# **Arkios** Italy

**Where Finance meets Corporate Strategy** 







# Arkios Italy | Investment Banking Excellence in the Mid-Market Segment

#### **Main Activities**

- Arkios Italy is an **independent Investment Bank** founded in Milan in **2009**, with the aim of providing support to **mid-market companies** in deals supporting growth and development.
- Arkios positions itself as one of the leading investment banks in the mid-market segment, alongside major international Investment Banks. Its approach is business-oriented, with a strong expertise in the dynamics of the most representative sectors of the Italian entrepreneurial landscape
- Arkios provides services in the following areas:
  - M&A: structuring and advising in M&A deals (sell-side and buy-side)
  - **Business Continuity:** Management of Family Governance/Generational Transition issues
  - Debt Advisory: support and structuring of debt transactions in event driven contexts
  - Equity Capital Market: support for listing on stock markets through an IPO

### **Key Numbers**

### **Deals Closed**

since 2009

60<sup>+</sup>



**Amounts Traded** 

in M&A deals

900<sup>+</sup>



# Investors

International Network

400<sup>+</sup>



# Professionals

In the Arkios team

**18**<sup>+</sup>



# Awards Received

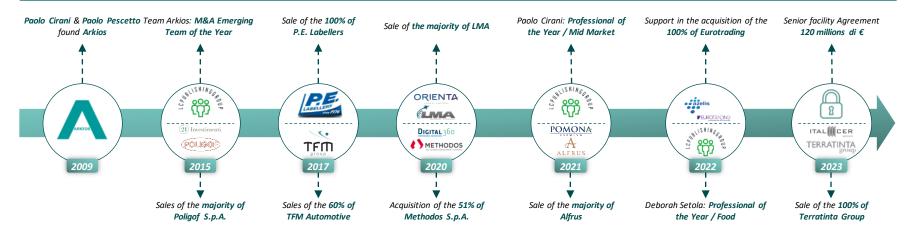
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#### Indicative timeline of Arkios Italy's history and selection of closed deals





# **Arkios Italy | Services Offered**

#### One stop-shop service for Medium-sized Enterprises

#### 1. M&A Sell-Side and Buy-Side

Supporting Companies in both Sellside (seeking investors) and Buyside (seeking investment opportunities), particularly:

- Development in collaboration with the Client – of an effective and concrete M&A strategy aimed at maximizing the value of the company (Sell-Side) and/or assigning the correct valuation to the Target company (Buy-Side).
- Creation and preparation of all necessary documentation, including activities related to economic-financial analysis, strategic positioning, and the definition of an appropriate Business Plan.
- Ongoing support throughout the entire process

#### 2. Business Continuity

Supporting Companies and family businesses in managing Family Governance/Generational

**Transition issues** to maintain, optimize, and enhance the value of the family business, identifying corporate solutions and governance mechanisms that provide continuity to the company and balance among the stakeholders

Structuring - in collaboration with our partners - strategies, mechanisms, and solutions to manage generational transitions in complex cases involving multiple family branches and/or different generations. This includes proper preparation for the generational handover

#### 3. Debt Advisory

**Tailored** structured finance solutions for the growth needs of Medium-sized Enterprises: defining the optimal financial structure, Acquisition Finance, Leverage Finance, designing structured operations to support corporate growth, through collaboration and negotiation with the network of and institutional debt banks involved the investors in transaction, preparing supporting documents for the banking sector, as well as defining and negotiating contractual the necessary documentation

