

Record number of companies join ELITE – 46 companies welcomed today

- **16 new UK companies and 30 from Italy join ELITE today, as first UK cohort graduates**
- **Brings total number of new ELITE companies in April to 73**
- **Santander UK becomes an ELITE partner**
- **More than 380 companies, 150 advisors, and 100 investors now part of growing ELITE community**

London Stock Exchange Group today welcomes 46 companies to ELITE, its innovative support programme for inspiring growth businesses. 16 companies join the fifth cohort of the UK programme, and 30 join Italy's ninth cohort.

The 16 new UK companies come from across the country, from Edinburgh to Stockport and represent a diverse range of sectors including a liquid collagen supplement manufacturer, peer-to-peer mortgage platform and biometric technology security firm.

Santander UK joins as an ELITE partner, allowing it to promote and support ELITE in the UK; lead technical workshops and provide ongoing mentoring and advisory services to ELITE businesses.

April 2016 was an all time record for new companies joining ELITE. 73 businesses were welcomed from across Europe, Israel, Morocco, Turkey and Russia. ELITE was launched by Casablanca Stock Exchange in Morocco, marking the first time the programme was rolled out in partnership with another exchange and outside of Europe. Today's new cohorts bring the total number of businesses in the community to over 380, generating over £25 billion in combined revenues and accounting for over 130,000 jobs.

Xavier Rolet, CEO, London Stock Exchange Group:

“As the European Commission's pioneering Capital Markets Union work confirms, to truly unleash the potential of high growth firms, they need access to finance and financial knowledge, which LSEG is committed to delivering through ELITE.

“It is almost two years to the day since ELITE was launched in the UK, giving the brightest and fastest growing British businesses the opportunity to expand, innovate and create new jobs. I'm delighted to have charted the successes of the first group of UK companies, who this month also become the first to graduate from ELITE and warmly welcome today's new companies at the start of their ELITE journeys.”

Press Release



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16 new ELITE UK companies

Company	Sector	Location	Website
Arecor	Healthcare	Cambridge	www.arecor.com
Automated Intelligence	Technology	Belfast	www.automated-intelligence.com
b-Secur	Technology	Belfast	www.b-secur.com
CafePod	Retail	London	www.cafepod.com
Calcivis	Healthcare	Edinburgh	www.calcivis.com
Conservatory Outlet	Construction and Materials	Wakefield	www.conservatoryoutlet.co.uk
Ethical Property Company	Real Estate	Oxford	www.ethicalproperty.co.uk
Evolution Funding	Financial Services	Chesterfield	www.evolutionfunding.com
i2Analytical	Technology	Watford	www.i2analytical.com
Lendinvest	Financial Services	London	www.lendinvest.com
Magnus Life Science	Healthcare	London	www.magnuslifescience.co.uk
Minerva Research Labs	Retail	London	www.gold-collagen.com
Snap40	Healthcare	Edinburgh	www.snap40.com
Sphere Fluidics	Healthcare	Cambridge	www.spherefluidics.com
Toucanbox	Retail	London	www.toucanbox.com
Volcanic	Technology	Stockport	www.volcanic.co.uk

The full list of new joiners can be found online: www.elite-growth.com

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About ELITE

ELITE offers businesses a full programme to help them grow, including education, business support and direct contact with Europe's financial and advisory community. In the UK, Imperial College Business School helps deliver the programme. Management teams are guided on how best to fast-track their development and capital raising processes, how to access the most suitable funding for their needs,



whether private equity, venture capital or the bond or equity markets, and given advice on building their profile and reach.

ELITE also allows its vibrant international advisor and investor community the opportunity to engage with a pool of high quality, dynamic companies and entrepreneurs, all of whom are open to the advice, opportunities and connections that the programme offers.

For further information on the programme, companies and the full list of partners, please go to: www.elite-growth.com

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The Group operates a broad range of international equity, ETF, bond and derivatives markets, including London Stock Exchange; Borsa Italiana; MTS (Europe's leading fixed income market); and Turquoise (a pan-European equities MTF). Through its platforms, LSEG offers market participants, including retail investors, institutions and SMEs unrivalled access to Europe's capital markets. The Group also plays a vital economic and social role, enabling companies to access funds for growth and development.

Through FTSE Russell, the Group is a global leader in financial indexing, benchmarking and analytic services with approximately \$10 trillion benchmarked to its indexes. The Group also provides customers with an extensive range of real time and reference data products, including SEDOL, UnaVista, and RNS.

Post trade and risk management services are a significant part of the Group's business operations. In addition to majority ownership of LCH.Clearnet Group, a multi-asset global CCP operator, LSEG owns CC&G, the Italian clearing house; Monte Titoli, a leading European custody and settlement business; and globeSettle, the Group's CSD based in Luxembourg.

LSEG is a leading developer and operator of high performance technology solutions, including trading, market surveillance and post trade systems for over 40 organisations and exchanges, including the Group's own markets. Additional services include network connectivity, hosting and quality assurance testing. MillenniumIT, GATElab and Exactpro are among the Group's technology companies.

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, with significant operations in North America, Italy, France and Sri Lanka, the Group employs approximately 5,500 people.

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