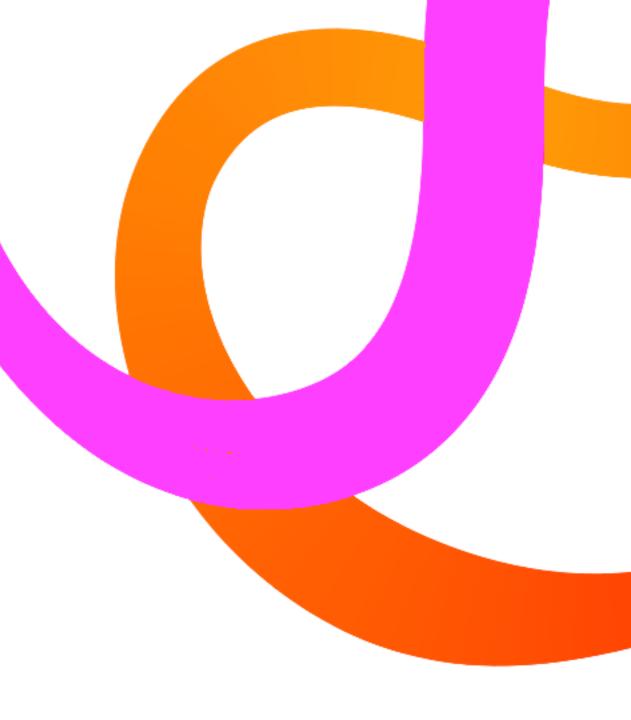
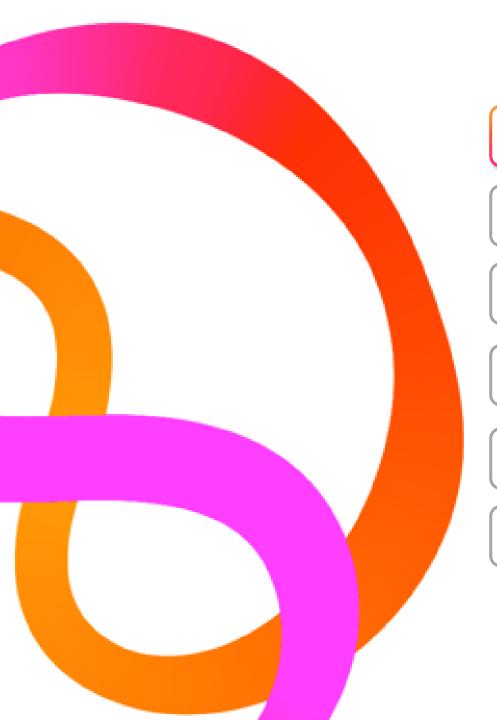


# A sustainable company from its foundation

**ESG Investor Presentation** 

November 2023







# illimity at a glance



2023-25 Sustainability Plan



Commitment to the environment



**People and Social footprint** 



Governance



Sustainable finance

# New paradigm bank technology driven

# **CORE BUSINESS**



#### **Growth Credit**

- Factoring, structured finance
- Restructuring of UTP loans to performing



#### **Investment Banking**

Capital markets & advisory services



#### **Distressed Credit**

Investment in UTP and NPL portfolios Asset based financing Asset management & servicing





#### illimity SGR | AUM company

Contribution funds Private debt funds Private equity funds



generation banks

boosted by

partnership with

**Engineering** 

# TECH VENTURES

(Potential additional value creation)



