

Associazione Italiana del Private Equity, Venture Capital e Private Debt

AIFI: Pan-European interest in Italy grows

60 billion invested in venture capital over the past ten years

Milan, 18 March 2024 - At its meeting today, the Board of Directors took stock of the institutional roadshow held in London a few days ago.

Analysing the activity of pan-European funds over the last ten years, which has shown significant growth trends, these operators have invested 60 billion in venture capital alone, almost 70% of the Italian market total. A total of 650 investments were made involving more than 450 companies.

"In the last ten years we have seen the operation of 190 entities and in 45% of cases they have carried out more than one transaction in our country," **says Innocenzo Cipolletta president of AIFI** "The operators who had invested in Italy in 2013 were 21 compared to 62 in 2022. This confirms the growing interest of operators in Italian companies".

Going into the specifics of investments, the leading sector is industrial goods and services followed by ICT and medical and biotechnology, demonstrating operators' interest in both traditional and more innovative sectors.

In the type of transactions, buy-outs prevail, although the weight of infrastructures attracting investments of significant size has increased in recent years; the average amount per transaction has risen from 57 million in 2013 to 118 million in 2022.

Compared to the divestments made, where companies were sold to industrial operators, 100% of the target companies kept their headquarters and offices in Italy.

The next stops for AIFI to promote the private capital sector internationally will be in Paris and New York, both in September.

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