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XIII AUB Observatory Italian Family Firms in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic

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	2020	2021	Total *
Quotes (citations) in newspapers and journals	81	95	176

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The population of firms of the AUB Observatory in the XIII Edition

The family firms of XIII AUB Edition are equal to the 65.7% of Italian firms' population with revenues > 20 mln ϵ

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE	Small*		Medium-Large**		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Family Firms	6,721	69.1%	5,082	61.6%	11,803	65.7%
Branches of foreign companies	1,402	14.4%	1,810	21.9%	3,212	17.9%
Cooperatives and Consortia	549	5.6%	402	4.9%	951	5.3%
Coalitions	563	5.8%	304	3.7%	867	4.8%
State /Local authorities	264	2.7%	335	4.1%	599	3.3%
Controlled by Investment Fund/ Private Equity (P.E.)	167	1.7%	237	2.9%	404	2.2%
Controlled by Banks / Insurance	41	0.4%	69	0.8%	110	0.6%
Controlled by Foundation	13	0.1%	6	0.1%	19	0.1%
Public companies	7	0.1%	6	0.1%	13	0.1%
Total	9,727	100.0%	8,251	100.0%	17,978	100.0%

^(*) Small: firms with revenues between 20 and 50 mln at the end of 2019 (source: Aida).

^(**) Medium-Large: firms with revenues exceeding 50 mln at the end of 2018 (source: Aida).

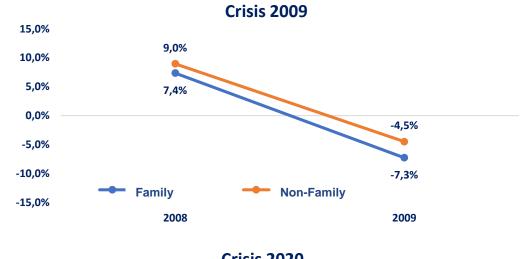
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The impact of the crisis 2020 on growth and 2020 on growth and profitability: comparis with the crisis of 2009 profitability: comparisons

In 2021, Italy's recovery was much faster than in 2010, completely offsetting the greater fall in 2020 than that in 2009

Italy	2008	2009	2010
Annual growth rates		-5,3%	1,7%
Cumulative growth (2008=100)	100,0	94,7	96,3
Italy	2019	2020	2021
Italy Annual growth rates	2019	2020 -8,9%	2021 5,8%

In 2020, family firms experienced a similar drop in turnover to that of non-family businesses. In 2009, family firms had suffered to a much greater extent than non-family firms



Ownership structure	2009
State/Local authorities	3,5%
Cooperatives and Consortia	1,3%
Controlled by PE	-1,4%
Coalitions	-4,1%
Family firms AUB	-7,3%
Branches of foreign companies	-7,6%

5,0%	Crisis 2020	
	2,4%	
0,0%	1,6%	
-5,0%		-7,5%
-10,0%	Family Non-Family	-8,3%
-15,0%	2019	2020

Ownership structure	2020
Cooperatives and Consortia	-0,8%
State/Local authorities	-6,2%
Controlled by PE	-7,4%
Family firms AUB	-8,3%
Branches of foreign companies	-8,9%
Coalitions	-9,8%

Family firms, in almost all sectors of manufacturing, transportation and logistics, and diversified holding companies, experienced a smaller drop in turnover in 2020 than in 2009

Macro sector	2020-19	2009-08	Delta
Manufacturing	-7,6%	-11,9%	4,3%
Diversified holding	-9,7%	-11,5%	1,8%
Transport and logistics	-5,5%	-6,1%	0,6%
Wholesale trade	-7,7%	-5,7%	-2,0%
Constructions	-3,0%	2,5%	-5,4%
Business services	-3,8%	2,6%	-6,4%
Retail trade	-6,2%	5,0%	-11,2%
Energy and extraction	-16,6%	-3,8%	-12,8%
Automotive trade	-12,8%	0,4%	-13,2%
Other services	-17,6%	-3,4%	-14,2%
Total average	-8,3%	-7,3%	-1,1%

Manufacturing sector	2020-19	2009-08	Delta
Metal products	-11,6%	-25,6%	14,0%
Mechanics	-8,0%	-18,8%	10,8%
Means of transportation	-8,8%	-16,5%	7,7%
Electronics	-7,5%	-15,0%	7,4%
Rubber and plastic	-4,8%	-11,0%	6,2%
Furniture	-9,0%	-13,4%	4,3%
Chemical	-4,2%	-6,4%	2,3%
Paper and printing	-5,1%	-7,1%	1,9%
Food and Beverage	0,8%	-0,2%	0,9%
Other manufacturing	-6,0%	-6,2%	0,2%
Pharmaceutics	2,5%	5,9%	-3,5%
Fashion	-20,8%	-8,5%	-12,2%