#### 4. Equity Capital Market

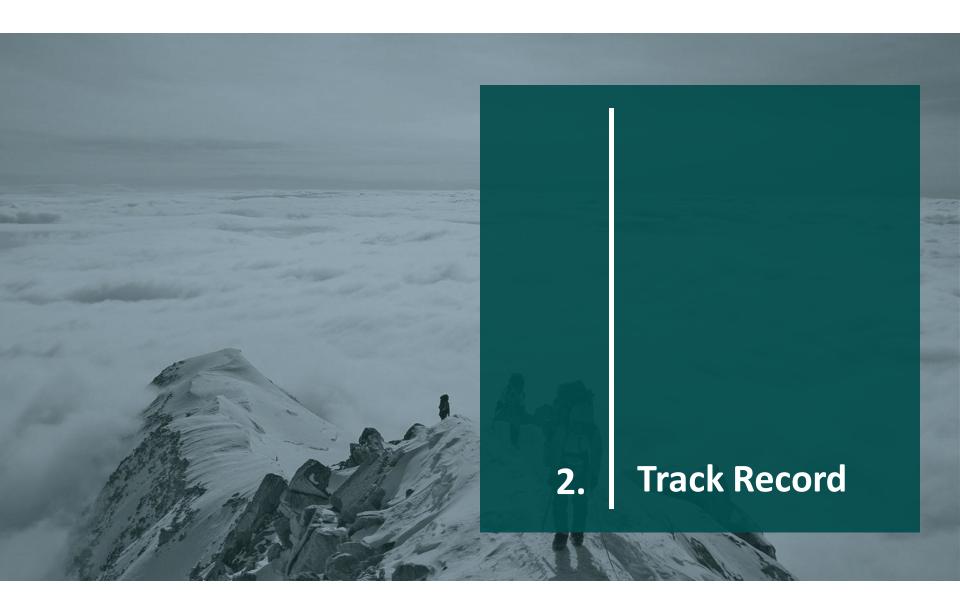
Support for Italian Medium-sized Enterprises in the **listing processes**, through:

- Feasibility studies, competitor evaluation, defining the timing of the listing project, and constructing the Equity Story
- Support in selecting and subsequently coordinating the stakeholders involved in the project
- Continuous support for management and entrepreneurs throughout the entire IPO preparation process, including document production, economic/financial analysis, and financial sustainability analysis of the business and investment plans



Business Oriented Approach, with strong expertise in the dynamics of the most representative sectors of the Italian entrepreneurial reality, strong attention to Industrial Value and the uniqueness of its customers







# Track Record | Some of the M&A deals completed (1/2)



Active in the field of ceramic and porcelain tiles



December 2023 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Vacuum S.p.A.

VOCUUM

Active in metal heat treatment with vacuum technology



December 2023 Buy-side Advisor



GROUP Acquired a business unit from Formula E



Active in the automation of renewable energy manufacturing

> August 2023 July 2023 Buy-side Advisor Buy-sideAdvisor



Undisclosed

Financing of 120 M€

Steel processing in the energy sector

Complementary advisors.

BonelliErede

July 2023 Debt Advisor



Acquired 65% of **Audio Technologies** 



Active in the field of high innovation medical devices and biomaterials Complementary advisors:

GRIMALDI ALLIANCE NOBILI

May 2023 Buy-side Advisor

Tommasini S.r.l. Historical bicycle brand active in the

BKEHOLDING

Acquired 100% of

production and distribution of frames and high-luxury cycles Complementary advisors:

RM-

April 2023 Buy-side Advisor



Active in the distribution of chemical specialties for the personal care market

Complementary advisors:



October 2022 Buy-side Advisor



**Solid**World GROUP

Acquired 50% of ABM Work S.r.l.

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Active in the offering of engineering services and 3D modeling

> September 2022 Buy-side Advisor



DIGITAL 360

Acquired 51% of Methodos S.p.A.



Active in management consulting

Complementary advisors:



July 2022 Sell-side Advisor



**Solid**World

Acquired a business unit

from B.F. Forniture Ufficio

**UaloreBF** 

Active in the distribution of

major 3D CAD software



Sale of minority Stake

Active in the personal and home care products, with historical brands such as Felce Azzurra

Complementary advisors:



Zalo Maino Caselli Dottori Commercialisti Associati



June 2022 Sell-side Advisor



PINETTE PE

Join forces to establish an Industrial partnership



Active in the design and manufacture of press brakes and custom shears

Complementary advisors:

ADVANT Notm

Grant Thornton (FENEO)

May 2022 Buy-side Advisor



Acquired 65% of

Alfrus S.r.l.

ALFRIIS

**POMONA** 

Active in the processing of almond-based inaredients

Complementary advisors:

GITTI AND DAVIES Linklaters PARTNERS

> December 2021 Sell-side Advisor



redfish

Acquired 40% of



Active in production of complex aeronautical and space assemblies

Complementary advisors:

GRIMALDI

GITTI AND

KPMG

October 2021 Sell-side Advisor

Acquired 100% of Came S.r.l.

Active in distribution market of raw materials and specialities

Complementary advisors:



January 2021 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Cos.Mec S.r.l.

Powder and granulate handling equipment for the pharmaceutical

Complementary advisors: UGHI E NUNZIANTE BAGALÀ & PARTNERS

> NOVASTLDIA November 2020 Sell-side Advisor



### orienta

Acquired 65% of L.M.A. S.r.l.