illimitybank.com, fully fledged

Direct Bank for retail clients



Leading Retail Fintech in Italian market

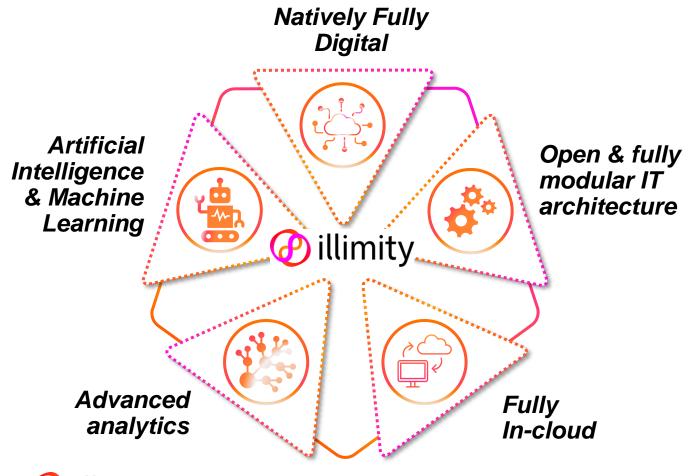


Innovative Digital Real Estate
Brokerage Platform (Proptech)



First fully-fledged Lendtech
Platform for Small Corporates

# Native fully digital with a new generation IT architecture that led to a strong competitive advantage in technology



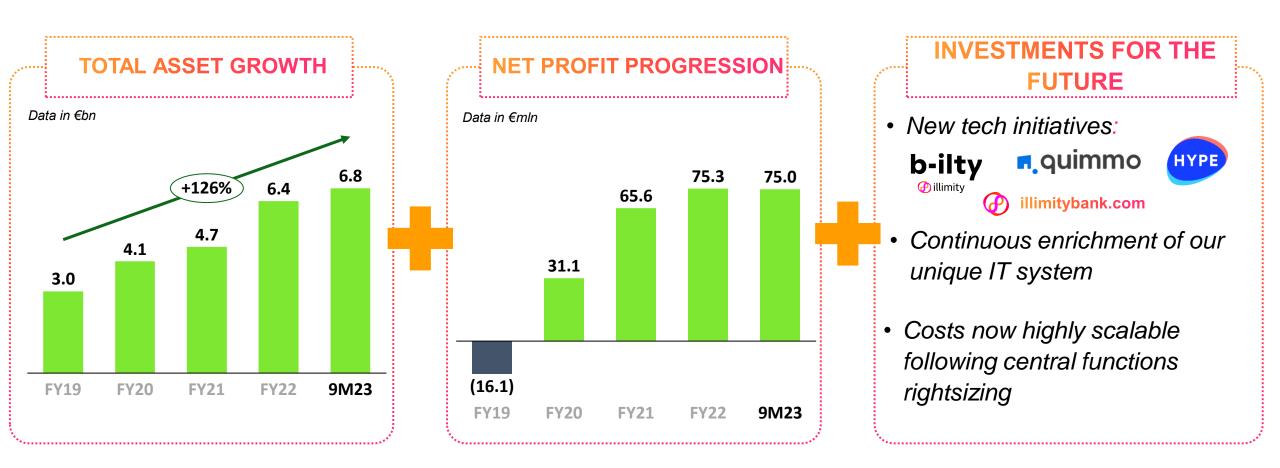
- Pervasive digitalisation in our products, processes and procedures with data-driven decision making
- Open architecture to foster innovation and increase efficiency
- Combination of digital & human

illimity one of only 24 Italian companies included in





# Strong combination of growth and profit trends with investments for the future





# Strong commitment to sustainability led to important ESG achievements





Carbon Neutrality
Scope 1&2



Expansion of reporting Scope 3 financed emissions



ESG embedded in RAF & in credit risk assessment



One of the lowest emission intensity in the sector







Great Place to Work® award for 4 years



Gender equality certification UNI PdR 125:2022



Negligible Equity Pay Gap (~4,6%)