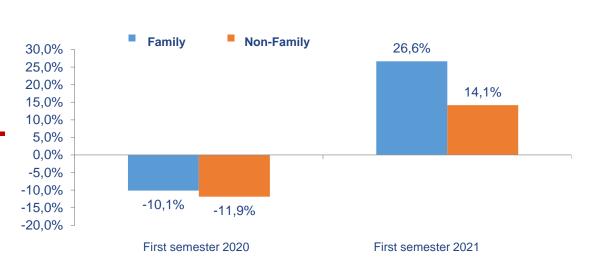
N	Company Name	Province	2019-20 Growth rate*	2020 Revenues (mln €)	Industry
1	ITALPREZIOSI S.P.A.	Arezzo	153,8%	6.881.941	Wholesale trade
2	ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE ITALIA S.P.A	Roma	150,5%	1.076.530	Wholesale trade
3	COPAN ITALIA S.P.A.	Brescia	115,2%	304.412	Rubber and plastic
4	ENGINEERING 2K S.P.A.	Milano	81,1%	367.752	Business Services
5	NEWLAT FOOD S.P.A.	Reggio nell'Emilia	73,5%	469.826	Food and Beverage
6	GRUPPO SOCIETA' TARRICONE HOLDING - S.R.L.	Potenza	72,3%	919.757	Diversified Holding
7	SICURITALIA - S.P.A.	Como	69,9%	508.012	Other services
8	GVS S.P.A.	Bologna	59,7%	363.296	Other manufacturing
9	CEREAL DOCKS S.P.A. **	Vicenza	54,6%	817.937	Food and Beverage
10	MEDIAL FRANCHISING S.R.L.	Ragusa	53,7%	203.793	Wholesale trade

^{*}Only family businesses with revenues exceeding 100 mln euros in 2019 were selected.

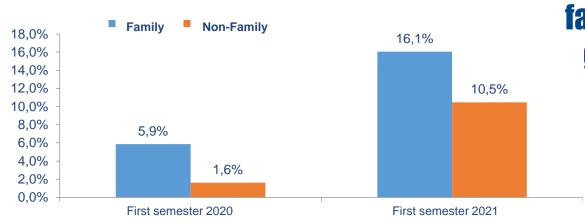
^{**}Financial statement ending 31/08 as of 2019.

In the first half of 2021, listed family firms grew nearly twice as fast as nonfamily firms

Revenue growth rate



Total assets growth rate



The net assets of listed family firms have also grown substantially, partly due to the increase in working capital

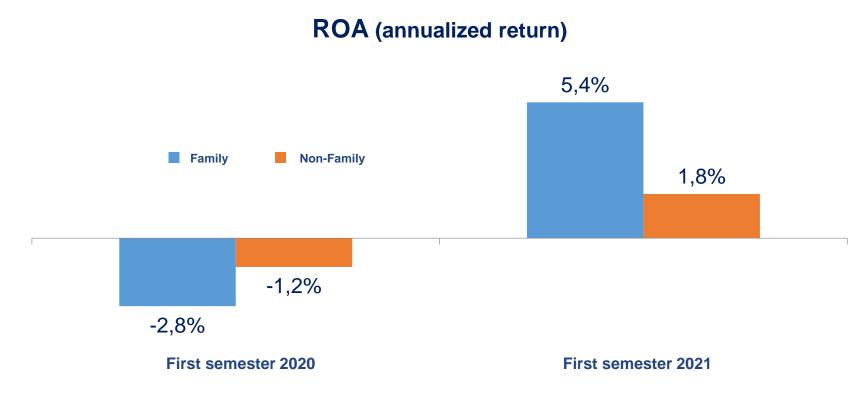
(Source: Refinitiv).

Family firms in many manufacturing industries, transportation and logistics, and diversified holding companies recorded higher rates of operating profitability in 2020 than in 2009.