Highly-critical Machined structural Parts for Aerospace & Defence

Complementary advisors: Deloitte.



October 2020 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Com.Tel S.p.A.

○M.TEL ICT Solution Provider



July 2020 Sell-side Advisor





Subscribed a capital increase of 13% in PharmAbbie Inc.

### PharmAbbie, Inc.

Late develonment stage Pet Pharmaceutical Company

Complementary advisors:



March 2020 Buy-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Maca Engineering S.r.l.



Automatic machines and lines for the production of caps and closures

Complementary advisors:





January 2020 Sell-side Advisor



induPlast

Acquired 100% of Verve S.p.A.



Rigid Packaging for Personal Care, Cosmetic and Pharmaceutical

Complementary advisors: Gatti Pavesi Bianchi CS & ASSOCIATI III CARNELUTTI

Sell-side Advisor



Iccrea & Bancalmpresa December 2019



# Track Record | Some of the M&A deals completed (2/2)



BUYER Acquired 100% of La Sorgente S.r.l.



Company that produces high quality gastronomic ready to eat dishes, filled pasta and baked sweets for mass retail

Complementary advisors: **BNP PARIBAS** 

> November 2019 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Ciesse Holding S.r.l.



Design, Engineering and Manufacturing of Complete Interior Systems for Railways industry

Complementary advisors:

SLCG Deloitte Associati

> August 2019 Sell-side Advisor



induPlast

Acquired 100% of Vexel S.r.l.



Rigid Packaging for Personal Care &

Complementary advisors: CS & ASSOCIATI PARTINERS Lexica avazzini Iccrea & Bancalmpresa

> July 2019 Sell-side Advisor



macnil

Acquired 100% of KFT S.p.A and GuardOne Italia S.r.l.



Cuard One

Design and Manufacturing of GPS based Tracking & Tracing devices and providing Monitoring Center Services



Giuseppe Caputo July 2019 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Airpack S.p.A.



Active in the extrusion of polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP) products for packaging and construction applications

Complementary advisors:



June 2019 Sell-side Advisor





Poultry equipment designing and

Complementary advisors



January 2019 Sell-side Advisor

IBDO



valery glass 🍣

Special Glass Packaging for Multiuse & Parfumery, Wine & Spirits, Oil & Vinegar

> Complementary advisors: Avvocato

Alessandro Vignati Deloitte.

> July 2018 Sell-side Advisor





Acquired 100% of Control Service S.r.l.

#### **ControlServices**

Providing global assistance services for automation systems used for environmental analysis and processing

Complementary advisors:

#### ZULLI TABANELLI E ASSOCIATI

July 2018 Buy-side Advisor



#### marval

Acquired 100% of ENSCO 1053 Ltd.

ENSCO 10 53 Ltd.

Mechanical Machining for Brake system components

Complementary advisors:





July 2018 Buy-side Advisor





Acquired 100% of Induplast S.p.A.



Rigid Packaging for Personal Care, Cosmetic and Pharmaceutical

Complementary advisors: CS & ASSOCIATI



June 2018 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Danpete S.r.l.



Distributor of exclusive branded childcare articles for the Italian market

Complementary advisors:



February 2018 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 60% of TFM Group S.p.A.

TFM

Highly-precision Machined Components for Automotive, Oil & Gas

Complementary advisors





Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 90% of Double Consulting S.r.l.



Business Process & IT Consulting Firm for the Financial Service Industry

Complementary advisors:

Sell-side Advisor



Grant Thornton

October 2017



**△** CEV

Acquired 90% of

**CEV Holding Group** 

Complementary advisors:



Timossi Studio legale

November 2017 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of P.E. Labellers S.r.l.



Labelling Machines for Multinationals in Wine & Spirits, Food & Beverage, Pharmaceutical, Personal & Home Care

Complementary advisors:





Sell-side Advisor







Acquired 100% of Industria Alimentare Ferraro



Egg Pasta for the most important food industry multinationals and retailers

Complementary advisors:

May 2017

Sell-side Advisor







Acquired 60% of ILSA S.p.A.



European leading development and manufacturer of Biostimulants and Fertilizers

Complementary advisors:



March 2017 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Zephir S.p.A.



Manufacturer of Locotractors

Complementary advisors

December 2016

Buv-side Advisor











Complementary advisors:

pwc December 2016 Sell-side Advisor



XINTAL Acquired Assets of TMC Italia S.p.A.



