate and visual identity
- Acquisition of EQUITA K Finance minorities and rebranding into EQUITA Mid **Cap Advisory**
- Strategic partnership with **Silvia Rovere** to develop real estate advisory services (30% investment in EQUITA Real Estate)

What to Expect in the Future

- Equity volumes on **mid-small caps** expected to recover
- Fixed income desk benefitting from EQUITA's increasing positioning and renewed investors' focus on bonds
- Expansion of **research coverage** on Italian and European listed companies
- Strong pipeline in M&A, both in mid-market, large and public deals
- **ECM** underlying activities expected to improve from 2025
- Further increase in positioning, also thanks to previous senior hirings, contribution from senior advisors and new areas of expertise (real estate, debt advisory)
- Growth in illiquid proprietary assets following fundraising of EPD III, EGIF and new products
- 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, with contribution of carried interest expected from 2025
- Further optimisation of **rental spaces** and focus on business-related marketing to boost revenues with clients
- No other material additions of workforce or investments needed
- Adequate structure to benefit from increase in business volumes, revenues and net profits (operating leverage)
- Scouting of external growth opportunities with **bolt-on acquisitions**, in Italy and abroad
- Always open to strategic partnerships that could accelerate growth of the business





Focus of Net Revenues (€m)

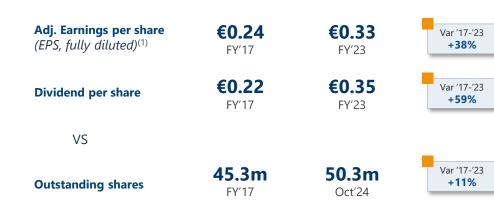






Focus on Shareholders Remuneration





CAGR '17-'23
+5%

Cumulated
Net Profits
since IPO vs
€88.2m of
dividends
+8%

E96.4m
Cumulated
Net Profits
since lPO vs
e88.2m of
dividends
paid out





Some Reasons to Invest

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



Appendix



Track-record in diversification, growth, remuneration and business transformation

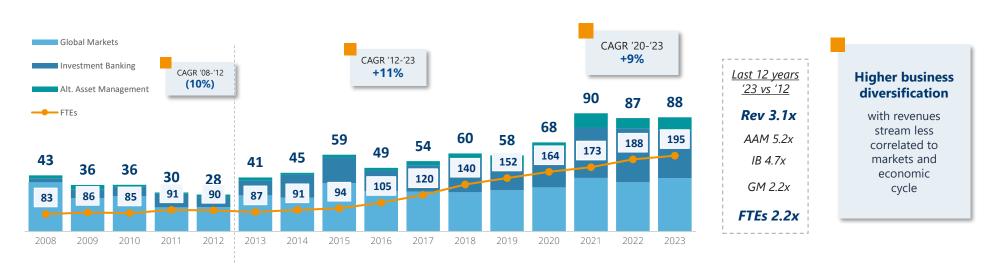
Evolution of Net Revenues (2008-2023)

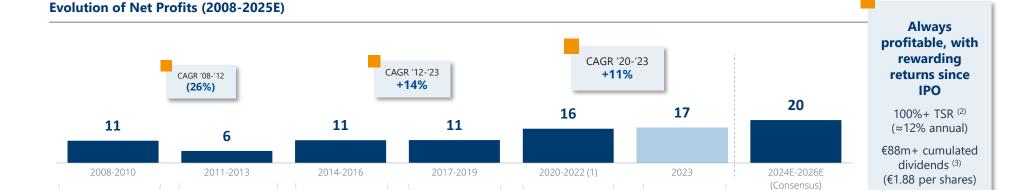
sub-prime mortgages in the United

States and Lehman bankruptcy

European and Italian

sovereign bond crisis





Covid-19

War in Ukraine

Tough Year for

Equities and M&A

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Brexit

MiFid II

Investment Banking: the largest contributor to growth, with plenty of opportunities

Offering & Expertise

Investment Banking Global Financing M&A & Advisory **ECM DCM Debt Advisory** Corporate Broking Large Mid-market (advisory to Board Strategic (IPOs, rights issues, (HY and NR issues, (Debt-raising, club deals, public members, investor M&A private placements, US private placements, distressed M&A, Advisory M&A tender offers ...) retail public offerings...) LBOs, renegotiation...) meetings, specialist...) Sectors: TMT, FIG, Energy, Industrial, Consumer, Financial Sponsor, Real Estate ... Clients: large, mid and small caps, large corporations, financial institutions, financial sponsors, SMEs and entrepreneurs ...