Macro sector	2020	2009	Delta
Diversified Holding	5,4	4,1	1,3
Transport and logistics	7,2	6,7	0,4
Manufacturing	6,9	6,7	0,2
Energy and extraction	6,3	6,3	-0,1
Wholesale trade	7,7	8,4	-0,7
Automotive trade	6,7	7,8	-1,1
Retail trade	7,7	8,9	-1,2
Business Services	8,6	10,1	-1,5
Constructions	8,0	9,7	-1,7
Other services	4,5	8,6	-4,1
Total average	7,0	7,5	-0,5

Manufacturing sector	2020	2009	Delta
Furniture	6,4	4,2	2,2
Means of transportation	6,5	4,4	2,1
Mechanics	8,7	6,8	1,9
Rubber and plastic	8,8	7,1	1,7
Chemical	9,6	8,3	1,3
Metal products	6,0	4,9	1,2
Paper and printing	7,6	6,8	0,8
Other manufacturing	7,4	6,7	0,7
Electronics	7,9	8,2	-0,3
Pharmaceutics	10,7	11,3	-0,6
Food and Beverage	6,8	8,5	-1,7
Fashion	2,5	6,1	-3,7

In the first half of 2021, listed family firms showed three times the ROA of non-family firms.

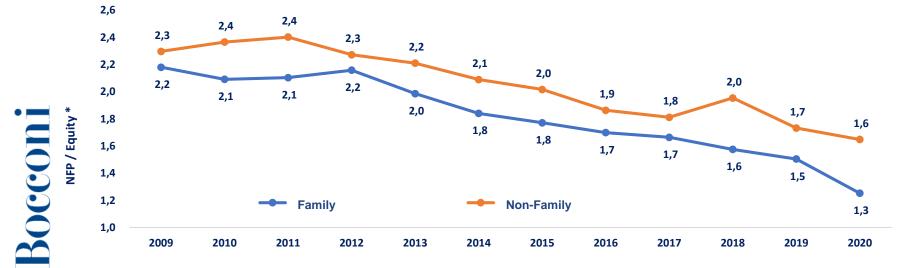


Improvements in 2020 profitability went together with the employment growth that occurred for all firms; the opposite trend occurred during the 2009 crisis

Ownership structure	2019	2020	2019-20 Delta	Delta % 2019-20
Family firms	2.686.205	2.744.875	58.670	2,2%
Non Family firms	2.441.842	2.533.711	91.869	3,8%
Total	5.128.047	5.278.586	150.539	2,9%

Ownership structure	2008	2009	2008-09 Delta	Delta % 2008-09
Family firms	1.634.481	1.575.277	- 59.204	-3,6%
Non Family firms	2.234.159	2.133.503	- 100.656	-4,5%
Total	3.868.640	3.708.780	- 159.860	-4,1%

The NFP/Equity ratio of family firms decreased by an additional 10 percent compared to 2019 (also due to the law on asset revaluations)

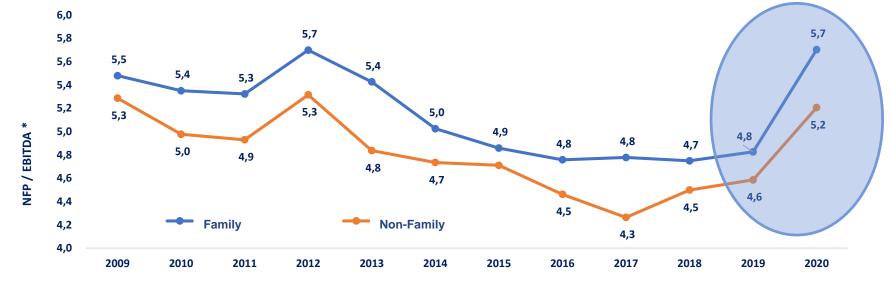


Ownership structure	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State /Local authorities	2,0	1,7	1,9	1,5	1,3	1,3	1,0	0,8	0,8	0,8	1,0	0,9
Controlled by PE	2,9	3,0	2,3	2,2	2,5	1,6	1,8	2,2	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,1
Branches of foreign companies	1,9	2,2	2,2	2,1	1,9	1,6	1,6	1,2	1,2	1,5	1,1	1,1
Family firms	2,2	2,1	2,1	2,2	2,0	1,8	1,8	1,7	1,7	1,6	1,5	1,3
Coalitions	2,3	2,1	2,0	1,9	2,0	1,9	2,1	2,2	1,9	2,0	1,8	1,8
Cooperatives and Consortia	3,3	3,2	3,5	3,3	3,4	3,6	3,3	3,1	3,3	3,5	3,2	2,9

^(*) NFP / Equity ratio = NFP / Equity (Source: Aida), where NFP was calculated as: Bank debt + Other lenders debt - Cash and cash equivalents. The ratio was calculated considering only companies with positive NFP and Equity. The NFP/Equity Ratio of non-family firms is a weighted average of firms with non-family ownership structures.

