



## **PQE Group among 79 business excellences honored at the "Best Managed Companies" Award Deloitte Private in Italy**

*Milan, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022* - PQE Group is among the winners of the fifth edition of the "Best Managed Companies" Award, an initiative promoted by Deloitte Private Italy to support and reward Italian business excellence. Seven success factors were evaluated in awarding the prize: "Strategy," "Skills and Innovation," "Commitment and Corporate Culture," "Governance and Performance Measurement," "Sustainability," "Supply Chain," and "Internationalization." A jury of experts awarded the prize: Fabio Antoldi, full professor of Business Strategy at ALTIS Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore; Renato Goretta, member of the National President's Council of Small Industry of Confindustria; and Marta Testi, CEO of Elite-Euronext. The award ceremony was held Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Palazzo Mezzanotte in Milan, the headquarters of Borsa Italiana-Euronext.

"We are honored to receive this award," says Gilda D'Incerti, CEO and founder of PQE Group, "despite the difficult times, we have opened new branches in the United States, Australia, and Argentina. We have signed numerous partnership agreements worldwide that will surely bear fruit in the short term for developing PQE Group globally. This award," D'Incerti continues, "also confirms that our strategy, aimed at enhancing the company's human capital, has been successful: from the PQE Academy to the creation of the CSR Committee to implement social responsibility projects, to the career program to become associates and partners.

"Usually," D'Incerti concludes, "I look at the company's balance sheet not only from an economic point of view, but I measure performance by the number of employees I hire in a year. And given the 600 new hires since January, I feel delighted."

"Congratulations to PQE Group for this important recognition," said Ernesto Lanzillo, Deloitte Partner and Deloitte Private Leader, and Andrea Restelli, Deloitte Partner and BMC manager for Italy. "Like the one in 2021, this edition took place in a difficult context. Marked not only by the continuing effects of the pandemic but also by the eruption of a war scenario that has had heavy repercussions on companies: from supply chain disruptions to the price of raw materials, from the energy crisis to the food crisis, with inflation rates reaching record levels. Even in this challenging context, the award-winning companies have shown resilience, innovated, and continued to be flags of excellence, demonstrating the strength and great potential of Made in Italy entrepreneurship."

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