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Finmeccanica launches its first master's programme

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As part of Finmeccanica's drive to attract talented staff and train them to work in the world of business and high technology, while at the same time instilling in them the group's managerial culture, Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, Chairman and Chief Executive of Finmeccanica, today officially launched the company's first master's programme in international business engineering (Fhink). The programme, presented by Mr Guarguaglini at the "Technology and talent: towards the future" exhibition, is an advanced training course created by Finmeccanica, the Italian leader in aerospace, defence and security, and aimed at the most brilliant students at international level.

The scheme offers 29 scholarships for recent graduates, who will attend the Fhink course for eight months. Following the taught section, students will begin an internship, after which they will start work at one of the group's subsidiaries.

The initiative has proved extremely popular with young students: 3,600 applications were received from all over the world, from which 29 candidates were selected. The students, all of whom have excellent degree results, have an average age of 25, and in addition to 12 Italians, the course will be attended by students from France, Mexico, Germany, Romania, Morocco and Thailand.

The name "Fhink" is a play on the word "think" and the initial F for Finmeccanica. The course will offer students a systematic and integrated vision of the group's Business & Program Management, Innovation & Technology Management and International Strategic Business Management areas; it will also benefit from interaction between prestigious educational institutions such as universities and research centres, and Italian and overseas companies, as well as from the technological expertise of the group itself. The lessons will be conducted by Finmeccanica managers and by professors from Italian and international universities, with the purpose of giving the students both technical and managerial training.