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NFP/EBITDA ratio of family firms increased by 18% compared to 2019



Ownership structure	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State /Local authorities	4,0	4,2	4,6	4,6	3,5	3,3	3,7	3,1	2,6	2,6	2,4	3,0
Branches of foreign com panies	4,4	3,9	4,0	4,2	3,8	4,0	3,5	3,1	2,9	3,0	3,3	3,1
Controlled by PE	7,5	5,1	3,9	4,6	4,4	3,8	3,0	3,5	3,4	3,9	3,9	5,6
Family firms	5,5	5,4	5,3	5,7	5,4	5,0	4,9	4,8	4,8	4,7	4,8	5,7
Coalitions	5,6	5,0	5,2	5,7	5,3	4,1	4,8	4,5	4,2	4,4	4,4	6,0
Cooperatives and Consortia	6,8	7,5	6,9	7,6	7,0	7,2	7,2	7,6	7,5	8,2	8,0	8,6

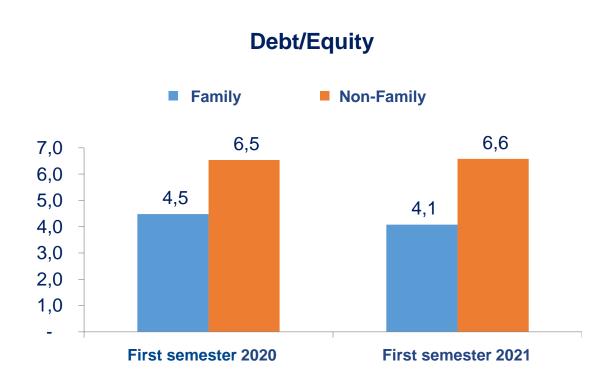
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From early 2010 to early 2021, firms with negative NFP increased by more than 9 points, while firms (with positive NFPs) with a problematic or attention-worthy solidity situation decreased by almost 10%

	2021	2010	2021-2010 Delta
Equity with negative values	0,2%	0,3%	-0,1
EBITDA with negative values	7,0%	6,0%	+1,0
Equity and EBITDA with negative values	0,6%	0,3%	+0,3
Total	7,8%	6,5%	+1,3
Firms with critical financial situation	20,1%	28,9%	-8,8
Firms with "warning" financial situation	4,2%	6,0%	-1,8
Total	24,3%	34,9%	-10,6
TOTAL	32,1%	41,4%	-9,3
Negative NFP	35,9%	26,5%	+9,4

^(*) The percentages shown here are slightly different from those in the previous slide because companies with negative EBITDA and Equity are included in the denominator.

In the first half of 2021, listed family firms improved their financial strenght in contrast to non-family firms



(Fonte: Refinitiv).

According to the X Edition of AUB Observatory, the 2008-2009 crisis led 17.5% of Italian family firms to enter into liquidation and insolvency proceedings over a decade, including 4% in 2009-2010.

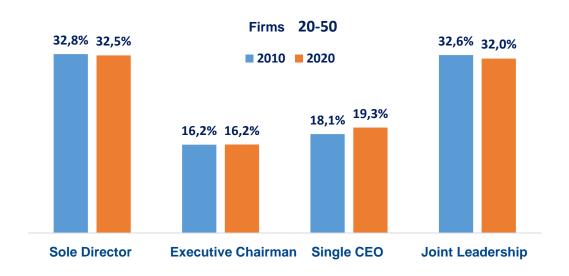
In 2020-2021, the incidence of Italian family firms that entered liquidation or insolvency proceedings was 1.7%.

The improved financial situation in early 2021 and Italy's greater resilience suggest that the death rate of family firms due to the Covid-19 crisis may continue to be lower in the coming years compared to that of the past decade.

2010-2020: governance models a decade later



Leadership models are stable in both smaller ...





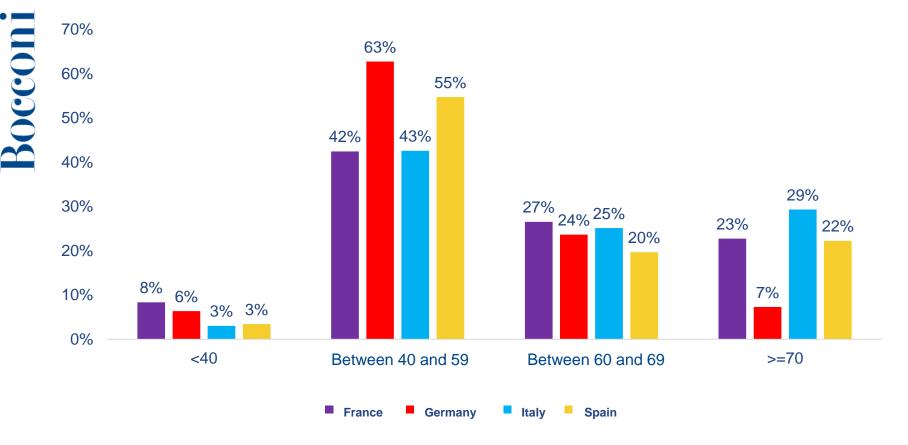
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Considering the most senior leader on the Joint Leadership, the number of leaders under 40 has more than halved in the past decade, and this process is stronger in larger companies