Italian Cast Resintransformer manufacturer

Complementary advisors:



FATERS IN

November 2015 Sell-side Advisor



Acquired 100% of Eurasia S.p.A.



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accessories and children aoods Complementary advisors:

Studio Zanetti Commercialisti

November 2015 Sell-side Advisor



# Track Record | Some of the ECM deals completed (1/2)



Digital technologies - 3D printing



August 2020

Financial Advisor



Safety Systems



September 2019

Nomad & Global Coordinator



Gold Broker

































Nomad & Global Coordinator



Mobile Marketing





Leisure Travel & Tourism







# Track Record | Some of the ECM deals completed (2/2)









































# Press Review | About Us (1/2)













Terratinta Group SB, rappresentata da Luca Migliorini, socio unico e ceo, e Marco Migliorini, coo della società, ha ceduto del 100% del capitale al Gruppo Italicer.

Gli advis

Arkios faty) ha assistito ferratinta Group con it earm di execution, che è stato divetto dal senior associate Alberto Brenna (nella foto a sinistra) con il coinvolgimento del senior analyst Gianmarco Perrella, mentre ha originato l'opperazione il manager del team di origination Luca Sfoggla (nella foto a d'estra).



TERRATINTA group













Arkios Italy al controllo di Integrae Sim. Nell'azionariato anche Banca Valsabbina

CORPORATE FINANCE/MAA ① 24 OTTODOR 2019

Arkios Italy, stando a quanto Finencecommunity if può articipare, ha acquisito la maggioranza di Integrae Sim realità fra i principali Nomad e global coordinator per numero di quotazioni sul mercato Aim di Borsa Italiana.

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Nuova partnership tra Pinette Pei e Gade



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Pinette Pei, gruppo francese attivo nell'ingegneria industriale, continua il suo percorso di crescita con

la partnership industriale con l'italiana **Gade**.

Con il supporto dei suoi azionisti e in particolare del fondo **Geneo Capital Entrepreneur**. Pinette Pei

Insieme alla società italiana Gade rafforza le competenze del suo ramo "piccole macchine" Jean Perrot e conferma la strategia di internazionalizzazione del gruppo affermandosi come piayer industriale europeo nel settore delle macchine ad alto contenuto di innovazione per la piegatura e il taglio della lamiera.



May the 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING/M&A FINANCE HEALTH

### Il gruppo Azelis acquisisce Eurotrading

Redazione 30 Settembre 2022











Il gruppo **Azelis,** player su scala globale nella distribuzione di specialità chimiche e ingredienti alimentari, ha acquisito l'intero capitale sociale di **Eurotrading**, società attiva nella distribuzione di

specialità chimiche per il mercato personal care in Italia. Il perfezionamento dell'operazione è atteso nel auarto trimestre del 2022.



## Press Review | About Us (2/2)



January the 20th 2021

#### Belga Azelis acquisisce Came (prodotti chimici). Gli advisor finanziari

CORPORATE FINANCE/MBA (1) 20 gennaio 2021

La multinazionale belga Azelis ha acquisito il 100% del capitale di Came.

Arkios Italy ha assistito i tre soci di Came – Verena Cepparulo, Ugo Gavirati e Gianni Minetto – in tutte le fasi dell'operazione. Arkios ha agito con un team composto da Deborah Setola (director, nella foto) e da Simone Lo

Crowe Bompani ha assistito Azelis per gli aspetti finanziari e fiscali dell'operazione, con un team composto da Alessandro Ruina, David Stainer, Giorgio Solbiati e Valeria Squillario.







#### November the 26th 2018







#### Arkios Italy affianca la quotata SG Company nell'acquisizione di Brainwaves

cipali player in Italia nella comunicazione integrata Live & Digital e guotata all'AIM Italia di Borsa Italiana, ha

#### November the 4th 2020



Orienta Partners entra nel capitale di L.M.A. Gli advisor dell'operazione

PRIVATE EQUITY ③ 4 novembre 2020







February the 4th 2020

February the 20th

2018

### La famiglia Marchioro cede Maca Engineering ad Arol. Gli advisors finanziari

CORPORATE FINANCE/MAA (1) 4 febbraio 2020

Maca Engineering è stata ceduto dalla famiglia Marchioro ad Arol. Arkios Italy, con un team formato da Hong Hong (nella foto) e Valerio Stanizzi, ha assistito i venditori nell'operazione. EY ha supportato l'acquirente per i servizi di due diligence finanziaria e fiscale, con un team guidato dall'associate partner Luciana Sist.







