

Press release

Gi Group is the Italian multinational group amongst the global leaders in the HR services industry

New international acquisition for Gi Group: Grafton Recruitment

The Group founded and led by Stefano Colli-Lanzi has completed the acquisition of Grafton Recruitment, one of the main European suppliers of permanent recruitment solutions & temporary staffing with a consolidated presence in Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary.

Milan, September 28th, 2018 - A new milestone for the empowerment of the global network of Gi Group as well as the diversification of HR services of the Group. This is how the first Italian multinational company operating in the HR sector has presented the acquisition of Grafton Recruitment, a company which is one of the main leaders in Central Europe in the sector of the research and selection of Professionals and temporary staffing, with more than 35 years of experience.

Grafton Recruitment is present with 26 offices in Europe, with over 350 employees and 9.000 candidates placed in 2017. The transaction will enable Gi Group to own 100% of the corporate capital of Grafton Recruitment Europe Holdings Limited, so becoming one of the leading players in the permanent & temporary staffing in a strategic area for the Group.

*"In the context of our development plans - says **Stefano Colli-Lanzi, CEO of Gi Group** - this acquisition increases our competitiveness and our international presence starting from the heart of Europe, where we were already operating in the field of temporary employment. Being a Global provider as we have become in the last 20 years, and in the context of a market which is continuously more candidate-driven, the experience of Grafton allows us to further amplify the HR solutions portfolio and, therefore, our capacity to create value for the development of the market and to better meet the increasingly complex needs of clients and candidates".*

The experience of Grafton Recruitment in the field of Permanent & Professional, expands the value proposition and the level of specialization and diversification of the services offered by Gi Group worldwide, strengthening in particular the services of specialized profiles search & selection.

Blackwood Capital Group acted as M&A advisor while Baker McKenzie as legal advisor, both for Gi Group.

Gi Group is the first Italian multinational company operating in the employment sector, as well as one of the world's leader active in the services dedicated to the development of the employment market.

The Group is active in the temporary and permanent staffing, research and selection, executive search, training, support of relocation, outsourcing, HR consultancy and administration services.

In light of the internationalization process started in 2007, Gi Group is, as of today, operating directly or by means of strategic partnerships in more than 50 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

At the end of the year 2010 Gi Group achieved an important recognition with its entry into the WEC, the World Employment Confederation, in quality of Global Corporate Member.

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