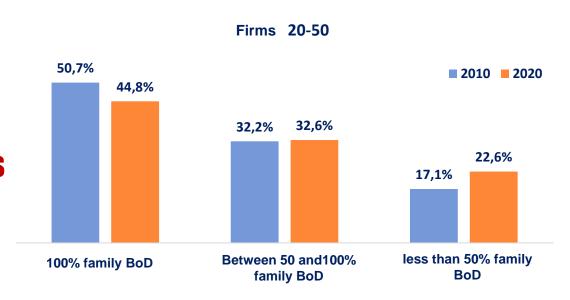
	20-	· 50	> !	50	To	Total	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Less than 40 years old	9,8%	3,9%	7,7%	2,4%	9,0%	3,3%	
Between 40 and 60 years old	50,2%	42,5%	46,7%	40,2%	49,0%	41,7%	
Between 60 and 70 years old	23,8%	26,8%	26,0%	27,8%	24,5%	27,2%	
Over 70 years	16,2%	26,8%	19,6%	29,6%	17,5%	27,8%	

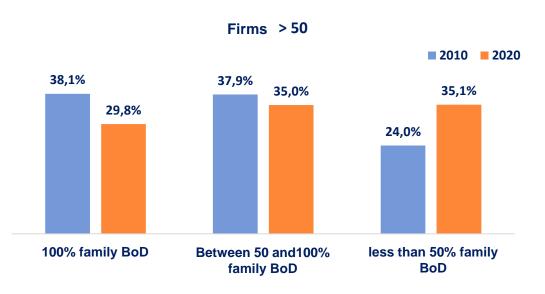
Extending the comparison to the top 1,000 groups of other European countries, Italy has the highest percentage of leaders over 70 years old





Boards composed exclusively of family members have decreased by 6 points in the last decade ...

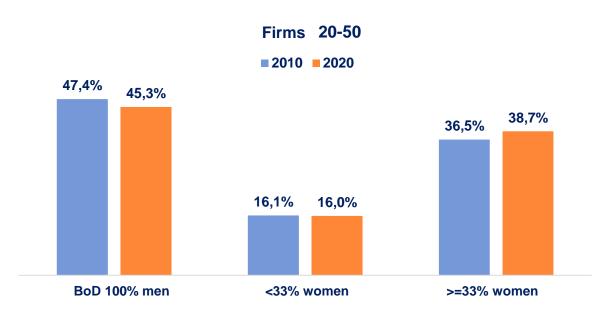


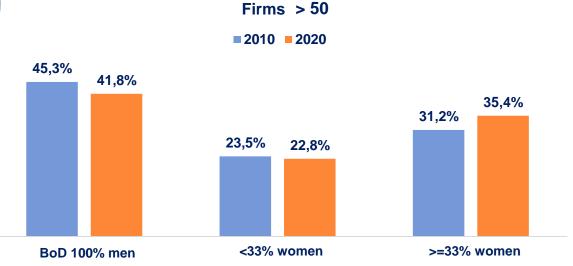


... and more than 8 points in larger companies

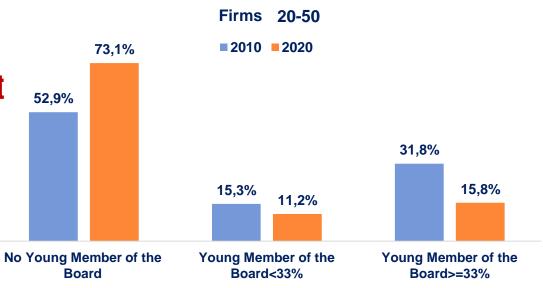
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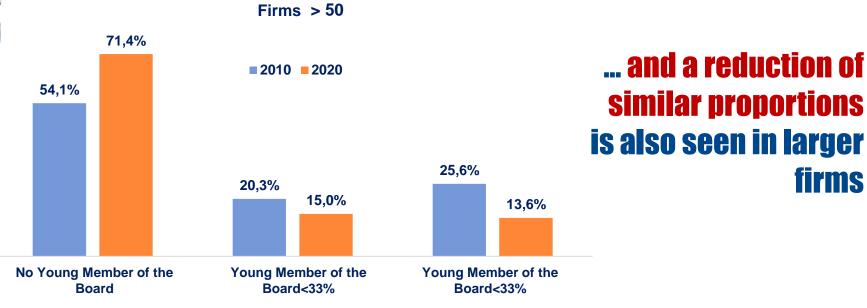
The presence of women on boards has remained essentially stable in smaller companies over the past decade ...