#### Mayborn si compra la vicentina Danpete. Advisor è Arkios Italy CORPORATE FINANCE/M&A (1) 20 febbraio 2018 Arkios Italy ha agito quale arrange advisor di Danpete nel passaggio della società al Mayborn Group, realtà basata nel Regno Unito e attiva nella produzione e nella vendita di prodotti per l'infanzia e per la famiglia, famosa fra le altre cose per il cestino "mangia pannolini" Sangenic. Nel dettaglio Mayborn ha comprato il ramo d'azienda che opera nel canale

GD & GDO della società, pari a circa il 95% del capitale di Danpete.







November the 9th 2020

Arkios Italy con Cos. Mec nella cessione al giapponese Freund Corporation

CORPORATE FINANCE/MAA ③ 9 novembre 2020

Arkios Italy, con un team composto da Alberto Della Ricca (managing partner), Hong Hong (senior associate, nella foto) e Valerio Stanizzi (senior analyst), ha assistito Cos. Mec in tutte le fasi dell'operazione di cessione del capitale della società a Freund Corporation, multinazionale giapponese quotata alla Borsa di Tokyo.











## **Key People** | *Founders*



Professional Summary

Paolo boasts over 15 years of experience in M&A as the CEO and founder of Arkios Italy, one of the most dynamic Italian Investment Banks focused on the Mid-Market, providing an integrated Corporate Finance service in M&A, Equity Capital Market, and Debt Advisory.

Over the past 15 years, Paolo has been involved in over 50 M&A transactions, advising medium-sized Italian companies and Private Equity Funds. He had the position of Vice President of Integrae SIM, a leading company in IPOs on the Euronext Growth segment of Borsa Italiana when it was part of Arkios

Previously, Paolo gained **significant experience in Business Development and M&A within the** *Seat Pagine Gialle Group*, where he was involved in numerous acquisitions made by the group.

**Paolo has a strong background in strategic consulting**, with deep knowledge of the dynamics of various industrial sectors. He has also held relevant managerial roles in various industrial and service groups.

Throughout his professional journey, Paolo has worked with many entrepreneurs, supporting them in the most important strategic decisions of their lives, from seeking investors/partners to the most complex corporate transactions. He is particularly attuned to the needs of entrepreneurs in creating "Business value" in extraordinary financial operations.

With a degree in Business & Finance, Paolo has studied in both Italy and the Netherlands.



# **Key People** | *Founders*



Professional Summary

**Professor of Business Strategy at MIP** (Milan Polytechnic School of Management) and the University of Genoa, Paolo boasts over 10 years of experience in M&A as the **President** and **Founding Partner** of Arkios Italy

With over 15 years of experience in Strategic Consulting at **The Boston Consulting Group** and **Value Partners** (Italian spin-off of McKinsey), and a solid background in Private Equity, Paolo has been involved in numerous transactions for major Private Equity Funds. He is the founder of Arkios Italy and serves as an exclusive advisor to some Private Investors and Club Deals.

As the former General Manager of a mid-sized company, Paolo has been working alongside entrepreneurs for years, supporting them in crucial strategic decisions, from seeking investors/partners to complex corporate transactions.

He also has extensive experience in corporate deals, guiding many SMEs through restructuring processes aimed at attracting investors and maximizing the company's value for ownership.

Graduated in Business Economics at Bocconi University, Paolo is also a Chartered Accountant and Auditor, serving as a Board Member in several important Joint Stock Companies.





Professional Summary

Partner at **Arkios Italy** since 2018, Deborah ha been working in M&A and Equity Capital Markets since 1997. Her extensive experience includes top-tier Investment Banks such as **HSBC**, **Donaldson**, **Lufkin & Jenrette**, **Credit Suisse** (in London), and **Banca IMI** (in Italy), managing both M&A and ECM deals.

