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Italy's interbanking
fund for the insurance
of deposits
(FITD) rejected the bid
that Apollo Global
Management tabled
for Carige, the troubled
Italian bank (see here
a previous post
by BeBeez and here
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by BeBeez). Carige
reportedly attracted

interest of **Warburg Pincus**, **Blackrock** and **Varde**. However, newswire reports said that Apollo Global management tabled **another bid for Carige** without disclosing further details, nor saying whether the fund's offer is different from the one that Fitd rejected.

In 2018 Italian factoring companies generated an aggregate turnover of 240 billion euros (+8,32% yoy), while in 1Q19 the figure went up +15,83% for 58.58 billion, said **Assifact** chairman **Fausto Galmarini** said (see here a previous post by *BeBeez*). In 2018 Italian factoring firms generated an aggregated turnover higher than German competitors without increasing distressed credits.

On 15 October at Gran Guardia Building in Verona will take place an event about NPL&UTP for which BeBeez is the media partner (see here a previous post by *BeBeez*). **Alma lura** is the event's main arranger and received the patronage of the **European Commission**, **Assilea**, the **Italian Association of Foreign Banks (AIBE)**, **Verona University**, **Verona Municipality**, **Verona Bar**, and **Verona Chamber of Commerce**. See here the Event programme and sign up here.

Credit servicer **GMA** created its Reoco (Real estate owned company) unit (See here a **previous** post by *BeBeez*). **Emanuele Grassi** is the ceo of GMA's NPL Unit and cofounded the firm with **Mauro Miletto** (ceo of the Real Estate unit) and **Michele Bartyan** (head of Finance and Treasurery). The Reoco is a special purpose vehicle that acquires and handles real estate assets in view of a securitization. In 1Q19, GMA assets under management are worth 2.25 billion euros



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while the company has real estate assets for 2.5 million.

Shopping mall **Vulcano Buono**, based in Naples area, signed a debt restructuring agreement with its lenders (see here a **previous post by***BeBeez*). The company has debts in the region of 150 million euros mainly with **Unicredit, Banco Bpm, Ubi Banca, Bnl**, and **Banca Montepaschi di Siena**. Vulcano Buono shareholders are **Cisfi** (55%) and **Ceetrus Italy** (45%), while **Gian Marco Nicelli** is the ceo. Vulcano has sales of 16.2 million and an ebitda of 7.24 million.

Elliott and Blue Skye Investment Group acquired Venice luxury Hotel Bauer from the Bortolotto Possati Family for 400 million euros (see here a previous post by *BeBeez*). The group previously restructured its 110 million banking debt with the help of Blue Skye and Eliott that also poured 20 million in the company.

Troubled Italian contractor **Condotte** received a 60 million euros bridge loan from 8 banks (See here a previous post by *BeBeez*). The bank received resources from **Credit Agricole Italia**, **Unicredit, Banco Bpm, Intesa Sanpaolo, Cdp, Mps, Bnl**, and **Banca Alpi Marittime Credito Cooperativo Carrù**. The Italian Government provided a six months warranty for such financing.

Italian fashion holding **Grotto**, the owner of **Gas** brand, applied for receivership (see here a previous post by *BeBeez*). The company belongs to the **Grotto Family**, while **SGA** acquired the company's debt from **Banca Popolare di Vicenza, Veneto Banca**, and **Dea Capital CCR.Unicredit, Intesa, Mps**, and **UBI Banca** received the company's shares as collateral for the 50-60 million euros financing they provided. The company has sales of 73 million, with losses of 3.6 million, and net financial debt of 60 million (41 million of banking debt).

Sparkling wine producer **Zardetto Spumanti** successfully applied for receivership (see here a previous post by *BeBeez*). An Italian investor already tabled a bid for the whole company. Zardetto has sales of 7 million euros, an ebitda of 0.43 million, and a net financial debt of 3.7 million.

Italian producer of high-end silk **Canepa** received the receivership approval from **Como Court** (See here a previous post by *BeBeez*). In 2017, **Dea Corporate Credit Recovery** acquired 75% of the the company's mid and long term debts from lenders. The **Canepa Family** founded the eponymous business in 1966. The company has sales of 90 million euros (106 million yoy), a 10% ebitda, and net financial debt of 80 million.

Clessidra is finalizing the launch of Clessidra Restructuring Fund (CRF), a fund of Utps, together with Federico Ghizzoni, the former ceo of Unicredit (see here a previous post by BeBeez). Giovanni Bossi, previously ceo of Banca Ifis, will head the fund with Ghizzoni, Massimiliano Fossati (previously head of risk management at Unicredit) and Mario Fera, the ceo of Clessidra. CRF aims to acquire an amount of UTPs worth up to 300 million euros.

Listed Italian troubled contractor **Astaldi** updated its receivership plan (see here a previous post by <code>BeBeez</code>). **Salini Impregilo** formally reiterated its interest in Astaldi for creating **Progetto Italia**, a project for aggregating Italian contractors that is worth 500 million euros. Italian peer **Pizzarotti**, part of Progetto Italia, may table by 15 July a binding offer for Astaldi. At the end of 2018 Astaldi's net debt is of 2.05 billion. This figure includes a bridge loan of 75 million that the company received from **Fortress Investment**.

Bain Capital Credit will support troubled contractor Fincos that belongs to Stefano
Bongiovanni (see here a previous post by BeBeez). Fincos will restructure its debt. Bain Capital
Credit will carry on the transaction through its controlled company Aquileia Capital
Service (fka Heta Asset Resolution Italia, the bad bank of Hypo Alpe-Adria Bank).

European Investment Fund (EIF) invested 40 million euros in private debt funds of Anthilia Capital Partners (See here a previous post by BeBeez). BeBeez previously reported Giovanni Landi, the executive Vice President of Anthilia, and investment manager Barbara Ellerosaying that the fund closed its first fundraising round. Anthilia has resources of 200 million and set a 350 million euros fundraising to achieve by 2020. Pier Luigi Gilibert, the ceo of EIF, said that the European financial investor will invest further in private debt funds.

Cogne Acciai Speciali, an Italian steel producer, listed on Milan ExtraMot Pro a minibond of 15 million euros that Cdp, Iccrea BancaImpresa, and other minority investors subscribed (See here



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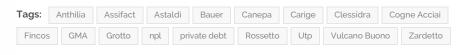
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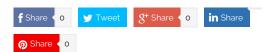
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a previous post by *BeBeez*). The liability is due to mature on 24 June 2026 and paying a 3.5% coupon with an amortising structure. The reimbursement will start on December 2021. Cogne Acciai Speciali belongs to the **MarzoratiFamily**, while **Monica Pirovano** is the company's ceo. The company has sales of 621 million (580.9 million yoy), an ebitda of 60 million (35.2 million), and a net financial debt of 87 million (64.8 million). For 2019, Cogne expects revenues of 593.1 million, an ebitda of 60.8 million, and a net financial debt of 76.5 million.

**Gruppo Rossetto (Rossetto Trade)**, the owner of the eponymous supermarket chain, received a 50 million euros leasing facility from **Unicredit** for the construction of a logistic centre in Mantova area (see here a **previous post by** *BeBeez*). Rossetto has sales of 515 million (+3.5% yoy), an ebitda of 23.7 million, and net cash of 49.8 million. **Lorenzo Rossetto**, ceo of Rossetto Trade, said that the company aims to double its turnover in the next eight years.





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