

Private Debt Award 2025: the winners are Anthilia Capital Partners, Equita Capital, Finint Investments, Nextalia and Tikehau Capital

- *Saccomanni Award to Finint Investments SGR for Niederstaetter*

Milan, 18 June 2025 - The winners of the eighth edition of the Private Debt Award were awarded during a ceremony held at Deloitte's headquarters in Milan. The award was promoted by **AIFI** and **Deloitte**, in collaboration with **Economy** and **Il Sole 24ORE**.

The winners were selected by a jury composed of top-level professionals from the institutional, business and academic worlds, who chose among **22 deals** carried out by **nine private debt funds** and **two distressed debt funds** in the categories **Development** (growth projects through internal means and/or acquisitions involving medium- to long-term investments aimed at expanding the company's business by entering new market segments, new geographical markets, developing and/or integrating new product lines or new production capacity, as well as research and development of new technologies), **Leveraged buyouts/Extraordinary Operations** (financing of extraordinary operations, supporting private equity fund managers or other entities in leveraged acquisitions) and **Distressed debt/Turnaround investing** (plans to restructure companies in financial crisis through corporate relaunch deals, mainly through the purchase of non-performing loans and/or the provision of new financing).

The **Jury**, chaired by Innocenzo Cipolletta and composed of Luigi Abete, Andrea Azzolini, Angelo Camilli, Giancarlo Giudici, Tamara Laudisio, Morya Longo, Sergio Luciano, Giovanni Maggi, Antonella Mansi, Luca Manzoni and Dario Voltattorni, declared the following winners:

for the **Development** category, **Small deal**, **Anthilia Capital Partners SGR** for the deal **Blastness**, a company specialising in providing technological solutions, strategic consulting and training for the hotel sector;

for the **Development** category, **Mid/Large deal**, **Tikehau Capital** for the deal **Jakala**, a company specialising in loyalty campaigns for large-scale retail trade and B2B sales & marketing services;

for the **Leveraged Buyout/Extraordinary operations** category, **Small deal**, **Equita Capital SGR** for the deal **C.O.C. Farmaceutici**, a group that develops, manufactures and packages devices for the ophthalmic and inhalation segment on behalf of third parties;

for the **Leveraged Buyout/Extraordinary Operations**, **Mid/Large deals** category, **Anthilia Capital Partners SGR** and **Finint Investments SGR** for the deal **Friulair**, a company active in the design and manufacture of dryers, filters, refrigerants and accessories for compressed air treatment;

for the **Distressed Debt/Turnaround Investing** category, **Nextalia SGR** for the deal **PSC Group** and **Italtel**, the former being a holding company active in the construction of plants in various sectors, including electromechanical, railway and telecommunications, with strategic investments including Italtel, a long-standing ICT company now focused on digital solutions in the Telco, PA, Utilities and FIG sectors.

This year, the **Saccomanni Award** was given to **Finint Investments SGR** for the deal **Niederstaetter**, a group active in the sale and rental of machinery, equipment and containers for the construction industry.

*“The wide variety of candidates for this year's Private Debt Award was rewarded by the jury with the promotion of subcategories of awards highlighting the different sizes of the deals, demonstrating that private debt now encompasses both small and medium/large economic needs,” declares **Innocenzo Cipolletta**, chair of AIFI.*

*“The winners of the eighth edition demonstrate once again how private debt is able to support extremely varied financial needs, where the contribution of the financial player is fundamental in customising the growth project through debt instruments,” says **Luigi Cutugno**, Senior Partner at Deloitte Italy.*

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