76% of the economic value generated distributed to stakeholders





Adhesion to UN Global Compact



Signing of the Principles for Responsible Investment by illimity SGR



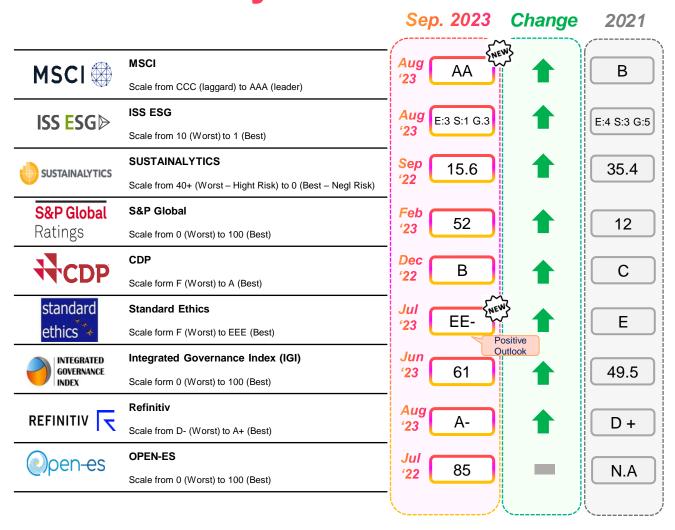
Upgrade of all ESG Ratings



ESG Goals in Incentives
Plans (LTI & MBO)



# ESG rating improvements confirmed illimity's continual sustainability efforts



MSCI improved its rating by four positions, moving from level "B" to the new "AA" level, considering illimity a leader, compared to most of its global peers, on the corporate governance front.

Highest recognition in terms of ESG score for the social section (1/10). The environmental & governance level of disclosure obtained a score equal to 3/10.

Sustainalytics increased illimity rating for a sound management of ESG risks, the policies and programmes introduced and the high degree of responsibility towards investors & other stakeholders.

In 2023, illimity obtained a score equal to 52/100.

illimity received the CDP Management band "B" for taking coordinated action on climate issues, placing itself above the average of the Financial services sector in Europe ("B-").

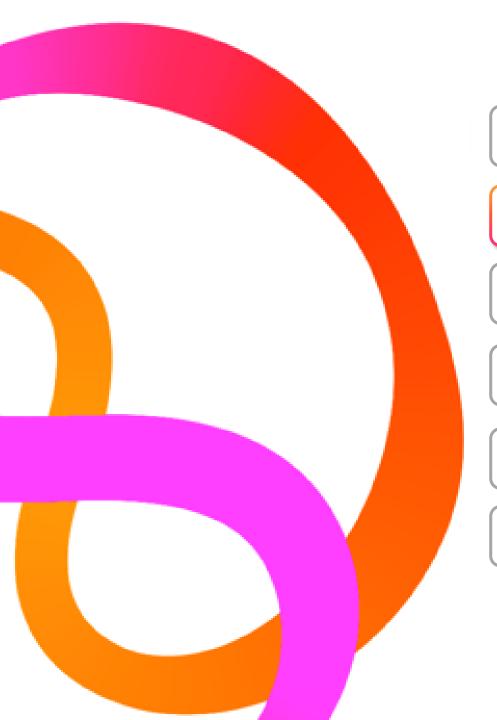
According to SE, illimity has gradually aligned with the indications and objectives of the UN, the OECD and the EU, also thanks to a cross-functional and integrated sustainability management model.

In 2022 and 2023, illimity obtained the "Leader ESG Identity" recognition mainly due to its code of conduct and sustainability procedures and the ESG integration in all areas of the business.

illimity standed out for the maximum score on the Social dimension, thanks to the attention paid to the diversity, equity and inclusion dimensions and its new policies and initiatives in this field.

The platform evaluated the sustainable performance of companies. illimity obtained a score equal to 85/100.







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# 2023-2025 Sustainability Plan: rational and main pillars



Starting from a solid baseline built on the important ESG achievements, illimity decided to further strengthened its commitment to sustainability by integrating **new**, more extensively detailed **qualitative** and **quantitative 2025 targets**, in order to:

Meet the growing needs of the market and ESG rating agencies

Position the Bank among the best practices of the Italian banking sector

Implement feedback received from investors during engagement activities

#### **Environment**

The environmental targets focus
on the urgent issue of
transitioning to a net-zero
economy, in which illimity,
plays and will play, a key role in
supporting and assisting the
financed businesses in that
process.

