

PRESS RELEASE

NextGems 2026 returns to Borsa Italiana: the seventh edition opens to Family Offices and Private Banking with the new NextGems Privé format

On October 20 and 21, the conference organized by Virgilio ir and My Twin Communication returns. Dedicated to companies listed on EGM, this year it opens to a broader investor audience with the debut of NextGems Privé

Milan, October 7, 2026 – On October 20 and 21, Palazzo Mezzanotte, the historic home of Borsa Italiana in Milan, will once again host **NextGems**, the conference dedicated to companies listed on the Euronext Growth Milan segment. Now in its seventh edition, the event is organized by **Virgilio ir** in collaboration with **My Twin Communication**, with the support of **Borsa Italiana**.

Created to provide a structured meeting point between listed SMEs and the financial community, NextGems has progressively established itself as a forum for dialogue among entrepreneurs, professional investors and market participants, with the aim of raising the profile and visibility of smaller-cap companies and fostering an ongoing dialogue with the capital markets.

The seventh edition will be dedicated to listed companies with a market capitalization of no more than **EUR 100 million**, and its format will continue to center on **one-to-one and small group** meetings between the management of participating companies and domestic and international investors.

The main new feature of this edition will be the debut of **NextGems Privé**, a new format running alongside the conference, designed to further broaden the ecosystem of investors involved and to bring new forms of medium- to long-term capital closer to listed small caps. This parallel event will take place at the same time as the main conference in the **Area Scavi of Borsa Italiana**, in an exclusive setting with limited places. Each of the two days will be dedicated to a different investor community: one to meetings with a select group of **Family Offices**, in collaboration with **AIFO – Associazione Italiana Family Officer**, and the other to discussions with a select group of **Private Banking** professionals, in collaboration with **Fideuram – Intesa Sanpaolo Private Banking**.

The initiative will feature CEO presentations and dedicated networking sessions, encouraging direct discussion with Family Offices and Private Bankers on strategies, industrial outlook and equity stories. Access to the Privé will be reserved for the companies participating in NextGems 2026 that receive the highest number of meeting requests from investors, thereby leaving it to the market to select the most compelling stories.

“NextGems was created to provide a recognizable space for companies whose needs and dynamics differ profoundly from those of larger companies. After six editions, the next step is to further broaden the range of counterparts. With NextGems Privé, we want to connect these businesses with new counterparts, creating opportunities for dialogue with investors who are able to think in terms of longer time horizons. It is a natural evolution of the project and a concrete way to keep building connections between capital and the real economy,” said **Pietro Barbi, Founder of Virgilio ir**.

“The growth of small caps also depends on the ability to build reputation, awareness and trust over time. Over the years, NextGems has shown that bringing companies, investors and the media to the

same table can help increase the visibility of businesses that the market often does not know well enough. With the Privé, we are adding a further piece: we are extending the dialogue to new, qualified counterparts and creating a setting in which the equity story can be explored in depth directly with management. It is precisely this kind of ongoing relationship that can help the Italian small-cap ecosystem mature,” commented Mara Di Giorgio, Co-founder of My Twin Communication.

Patrizia Misciattelli delle Ripe, President of AIFO, added: *“Transparency, trust and a focus on longevity are principles shared by entrepreneurs, who open their companies to the market through a listing, and by the world of Family Offices, for whom economic and financial results go hand in hand with safeguarding the values, reputation and identity of the Entrepreneurial Family. For more than two decades, AIFO has promoted a methodical and rigorous approach to Family Offices, with a particular focus on the real economy and on the ability of family capital to generate long-term value. It is in this spirit that AIFO chose to join the NextGems Privé project, creating an opportunity for Family Offices and entrepreneurs to meet and fostering a constructive dialogue on new forms of value creation.”*

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Ahead of the October 20–21 event, registration is now open for **NextGems 2026**, which also serves as the gateway to the selection process for the first edition of **NextGems Privé**.

Companies interested in taking part in the Conference and in being considered for NextGems Privé can request information on how to register by writing to: **company@virgilioir.com**.

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Virgilio ir has for years been running initiatives dedicated to Mid and Small Cap listed companies. Its goal is to organize a circuit of recurring events in Europe’s main financial centers, dedicated to small and mid-cap companies and international institutional investors. www.virgilioir.com



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