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



Selected 2023 Credentials





Investment Banking: more than 50 mandates in 2023



Public & Large M&A (selected credentials)



















Equity Capital Markets (ECM)

































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Debt Capital Markets (DCM)

















Mid-Market M&A (selected credentials)





















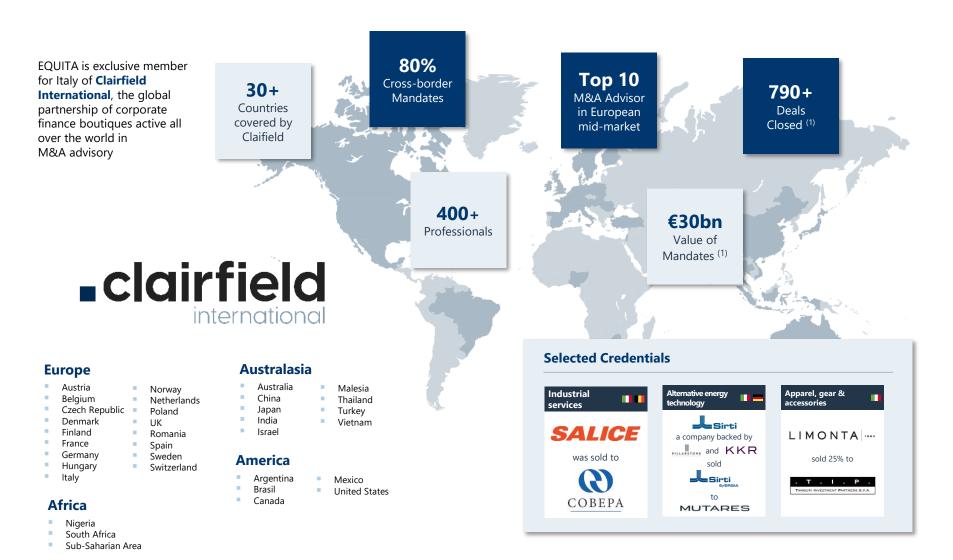






Investment Banking: an increasing footprint outside Italy in M&A and corporate finance

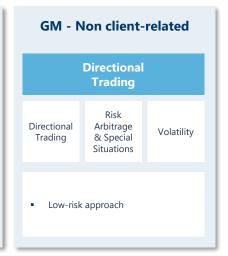
Solid track record in the execution of cross-border M&A transactions, helping corporates and private equity funds



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 Specialist / Brokerage Sales 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



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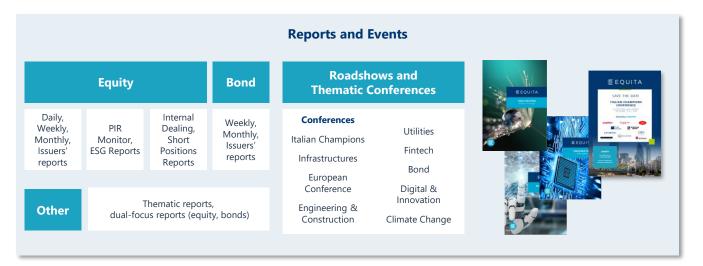
- The largest independent trading floor in Italy and the leading broker in sales, trading & execution (Institutional Investor Rankings)
- Diversified offering in terms of instruments (equity fixed income, derivatives, certificates...), markets (Italy, Europe, US, Japan...) and clients (institutional 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



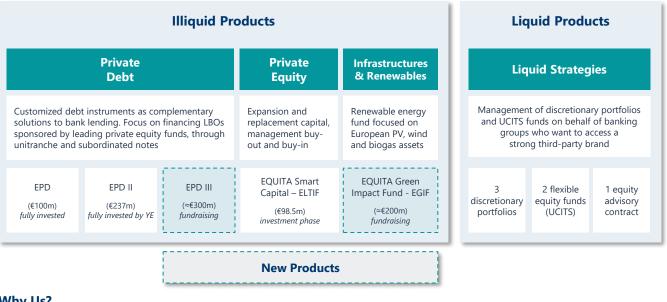
Why Us?