#### Social

The social targets were reinforced through commitments regarding diversity and inclusion, including gender equality certification and initiatives to raise awareness

nitiatives to raise awareness among employees.

#### Governance

Since its inception, illimity has aligned with the best practices regarding the integration of sustainability into the business strategies, processes, policies and governance of the Group, with the goal of consolidating that positioning



# 2023-2025 Sustainability Plan: targets

## 2021-25 Strategic Plan

- Integration of ESG factors in the credit assessment and Risk Appetite Framework (RAF)
- Maintain the Group's carbon neutrality (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions) measure and address the so-called "financed emissions" (Scope 3)
- Reactivation of renewable energy plans through the Energy Desk
- Double the number of women in managerial roles (Gender Equity)
- Maintain the balance between men and women in the formalised "talent pool" and a gender pay gap with a maximum deviation of 5%
- Maintain the engagement index of Group employees above 70%
- Develop impact projects for the real estate sector, through Fondazione illimity

- Enhance illimity ESG Ratings
- Integrate ESG Goals in incentive plans

## New 2023-25 additional targets

- Reach 100% of electricity used from renewable sources at the Group's main locations
- Maintain 100% use of FSC paper throughout the Group
- Develop an environmental policy at Group level
- Consider the **environmental and climate impacts** in **due diligence** and **management** of **Real Estate assets**
- Develop the offering and framework for sustainable finance products
- Develop ESG support/advisory services for SMEs
- Reach 15% on cumulative business origination volumes for sustainable finance
- Launch of SGR fund with ESG characteristics
- Reporting aligned with TCFD disclosure
- Maintain the UNI\_PdR 125-2022 gender equality certification
- Develop a company policy to combat harassment, inappropriate sexual conduct and bullying
- Maintain the average number of hours of training at 42 hours per employee, while guaranteeing 3 hours of ESG training
- Develop initiatives to raise awareness on sustainable mobility (commuting) for employees
- Reach more than 50% of total expenditure on goods and services by 2025 assessed with ESG criteria
- Identifying the specific ESG Ambassadors in the key structures (10% of illimiters)
- Endorsement of the Bank to the Principles for Responsible Banking
- Obtain the Anti-Bribery (ISO 37001) and the Compliance (ISO 37301) certifications
- Develop an **ESG Investment Policy** (property financing) and reach 100% of Treasury and Investment Banking investments that consider ESG factors in the selection phase (ESG due diligence)





# One of the lowest environmental impacts within the sector



**ilimity's business model**, with no physical branches and a 100% digital infrastructure, which is completely cloud-based, is **designed to minimize direct environmental impact** and intrinsically **contrast climate change** 

# **Carbon Neutrality**



illimity is carbon neutral since 2020 thanks to carbon offsets (purchased voluntary carbon credits) compensating Scope 1 and Scope 2

# Due to the reduction of car fleet fuel consumption 224 2021 2022 Scope 1+2 reduction Due to the reduction of car fleet fuel consumption 244 308 175 2022

# Scope 3 disclosure

Enlargement of reporting Scope 3 emissions (vs 2021)

Cat. 1 - Purchased Goods and Services



- · Cat. 5 Waste generated in operations
- Cat. 6 Business Travel
- Cat. 7 Employee Commuting



Cat. 15 - Investments (financed emissions)



## Renewable Energy

44% (32% in 2021)

Thanks to a gradually increase of electricity purchased with a Guarantee of Origination certificate

## **Emission Intensity**

**0.5** (0.7 in 2021)

Scope 1 & 2 emissions (location-based approach) for FTE (full-time contract). he lowest in the sector (Sector avg. 1.91).

#### **TCFD** disclosure

2022 Reporting on climate-related issues are aligned with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD).



# **Environmental factors included in the credit risk** assessment and RAF

# **ESG Factors in our Credit Policy**

We assess and monitor the **ESG risks of the** counterparties that we finance.

