



## **Bocconi 7th Among European Business Schools**



With success in the most prestigious ranking of European schools from the Financial Times, Bocconi finished 2011 with recognition at an international level. It has been awarded a position which is 10 spots higher than last year in the FT European Business School ranking for 2011, placing 7th in a tie with ESADE and Rotterdam and passing such schools as the Saïd Business School at Oxford University, ESSEC and Cass Business School in London.

The result in the FT ranking was made possible in part thanks to excellent positions in the specialised lists that FT publishes each year. This year the SDA Bocconi MBA was ranked 10th in Europe and the Executive MBA debuted in the ranking at 28th place. In the Executive Education ranking, SDA placed 12th for open programs and 15th for custom programs. Bocconi also placed 24th in Europe in the Masters in Management ranking.

"This outcome affirms the excellent quality of our programs at all levels, both pre- and post-experience, and it was made possible thanks to the great effort we have shown in the process of improving internationalization and attracting talented scholars from all over the world," explains Guido Tabellini, Rector of Bocconi. "This effort has witnessed, for example, the arrival of 27 faculty members to Bocconi with excellent international curriculums in the last two years alone, as well as the addition this year of Nobel Prize winner Michael Spence to the SDA faculty."

Università Bocconi and SDA Bocconi School of Management were once again named as a European leader in higher education. This year the MBA at SDA, the only Italian school on the most important international lists, placed first worldwide in terms of return on investment in the Bloomberg Businessweek rankings and 4th out of business schools outside the US in the Forbes ranking for return on investment. In the World University Ranking 2011 by QS, Bocconi was ranked 15th in the world for the reputation of its alumni, 26th in the world for finance and accounting and 29th for economics.

"Moving up in this prestigious ranking for the third consecutive year affirms that we have worked successfully in terms of internationalization and relations with the job market," explains Alberto Grando, Dean of SDA Bocconi. "These recognitions testify that our graduates are greatly valued by the recruiters who reward them in their career progress."

The quality of SDA programs was also supported by the announcement made today by the Board of Directors at AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) that SDA Bocconi has

obtained the prestigious AACSB accreditation, which will join accreditations by EQUIS and AMBA. With this important achievement, SDA has completed three accreditations from leading international organizations, placing it among only 55 business schools from all over the world who can boast this achievement.

FT 2011 European Business School ranking:

1 HEC Paris

2 INSEAD

3 London Business School

4 IESE Business School

5 IMD

6 IE Business School

7= Rotterdam school of management

7= ESADE Business School

7= SDA Bocconi/Università Bocconi

10 ESSEC Business School

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