... while in larger firms there is slightly more openness **In smaller firms, fewer** than 3 out of 10 companies have at least one director under 40 years old (compared with 1 in 2 at the beginning of the past decade

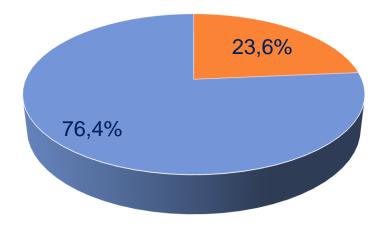




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In the period 2003-2016, there were 1,785 successions, of which 657 were in joint leadership. Of the latter, about 1 out of 4 were successions with "mentoring," where for a number of years prior to succession, there has been mentoring between the senior CEO and the junior CEO





Successions with "mentoring"
Successions without "mentoring"

Succession with "mentoring" has a positive effect on performance when the "mentor" is a family member, and this effect is amplified when the BoDs is open to non-family members

- "0" in the 3 presuccession years
- "1" in the 3 postsuccession years

Moderation analysis to estimate the effect of a family mentor

Moderation analysis to estimate the effect of a BoD open to non family members

Dependent variable: ROA industry-adjusted	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Succession	-0.788***	-1.359***	-1.195**	-0.866*
Mentoring		-0.838***	-0.888***	0.996*
Succession * Mentoring		1.604***		
Succession * Family Mentoring			1.457**	-0.856***
% NF advisors				-0.294***
Succession * % NF advisors				-1.257***
Family mentoring * % NF advisors				0.980**
Succession * Family mentoring * % NF advisors	⁄o			1.160**

The entrepreneurial families that handed over control of fire that handed over control of firms



During 2011-2018, 358 family firms changed ownership in the population of family firms with turnover > £20 mln (accounting for about 3%)

Of these, about 80% were acquired by foreign companies or private equity funds

Post-Disposal Ownership structure	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total	%
Branches of foreign companies	3	5	11	13	30	25	34	33	154	43%
Controlled by Funds / PE	6	7	10	15	16	18	21	37	130	36%
Family firms	1	0	4	6	6	8	16	17	58	16%
State/Local Authorities	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	8	2%
Cooperatives / Consortia	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5	1%
Coalitions	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1%
Total	11	13	26	34	56	54	73	91	358	100%

Business sectors of divested family firms

Industry	Average AUB Observatory	Divested companies	Delta
Mechanics	6,7%	12,9%	6,2%
Fashion	4,6%	7,9%	3,4%
Food and Beverage	8,1%	11,2%	3,1%
Electronics	2,7%	4,7%	2,0%
Other manufacturing	3,7%	5,3%	1,6%
Rubber and plastic	3,0%	4,4%	1,4%
Means of transportation	1,5%	2,9%	1,4%
Chemical	2,5%	3,8%	1,3%
Furniture	1,8%	2,4%	0,5%
Paper and Printing	1,9%	2,1%	0,1%
Energy and extraction	1,6%	1,8%	0,1%
Metallurgy	8,5%	8,5%	0,0%
Pharmaceutics	1,0%	0,9%	-0,1%
Real estate	0,2%	0,0%	-0,2%
Business Services	3,2%	2,9%	-0,3%
Other services	7,2%	6,8%	-0,4%
Transportation and logistics	4,1%	2,9%	-1,1%
Retail trade	5,4%	4,1%	-1,3%
Diversified Holding	3,7%	2,1%	-1,6%
Construction	3,5%	1,8%	-1,7%
Automotive trade	7,0%	2,1%	-4,9%
Wholesale trade	18,1%	8,5%	-9,6%
Totale	100%	100%	

