

Altaroc enters Italy to make international Private Equity excellence accessible to private investors

Extensive and in-depth knowledge of the Private Equity market, strong ability to select strategies and funds, expertise in building turnkey investment solutions

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Marking a strategic milestone in its expansion in Europe, Altaroc, one of the continent's leading Private Equity firms founded by two industry pioneers, Maurice Tchenio and Frédéric Stolar, enters in Italy. Tchenio, with 50 years of experience in the sector, was the promoter of the launch of the first Evergreen Private Equity fund in Europe in 1995 and the co-founder of Apax Partners and Altamir. Stolar, with 35 years of experience in the sector, was the founder and Managing Partner of Sagard, an independent asset manager specializing in alternative strategies with a focus on mid-sized companies, for over twenty years.

Altaroc, founded in 2021, is now active in five European countries and has approximately €3 billion in assets advised and managed¹. The Company employs a team of more than 60 professionals¹ exclusively dedicated to Private Equity. Altaroc's mission is to design turnkey investment solutions and programs, making Private Equity accessible to sophisticated private clients through wealth managers, family offices and private banks. The opening of the Italian branch, headed by Barbara Galliano as Country Head, reflects the company's ambition to respond to the growing demand for asset diversification from private investors, leveraging the team's solid track record and global reach in the institutional Private Equity ecosystem.

A unique approach to Private Equity

Altaroc's vintage portfolios have been built around twenty top-quartile global managers, selected for the quality and consistency of their strategies. The company's product range offers a wide range of flexible and transparent Private Equity solutions, designed for different time horizons and tailored to address the needs of different investor types (wealth managers, family offices and private banks), with a particular focus on growth and leverage buy-out strategies. To support its distribution partners, Altaroc has developed a unique technology platform which facilitates subscription, cash flow management, training and reporting.



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Altaroc and Italy

To lead the Italian market, Altaroc has chosen Barbara Galliano, a professional with over 27 years of combined expertise in asset and wealth management including senior management roles at Natixis Investment Managers. Galliano brings with her a deep understanding of client needs, private banking networks and private market solutions in Italy.



Maurice Tchenio, Chairman of Altaroc, commented:

"Over the decades, Private Equity has established itself as an increasingly important asset class, and Altaroc's mission is to make excellent global Private Equity solutions available to private investors. We are excited bring our expertise and track record to Italy."



Frédéric Stolar, Managing Partner of Altaroc, commented:

"Italy is a strategic market for Altaroc, due to the sophistication of its distribution networks and the growing focus on Private Equity as a structural component of portfolios. I believe that our platform which has scaled to serve over 700 independent financial advisory firms and 7.000 private clients is well catered to address the needs of the Italian market. The robustness and simplicity of our products and technology should be of interest to wealth managers who want to create an edge in private markets."



Barbara Galliano, Country Head Italy at Altaroc, added:

"Altaroc's entry into Italy stems from its desire to support wealth management professionals with solid and transparent Private Equity solutions built on our long-term institutional track record. There is a growing demand in Italy for advanced approaches to asset management and our goal is to support advisors and private bankers in building more resilient long-term-oriented portfolios. Our expertise, technology and Private Equity offering bring the institutional tool kit and performance to private investors."

[Photos available here](#)



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Footnotes:

¹As of February 2026

About Altaroc

Altaroc Partners SAS is a Private Equity fund management company that provides access to wide range of Private Equity solutions. Altaroc enables private banks, independent managers, family offices and pension funds to access a portfolio of international Private Equity funds, diversified from a geographical and sectoral point of view.

Altaroc's mission is to be a leading player in Europe in the democratization of Private Equity, building tailor-made, turnkey Private Equity solutions for all types of investors, promoting wealth transfer, portfolio development and long-term investment horizons.

Founded by Maurice Tchenio, one of the pioneers of European Private Equity who launched the first Evergreen Private Equity fund in Europe in 1995, and Frédéric Stolar, co-founder and former CEO of the LBO Sagard fund, Altaroc currently manages and advises €3 billion, with over 7,000 private investors and offices in five countries.

Investing in private equity involves risks: capital loss, illiquidity, long-term horizon. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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