

STOCK FREE FLOAT CALCULATION UNIFORMED

From March 4, 2019, Borsa Italiana Listing Rules will provide for uniformed - and re-defined - criteria for the determination of the adequacy of the free float of stock to be listed on Italian Stock Exchange.

In addition to the 40 million Euro minimum market capitalization threshold, the free float threshold has been set at 25% (35% for issuers to be listed on the STAR segment) of stock held by professional and non-professional investors.

The percentage thresholds are calculated on the basis of the total stock of the class for which admission to trading is sought, regardless of the attached voting rights:

- net of: (1) the stock included in control holdings, shareholders agreements or lock-up agreements of more than 6 months; (2) holdings higher than 5% for all kinds of issuer (whether SME's or not);
- but gross of the participations held by investment funds not higher than 10%, not included in shareholders agreements nor in lock-up agreements of more than 6 months.

Borsa Italiana may in any case derogate to the above criteria in a non-discriminatory way and on the basis of generally defined procedures.

The above rules have been uniformed for several markets/segments: MTA-Standard, MTA-STAR, MIV (investment vehicles) and SIIQ (real estate investment companies).