- 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...)





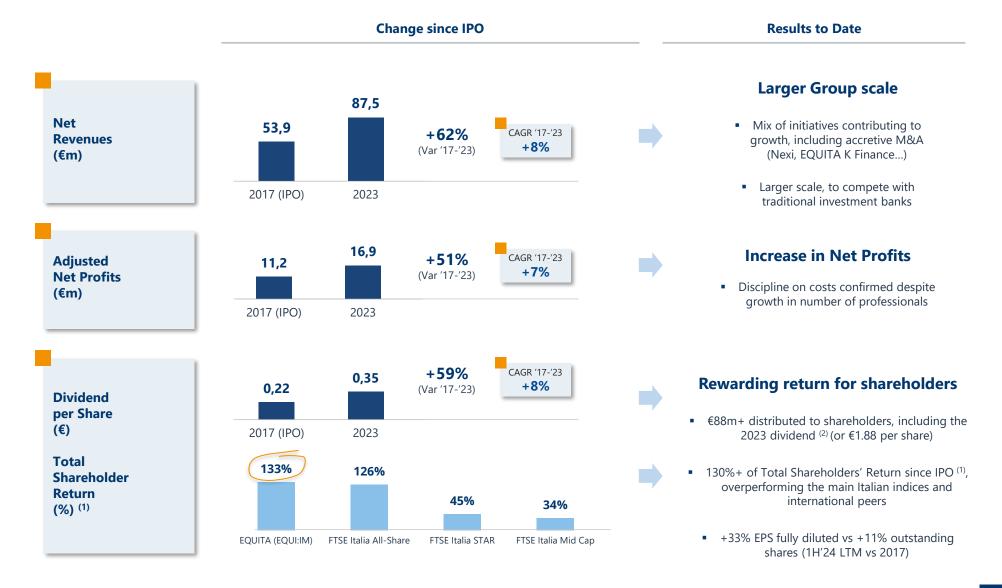
Net Revenues (€m) % of Net Revenues **Summary of Key Initiatives** Growth More balanced breakdown Proven track-record and **Key Results** in all areas and contribution strong execution 40,9 +34% Acquisition of Retail Hub (Brokerage 30,5 (Var '17-'23) & Primary Markets) and Market 19,6 Making activities from Nexi Global FY'23 479 FY'17 20.8 CAGR '17-'23 Setup of a new fixed Income desk Markets & +5% New business on certificates, Research 7.4 derivatives, US equities... 2017 2023 ■ Sales & Trading ■ Client-Driven Trading ■ Directional Trading Acquisition of EQUITA Mid Cap +80% Advisory / K-Finance (mid-market (Var '17-'23) 36,3 M&A) Investment 20,2 New teams and areas (Utilities / CAGR '17-'23 **Banking** Infrastructures, Consumer, Industrial, +10% FIG, Real estate...) Senior hirings and onboarding of 2017 2023 senior advisors ■ Performance +225% Setup of the management company ■ Portfolio & Other 10,4 (Var '17-'23) (EQUITA Capital SGR) ■ AM fees **Alternative** New illiquid products and asset **Asset** 3,4 FY'23 FY'17 3,2 CAGR '17-'23 classes (EPD II, EPD III, EQUITA Smart Management 6,9 +21% Capital ELTIF, EGIF) 3.2