Region	Average AUB Observatory	Divested firms	Delta
Emilia-Romagna	11,6%	19,1%	7,5%
Lombardia	30,9%	34,7%	3,9%
Toscana	5,5%	6,8%	1,3%
Abruzzo	1,4%	2,4%	0,9%
Veneto	13,9%	14,7%	0,8%
Liguria	1,6%	2,1%	0,5%
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	2,1%	2,4%	0,3%
Piemonte	8,0%	7,9%	0,0%
Basilicata	0,4%	0,3%	-0,1%
Valle d'Aosta	0,1%	0,0%	-0,1%
Molise	0,1%	0,0%	-0,1%
Umbria	1,2%	0,9%	-0,3%
Sardegna	0,6%	0,3%	-0,3%
Calabria	0,5%	0,0%	-0,5%
Marche	2,3%	1,2%	-1,1%
Trentino-Alto Adige	2,3%	1,2%	-1,2%
Puglia	2,5%	0,6%	-1,9%
Sicilia	2,3%	0,3%	-2,0%
Lazio	7,4%	3,8%	-3,6%
Campania	5,4%	1,5%	-3,9%
Total	100,0%	100,0%	

Divested family firms are larger in terms of revenue than the average family firms in the AUB Observatory



The transfer of control is positively correlated:

- to generations following the first one
- to the presence of non-family members at the top and on the BoD
- the firm operational profitability of pre-disposal.

Dependent variable Transfer of control (yes/no)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Concentration of ownership	-0.004					
Generations after the first one		0.233**				
Non-family leadership			0.426**			
% Non family members of BdD				1.068***		
ROI					0.036***	
Leverage ratio						0.019

^{*} LOGIT regression model. For divested firms Was considered the average of indicators over the three-year period before the disposal. For non-divested firms, it was considered the average of indicators over the three-year period 2011-2018.

^{**} Values indicate high significance (***) if p value is <.01, medium significance (**) if p value is <..05, discrete significance (*) if p value is <.1).

Since 2017, the number of IPOs in Italy has increased, and in 2021 the same number of IPOs were made as in 2019

IPO Year	Family firms **	Non-Family firms	TOTAL
2010	4	0	4
2011	1	2	3
2012	4	2	6
2013	13	3	16
2014	8	9	17
2015	13	7	20
2016	9	5	14
2017	16	11	27
2018	23	3	26
2019	31	6	37
2020	22	2	24
2021 *	31	6	37
Total	175	56	231
(of which AIM segment)	(127)	(25)	(152)

^{*}IPO registered from January 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021.

^{**} Family Companies: companies controlled by one (or two) owning families with a share of more than 25%.

In 2020-2021, there have been 298 IPOs on Euronext markets, 50% of which involved family-controlled firms.

On the Milan Stock Exchange, 87% of the 61 IPOs involved family-controlled companies *

Marketplace	Family firms **		Non-Fam	ily firms	TOTAL		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Oslo	53	46%	63	54%	116	100,0%	
Paris	37	46%	43	54%	80	100,0%	
Milan	53	87%	8	13%	61	100,0%	
Amsterdam	3	13%	21	88%	24	100,0%	
Brussels	2	22%	7	78%	9	100,0%	
Lisbon	1	20%	4	80%	5	100,0%	
Dublin	1	33%	2	67%	3	100,0%	
Total	150	50%	148	50%	298	100,0%	

^{*} IPO registered from January 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021.

^{**} Family Firms: companies controlled by one (or two) owning families with a share of more than 25%, with at least one member of the owning family in the governing bodies.

The Milan Stock Exchange is the second largest Euronext market in terms of number of listed companies, and it has the highest incidence of family-controlled firms (71%)

Marketplace	Family firms **		Non-Fam	ily firms	TOTAL		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Paris	210	25%	624	75%	834	100%	
Milan	280	71%	115	29%	395	100%	
Oslo	110	33%	225	67%	335	100%	
Amsterdam	23	17%	113	83%	136	100%	
Brussels	54	41%	77	59%	131	100%	
Lisbon	19	35%	35	65%	54	100%	
Dublin	3	7%	38	93%	41	100%	
Total	699	36%	1227	64%	1.926	100%	

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The internationalization through FDI of the top 1,000 groups in France, Germany, Italy and Spain



The size of family firms among the top 1,000 groups in France, Germany, Italy and Spain