The main deals completed at Arkios include cross-border operations on both sellside and buy-side for major Italian and international companies, with a particular focus on the industrial sector. Recent notable transactions involve mechanics (acquisition for the French company Pinette Pei by Gade), chemistry (acquisition for the Belgians Azelis of Eurotrading and Came Chemicals), food (sale of Alfrus to the American Pomona Farming, sale of La Sorgente pasta factory), consumer goods (sale of a minority stake in Paglieri, sale of 100% of Tommasini bicycles), digital services (sale of Methodos Group to Digital 360). Previously, other completed operations in Italy include the IPO of Safilo (eyewear), the IPOs of Bologna Hera municipal services and Isagro agrochemical Group, Eni's takeover of Italgas, IPOs of Snam Rete Gas (largest European deal in 2001) and Juventus F.C., the sale of Edison's gas transport network to Clessidra Sgr, and the IPO of Autoroute du Sud de la France. Other transactions involve the arrangements of Sangalli Group (flat glass), ATI (steel), Busnelli (furniture design), and Radaelli Angelo (insulating solutions), as well as two acquisitions for Easypark Italia. Significant operations completed in London include the IPOs of Marcolin (eyewear) and Finmatica (software), the IPO of Saeco, and the privatization of Eni 5.

Graduated in Political Economy with a specialization in Monetary and Financial Economics at Bocconi University, she is also a **Chartered Accountant, Legal Auditor, and CTP**. She holds independent director roles in listed companies, **Lecturer in business valuation for the Foundation of Chartered Accountants** and other Masters of Science. Furthermore, she is part of the **National Finance Commission**. Fluent in English and French, she also has knowledge of German and Spanish.





Professional Summary

As a Partner at Arkios Italy, Alexandre brings over 20 years of experience in the origination and execution of M&A deals, private debt transactions, and corporate finance, with a strong focus on the mid-market segment (companies with revenues between €50 million and €1 billion).

Alexandre began his career at Borsa Italiana, focusing on companies in the tech sector. He later served as Managing Director at Banca Sella Corporate Investment Banking and previously as Director at Tamburi & Associati. In the Sella Group, he joined in 2009 with the goal of **developing investment banking activities** for both the group's clients and third-party clients. He also initiated and managed the Sella Wealth and Business Advisory network, comprising 40 professionals and 13 offices.

Alexandre is a member of the Steering Committee of **the international M&A network Terra Alliance**, covering 40 countries with over 200 professionals and \$60 billion in completed transactions in 2021.

Over the years, Alexandre has built a strong network of connections with entrepreneurs of medium-sized French and Italian companies, family offices, and Private Equity funds, enabling him to successfully conclude numerous cross-border operations and projects.

He graduated in Paris and obtained a **Master Degree in Corporate Finance from SDA Bocconi**. Alexandre is fluent in Italian, French, and English.





Professional Summary

Working at Arkios since 2022 as M&A Relationship Partner, Margherita focuses on M&A with a particular emphasis on origination, collaborating with entrepreneurs and investors from the beginning to the closing stage in extraordinary capital operations, overseeing the entire process.

Margherita has matured great experience in the **Private Equity** sector, both in the investment teams of **Mcc-Sofipa Sgr** and **Palladio Finanziaria SpA**, and in roles such as **Investor Relations** and **Portfolio Management** for **QuattroR Sgr**, management company of QuattroR Fund, specialized in turnaround operations with a fund endowment of €700 million.

She has also held operational roles within a company in the portfolio of Arner Private Equity (APE), managed by Swiss Merchant Corporation SA, a Swiss family office historically active in managing private equity funds. Within the APE-participated company, Margherita served as CFO and, since 2010, as Portfolio Director, overseeing the business and start-up of a new division in the hospitality sector. For Swiss Merchant Corporation, Margherita has served as Head of M&A and later as Operating Partner, with responsibilities for origination in the Italian market.

Margherita graduated with honors in Economics and Commerce from the University of Bari. Subsequently, she obtained the title of C.E.F.A. (Certified European Financial Analyst) and the qualification of Chartered Accountant.

She has contributed to the manual "Tecniche di Private Equity" (Egea publisher) and served as a **lecturer in Business Valuation** for almost ten years in the Private Equity Course organized by AIAF (*Associazione Italiana degli Analisti Finanziari*).





# Professional Summary

**Degree in Finance** from Bocconi University in Milan.

Hong, in the role of Sr. Associate, focuses on Financial Analysis, Business Analysis, and Financial Modeling. Additionally, she serves as the **COO** and **CFO** of **Arkios Italy**.

Born in China, she studied in Italy and Canada. Hong is a native Chinese speaker.

# Professional Summary

In Arkios since October 2018, Alberto, in the role of Sr. Associate, leads M&A and IPO operations.

Graduated in Business Economics at the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* in Milan, he later obtained a Master's degree in Business Economics and Legislation at the *University of Pavia*.

**Previously**, he gained experience in the Audit field at PwC Italy, focusing on business analysis and associated risks to verify the correctness and truthfulness of financial statements.



