



Press Release

Mediobanca prize for most dynamic medium-size companies: first awards made

At a meeting held today, the technical committee responsible for awarding the Mediobanca 2007 prizes, which is made up of independent members, decided to award the prize for the junior category (50-499 staff and turnover of € 50-290m) to Nice and for the senior category (turnover in excess of € 290m) to Asm Brescia. The awards were made on the basis of reviews of the results and profiles of the companies compiled by the Research Department of Mediobanca, which carried out indepth analysis in conjunction with the companies themselves of their respective organizational structures, governance, market positions and competitive advantages. Following the first stage of selection a total of 17 companies were identified, 11 of which were then admitted to the two shortlists (six for the junior class and five for the senior class) and reviewed by the technical committee.

Nice has its headquarters at Oderzo in the province of Treviso, operates in the automation sector, and delivered sales of € 122m in 2005, up 73.6% on 2002; further growth was achieved in 2006.

Asm Brescia is a multi-utility based in Brescia, with turnover of € 1,595m in 2005, up 119.6% on 2002; and further growth was achieved in 2006.

The prizes will be awarded by the Chairman and General Manager of Mediobanca at a conference to be held in May 2007, during which the senior management of the two companies will present their companies' respective business histories.

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