



Cassa Centrale Banca launches its first ELITE Lounge with 13 companies

This initiative reinforces the Group's concrete support for local businesses by offering a structured pathway for growth, internationalisation and sustainability.

Trento, 16/09/2025 – Cassa Centrale Banca, parent company of the Cassa Centrale Cooperative Banking Group, announced the launch of its first **ELITE Lounge – a programme designed to support a selected group of client businesses on a structured growth journey**, with a particular focus on internationalisation, sustainability and strengthening their business model.

The programme is part of **ELITE**, an ecosystem launched by Borsa Italiana in 2012 and now part of the Euronext Group. ELITE aims to accelerate the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises by supporting access to private and public capital markets through a structured programme of training, mentoring and networking.

The initiative strengthens the Cassa Centrale Group's institutional and operational presence in local communities, supporting businesses that reflect the vitality of the local production network. Through a high-level training programme developed in partnership with ELITE, it aims to consolidate robust, sustainability-oriented business models capable of competing on global markets.

The 13 companies, drawn from various regions, were selected in collaboration with the Group's BCCs, Casse Rurali and Raiffaisenkassen. They operate in strategic sectors such as manufacturing, mechanical engineering, hospitality, food and services. Their overall aggregate turnover stands at around **€ 830 million**, with a total workforce of over **5,500 employees**.

"With the first ELITE Lounge, the Cassa Centrale Group confirms its commitment to being an active partner alongside its business customers, with the aim of fostering solid, sustainable growth paths focused on internationalisation." **Sandro Bolognesi**, Administrator of Cassa Centrale Banca, said: "This initiative is a concrete way to support our business clients along a path that combines strong local presence with forward-looking vision. It is a tool for effectively managing the strategic complexities that characterise today's market environment. It is a strategy that reflects the core values underpinning the Cassa Centrale Group's daily operations: strong local ties, mutual trust and a commitment to responsible development that brings out the best in the areas where we operate.

Marta Testi, Chief Executive Officer of ELITE, said: "With the first Lounge developed in partnership with Cassa Centrale Banca, we are taking a further step in showing how companies can grow while maintaining strong roots in their local communities. It is precisely this closeness that fosters the ability to look ahead, embrace change and seize the opportunities offered by a broader vision."

The companies participating in the Lounge:

COMPANY NAME	REGION	SECTOR	WEBSITE
Blu Hotels Spa	Lombardy	Hospitality	www.bluhotels.it
Cantori Srl	Marche	Production of high-precision metal sheets.	www.cantorigroup.it
Capi Group Srl	Trentino-Alto Adige	Production and sale of structural metal products	www.capigroup.it
CDSHotels S.p.A.	Puglia	Hospitality	www.cdshotels.it
Comem Spa	Veneto	Development of software, equipment and control systems for electricity plants	www.comem.com
La Sportiva Spa	Trentino-Alto Adige	Production of sports and non-sports footwear, clothing and accessories	www.lasportiva.com
Maggioli Spa	Emilia - Romagna	Digitalisation services for the public administration	www.maggioli.com
O.M.P. Piccinelli Srl	Trentino-Alto Adige	Precision mechanical manufacturing and processing	www.omp-piccinelli.it
Officine Zoppelletto Srl	Veneto	Sheet metal processing	www.zoppelletto.com
Bakery Cremona Italia Srl	Lombardy	Food production	www.panificiocremona.it
Torneria Castiglioni Srl	Lombardy	Production of products for precision mechanics	www.torneriacastiglioni.com
Vexeva S.R.L.	Veneto	Holding company of equity investments in businesses operating in the fields of design, architecture and planning.	www.VenicExcellence.com
Zannini SpA	Marche	Production of high-precision metal products.	www.zannini.com

The **Cassa Centrale – Credito Cooperativo Italiano Group** } comprises 65 BCCs – cooperative credit banks, rural banks and Raiffeisenkassen – with 1,498 branches throughout Italy, more than 12,000 employees and over 490,000 cooperative members. With total assets of EUR 91 billion as at 30 June 2025, the Group ranks among Italy's top ten.