

PQE Group Among 72 Italian Excellence Companies Honored at Palazzo Mezzanotte with the Eighth Edition of the Deloitte Private “Best Managed Companies” Award

Milan, October 30, 2025 – PQE Group is among the winners of the eighth edition of the **Best Managed Companies Award**, a recognition of entrepreneurial excellence by **Deloitte Private**, celebrated this afternoon at Palazzo Mezzanotte. The award ceremony was held with the participation of **ELITE – Euronext Group**, **Piccola Industria Confindustria**, and with methodological and strategic support from **ALTIS Graduate School of Sustainable Management of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart**.

Giampaolo Mazzuca, Senior Equity Partner, VP Strategic Networking, BD & KAMs Global Leader of PQE Group, stated: *"Being recognized as a Best Managed Company is not just an award: it is the confirmation of a journey built with passion, vision, and responsibility. Thanks to Deloitte, joining a community of excellent Italian companies means sharing values, experiences, and best practices, with the goal of growing together and continuously improving every day. In a rapidly changing world PQE Group faces every challenge with agility, courage, and an innovative spirit, putting people at the center, both new hires and those who have shared a long growth journey within the company. Because only in this way is it possible to combine performance, results, innovation, and sustainability, and continue to make a difference today and tomorrow."*

"In this eighth edition, we have awarded 72 outstanding entrepreneurial realities in our country. In evaluating their performance, we again used a series of well-established parameters that characterize the Award, which Deloitte Private develops in 47 countries with standardized evaluation metrics. Overall, these are aspects that Deloitte Private considers fundamental to assessing a company's work and identifying their overall performance, highlighting the excellent management and leadership capabilities. The distinctiveness of BMCs is even more evident given today's increasingly competitive and challenging market scenario. This year, we also expanded our focus to an additional dimension: cybersecurity, an area companies consider a priority and that will become increasingly crucial in the future, given technological and digital advancement," said **Ernesto Lanzillo**, **Deloitte Partner and Leader of Deloitte Private for the Central Mediterranean area (Italy, Greece, and Malta)**.

The evaluation and analysis of the awarded companies' outstanding performance was carried out by a jury of experts composed of **Marta Testi**, CEO of ELITE – Euronext Group; **Fabio Antoldi**, Full Professor of Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship at the Faculty of Economics and Law of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart; and **Renato Goretta**, Vice President of Piccola Industria Confindustria. The assessment was based on the parameters of **“Strategy,” “Skills and Innovation,” “Commitment and Corporate Culture,” “Governance and Performance Measurement,” “Corporate Social Responsibility,” “Internationalization and Supply Chain,”** and finally, **“Cyber Security.”**

"Once again this year, we have rewarded a solid group of high-profile companies that decided to continue this journey with us. Over 80% of the companies awarded in this edition have previously been recognized as Best Managed in past editions; in particular, 9 companies received recognition for the seventh consecutive year in the 'New Platinum' category, and 5 companies have exemplified entrepreneurial excellence since 2018, the first year the Award was launched in Italy ('Platinum' category). Additionally, there are 12 new entries, also representatives of outstanding business practices in Italy. For all participating companies, their distinctiveness and performance were carefully assessed by a team of Deloitte professionals and a jury of experts, taking into account the companies' maturity in participating in the initiative. The Award is the final result of this process, and today's ceremony is an opportunity to highlight the excellence of their work and foster dialogue among all awarded companies, which stand out in the market and are a real engine of growth for Italy," said **Andrea Restelli**, **Deloitte Partner and head of the Best Managed Companies program in Italy**.

About PQE Group

With over 2,000 employees, PQE Group is a woman-owned leading Life Science consulting firm, providing high-quality solutions in GCP, GLP, GMP, and GDP areas to both industry giants and SMEs worldwide. With a focus on innovation, efficiency, and sustainability and with a global presence through its numerous offices located around the world, PQE Group continues to set industry benchmarks and drive positive change in the Life Science sector. The Group's CEO & Founder, Gilda D'Incerti, has recently launched ReSQ-UP, a groundbreaking initiative in the Clinical Research Organizations field, focusing on supporting emerging startups in women's health (FemTech), medical devices, and innovations in the medical cannabis sector.

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