This occurs through the obtaining of solicited and unsolicited ESG external ratings, which include environmental and climate indicators.

#### Key ESG elements of Credit Policy:

- List of excluded sectors
- Use of solicited ratings via questionnaire
- Use of ESG unsolicited rating of a third party

## RAF & RAS



We conduct analysis on the **physical risk** of the collaterals (depending on the geographical location of the properties) and on repossessed real estate assets. The external provider Geosafe helps us to define vulnerability indicators.



# **GROWTH CREDIT**

We analyse elements such as: ESG assessments, GHG emissions, and sectors with significant climate altering emissions.

# **Scenario Analysis**



- By using data from *Oxford Economics*, we implemented 3 scenarios: 'Net Zero'; 'No Further Action' and 'Delayed Transition', considering 50+ variables (GDP, consumer price index, carbon emissions, unemployment rate, etc).
- The in-house satellite model allows us to estimate the impacts on Bankit DR (Default Rates), resulting in shocks to be applied to the PD (Probability of Default) of illimity over a forecast horizon of up to 30 years.



# **EU Taxonomy Eligibility Reporting**



Two Taxonomy objectives in scope: **Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation** 

The proportion of 17.1% exposures to Taxonomyeligible economic activities

on total covered assets (reported on a voluntary basis in order to represent also the exposures to SMEs as illimity core business) can be considered aligned with the average registered into the sector<sup>1</sup>

> KPIs are not comparable with FY2021 due to scope limitation of the proxy application by methodology evolution<sup>2</sup>

Notes: (1) Sector average equal to 22%. Source: ABI, SCS -BusinEsSG DNF 2022, analysis on a sample of

(2) We underline the ineffectiveness of the comparability of the KPIs reported here with those 2021, both of the Mandatory and Voluntary Disclosures, as the valuation methodologies applied are different and evolved in relation both to what the EU Commission itself in its clarification notes had provided only for the first year of reporting (for the voluntary part), and to the choice of applying only the reference perimeters provided for by the current EBA regulations and technical instructions (also in view of the preparatory assessment of banking book alignment in subsequent years). Therefore, last year's perimeter limitations were not applied, in the logic of the voluntary review, resulting in the expansion of the denominator (Total Assets Covered) against a numerator that was almost stable year on year.



# **Mandatory disclosure**

**EU** taxonomy-eligible **exposures** (only exposures to undertakings subject to NFRD)

eligible assets on **Total Covered** 

Assets(3)

# **Voluntary disclosure**

## **EU** taxonomy-eligible

**exposures** (exposures to undertakings subject to NFRD and undertakings that are not obliged to publish NFRD)

17.1%

eligible assets on **Total Covered** Assets<sup>(3)</sup>

For more details on the methodology see section 12 of 2022 Sustainability Report

(3) Total Covered Assets represents on-balance sheet exposures that cover the accounting categories of financial assets (including loans and advances, debt securities, equity holdings and repossessed collaterals) as defined by COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EÚ) 2021/2178 of 6 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2020/852. Exposures to central governments, central banks and supranational issuers are excluded from the calculation of the numerator and denominator of key performance indicators.



# First time disclosure of financed emissions: Scope 3 - Category 15 (Investments)

Carbon footprint: 187 tCO<sub>2</sub> per Euro million of investment/financing

52% of financed emissions related to exposures in Manufacturing sector, in line with Italian SMEs distribution

