

## **Private Debt Award 2024: the winners are Anthilia Capital Partners, Clessidra Capital Credit, GreenArrow Capital and illimity**

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- *Special Jury Prize to Riello Investimenti for Omnia Advanced Materials*

Milan, 26 June 2024 - The winners of the seventh edition of the Private Debt Award were awarded at a ceremony held at the Centro Svizzero in Milan. The award was promoted by **AIFI** and **Deloitte**, with the collaboration of **Economy** and **Il Sole 24ORE**.

The names of the winners were selected by a jury of top professionals from the institutional, entrepreneurial and academic worlds from **13 operations** carried out by **eight private debt funds** and **two distressed debt funds** in the categories **Development** (growth projects through internal lines and/or acquisitions by entering new segments, geographic areas or developing new products and/or technologies) **Leveraged Buyout/Extraordinary Operations** (financing of extraordinary operations, supporting private equity fund managers in the realisation of leveraged buyouts, or other parties, also structuring the operation directly with the entrepreneur) and **Distressed debt/Turnaround investing** (plans to redevelop companies in financial crisis through corporate turnaround operations, in single name, with predominantly injection of new debt by fund operators and similar).

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

for the **Development** category, **Anthilia Capital Partners SGR** and **Clessidra Capital Credit SGR** for the deal **Gruppo Florence**, a group consolidating Italian companies active in the contract manufacturing of high-end clothing for global luxury brands;

for the **Leveraged buyout/M&A** category, **Green Arrow Capital SGR** for the deal **Primo**, a network of dental clinics located in urban centres;

for the **Distressed debt/Turnaround investing** category, **illimity SGR** for the deal **Noberasco**, a company active in the organic segment of dried, soft and dehydrated fruit.

This year, the **Saccomanni Award** was given to **SICI SGR** and **Gepafin** for the deal **Birra Flea**, a company operating in the production and marketing of craft beer.

A **Special Jury Prize** was awarded to **Riello Investimenti SGR** for the **Omnia Advanced Materials deal**, a group operating in the 'Specialty Paper' sector, producing impregnation, gasket and filtration papers.

*"The private debt award this year presented deals that geographically cover the whole of Italy from Turin to Caserta, via Milan, Savona and Perugia, a sign that the debt business of this sector is a useful tool for companies that need liquidity to realise their strategic growth projects".* Declares **Innocenzo Cipolletta, President of AIFI**.

*'Once again this year, the candidates demonstrated that they address a diverse range of end markets and can support complex capital structures creating value for shareholders and stakeholders,'* says **Andrea Azzolini, Head of Debt Advisory Deloitte**.

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