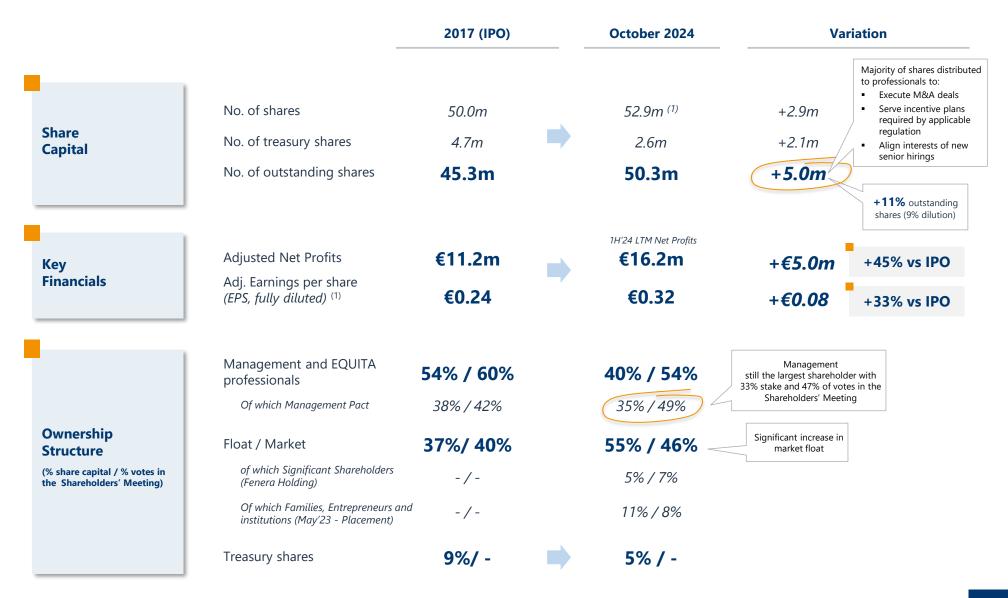
2017

2023











Healthy balance sheet, with capital ratios well above minimum requirements

(€m)	1H′24	1Q'24	FY'23	9M′23	1H′23	1Q'23	FY'22	1H′22	FY'21	FY'20
Cash & Cash equivalents	90.5	87.5	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	94.0	102.0	77.4	99.3	95.5	90.4	111.7	79.6	49.2	43.8
Financial assets at amortized cost	118.2	122.7	101.2	122.5	144.6	128.0	99.6	97.1	91.4	86.1
Equity investments	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Intangible assets	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.1	27.2	27.5
Tangible assets	4.3	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.8	6.0	4.1	4.6	5.2	6.2
Tax assets	3.1	3.6	3.2	4.9	5.3	8.1	7.5	4.7	4.4	3.1
Other assets	27.2	32.6	34.1	36.0	34.0	39.4	41.7	42.1	1.9	1.6
Total Assets	364.5	381.3	379.7	370.3	386.1	405.0	399.5	380.5	315.6	285.8
Debt	208.1	213.7	213.9	203.0	220.0	222.5	221.3	197.4	175.6	171.3
Tax liabilities	4.1	2.6	1.3	1.6	1.1	5.3	3.6	3.4	6.0	2.2
Other liabilities	50.7	49.1	50.8	64.1	66.1	62.7	64.4	87.7	27.9	21.7
Employees' termination liabilities	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3
Allowance for risks and charges	2.1	2.3	3.2	2.4	2.1	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.4	2.7
Total Liabilities	266.8	269.6	271.1	273.1	291.4	296,5	295.2	284.8	216.3	200.1
Share capital	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6
Treasury shares	(2.6)	(2.7)	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.3)	(3.9)	(4.0)	(4.1)	(4.1)
Reserves	80.3	96.4	80.0	78.5	78.2	96.3	79.4	76.5	69.9	65.4
Net Profits of the period	8.1	3.0	16.8	10.3	8.1	3.8	17.3	11.7	22.1	12.9
Third parties' equity	-	3.4	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Shareholders' Equity	97.7	111.7	108.6	97.2	94.7	108.5	104.3	95.7	99.3	85.7
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	364.5	381.3	379.7	370.3	386.1	405.0	399.5	380.5	315.6	285.8
ROTE %	25%	21%	26%	22%	23%	26%	29%	38%	44%	27%
IFR %	364%	360%	360%	402%	373%	382%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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