Financed emissions were calculated according to PCAF standard methodology

Sector	Measured Exposures	Financed Emissions	Carbon Footprint
Monufacturing	[%]	[%]	[tCO <sub>2</sub> /Mln Euro]
C - Manufacturing	27%	52%	359
H - Transportation and storage	19%	9%	94
- Construction	8%	9%	209
S - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	8%	6%	148
: Financial and insurance activities	12%	4%	65
- Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3%	4%	223
- Professional, scientific and technical activities	7%	3%	91
- Accommodation and food service activities	2%	3%	229
- Real estate activities	7%	3%	75
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2%	3%	242
- Administrative and support service activities	2%	2%	168
- Mining and quarrying	0,3%	1%	619
- Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0,1%	1%	797
- Human health and social work activities	0,7%	0,5%	127
- Information and communication	2%	0,5%	47
- Arts, entertainment and recreation	0,2%	0,2%	202
- Other service activities	0,3%	0,1%	38
- Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0,01%	0,01%	151
- Education	0,09%	0,01%	17
	100%	100%	187

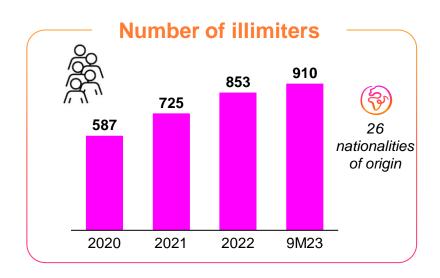


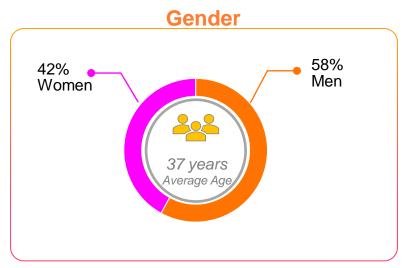
Notes: Carbon footprint is Financed Emissions standardised by the total investment portfolio value, where Financed Emissions are the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of a debtor/issuer weighted by the investment as a share of the company's total value. Measured exposures cover around 90% of customer loans and 25% of financial assets (HTC / HTCS / FVPTI) and equity/IV

Disclaimer: it is important to underline the inability to get a wide benchmarking into the banking industry, in fact just few financial institutions disclosed their financed emissions and there is a common difficult to get complete information from or about companies in portfolio, then the majority of institutions may not have high-quality data available or may not collect enough usable emissions information for reporting

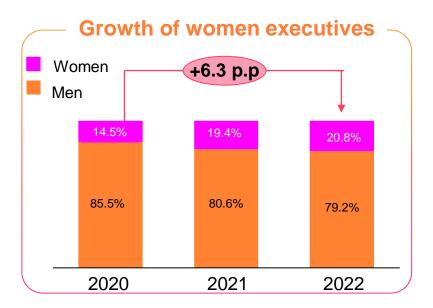


# The illimiters: talent and diversity fosters innovation











# **Negligible Equity Pay Gap**

4.6%

#### among the best in the sector

- Analysis of internal and external remuneration benchmarks
- Defining financial packages on employment
- Annual salary review process focus on gender issues (Unchanged from 2021)

# **Prosperity**

#### Main financial data on a consolidated basis

Total assets Operating income

Net profit

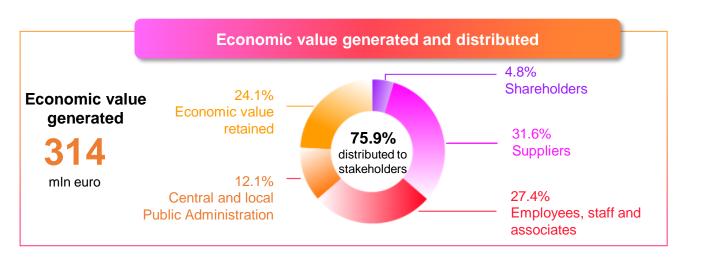
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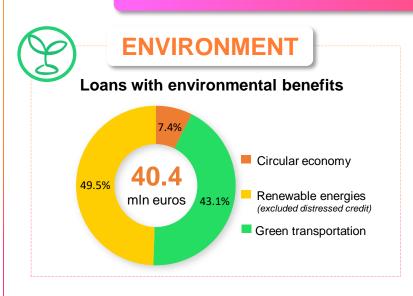
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mln euro



#### Business model natively addressing recovery and resilience of SMEs





#### SOCIAL

#### Loans with social benefits

351

mIn euros

Total loans provided with the specific aim of restructuring companies in economic/financial difficulty

#### **Collaborative Agreement Index**



**77**.9%

Distressed credit, out-of-court agreements as percentage of total



# Responsibility to distressed credit customers

In the absence of standard KPIs (GRI) directly related to **social impact** in the distressed credit world, illimity is a pioneer: it has developed **autonomous indicators** that measure the process of value creation.