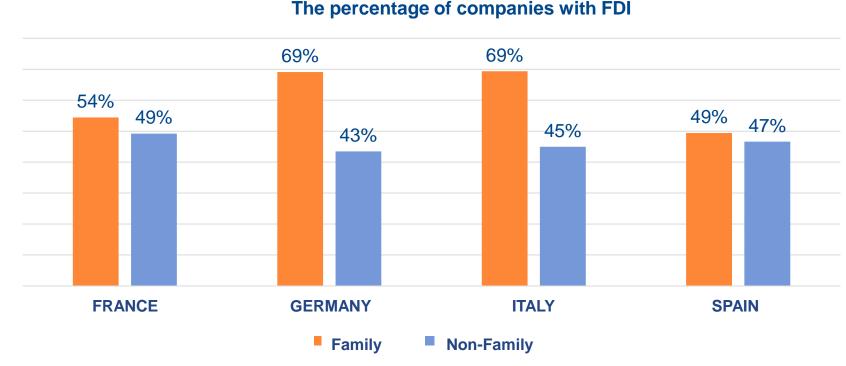
SIZE CLASS	FRA	FRANCE		GERMANY		ITALY		SPAIN	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
> 5 bn	22	7,8%	43	10,9%	8	1,8%	10	2,8%	
Between 2,5 e 5 bn	32	11,3%	51	12,9%	21	4,8%	9	2,5%	
Between 1 e 2,5 bn	56	19,8%	130	32,9%	67	15,3%	26	7,3%	
< 1 bn	173	61,1%	171	43,3%	341	78,0%	309	87,3%	
Total	283	100,0%	395	100,0%	437	100,0%	354	100,0%	

The size of the top 1000 firms (family and non-family) in France, Germany, Italy and Spain

SIZE CLASS	FRANCE		GERMANY		ITALY		SPAIN	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
> 5 bn	83	8,3%	121	12,1%	31	3,1%	29	2,9%
Between 2,5 and 5 bn	79	7,9%	133	13,3%	44	4,4%	34	3,4%
Between 1 and 2,5 bn	219	21,9%	354	35,4%	174	17,4%	108	10,8%
< 1 bn	619	61,9%	392	39,2%	751	75,1%	829	82,9%
Total	1000	100,0%	1000	100,0%	1000	100,0%	1000	100,0%

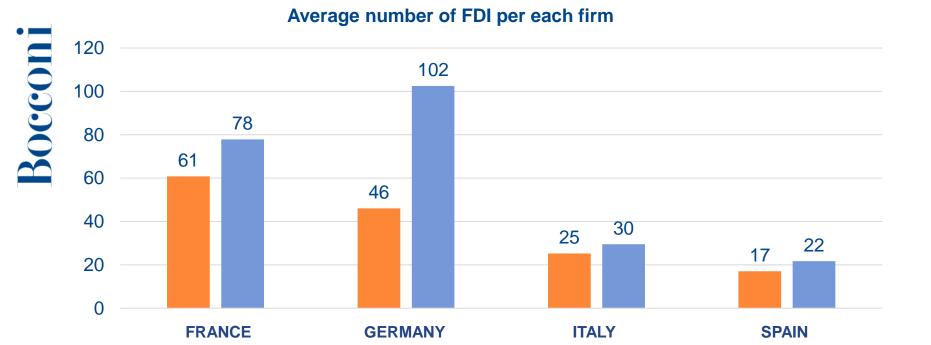
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The percentage of Italian firms - family and non-family ones - with FDI is similar to that of German firms and, in both countries, family firms are more internationalized



^{*} Subsidiaries of multinationals were excluded for France, Germany, Italy, and Spain

French and German firms -especially non-family firmshave, on average, more FDIs than Italian and Spanish firms

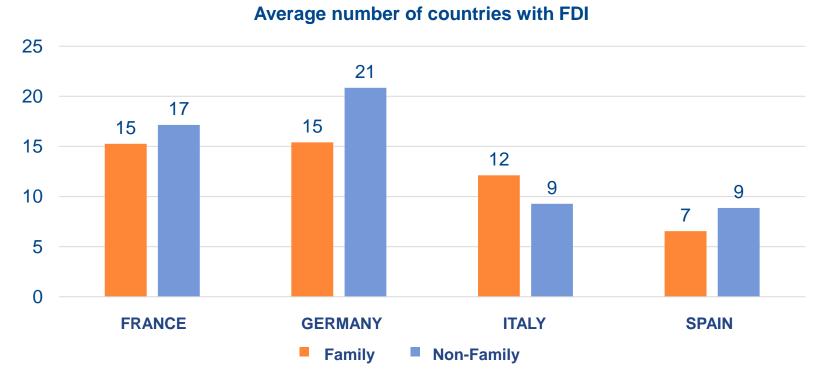


Non-Family

Family

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French and German firms are, on average, present in more countries than Italian and Spanish firms. Italy is the only case where family firms are present in more countries, on average, than non-family firms.



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