	2022	<b>2021</b>
Collaborative Agreement Index Ratio between the number of positions closed through out-of-court proceedings and the total of positions successfully closed by illimity Group	77.9%	85.5%
Time to Solve  Average time recorded to solve out-of-court proceedings	5 months	13 months



These indicators highlight **illimity's focus on finalizing out-of-court agreements**, which **accelerates resolution times** and contributes to the **recovery of the entrepreneur** 



# fondazione illimity and impact investing



Poster Starting from zero, one can go a long way Giving value back to what already exists takes us beyond. illimity exists to relaunch SMEs. looking beyond their ratings, fondazione illimity is born to socially and economically regenerate real estate assets We reinvent spaces turning them into places of inclusion, cohesion and shared well-being. We mobilise the energy of buildings to bring interests together, uncover needs, and give life to ecosystems and new relations We look at real estate assets and expertise as an opportunity to build shared value and common good. We believe in impact investing, by bringing it to where it belongs: local areas and communities. Because creating value takes us far and regenerating it, takes us beyond, fondazione illimity. **Beyond value** fondazione (P) illimity fondazioneillimity.it/en

fondazione illimity promotes innovative projects for the social regeneration of real estate assets and impact investing.

#### Social

We build value for local communities through projects focusing on the social regeneration of real estate assets.

#### **Research & Development**

We work with universities and centres with expertise in: research projects and feasibility studies for real estate regeneration; social housing creation; and the development of local cultures and areas.

#### **Collectivity**

We create networks and synergies between profit and non-profit organisations, and both public and private entities, with the aim of sharing best practices and projects, thus creating the conditions for true financial sustainability.

## Albergo Etico Cesenatico

Project to insert people with disabilities into the working world and offers them training and independence.



# (RE) GENERATION CAMP

Laboratory for creativity held in a space regenerated by the illimity foundation. Its objective is to promote the integration and socialisation of the younger generations

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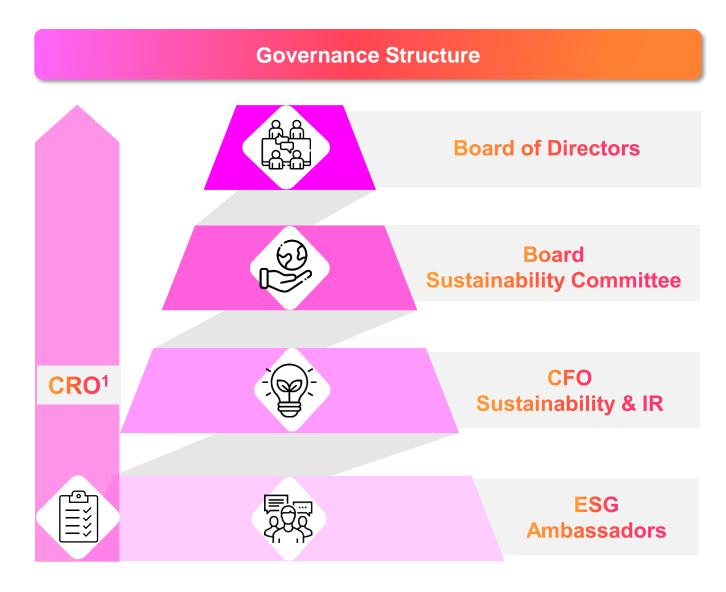




# Sustainability embedded in our governance system

## **2022** Key governance takeaways

- Adoption of the "one-tier system"
- 85% board independence
- 46% female board members [6 women out of 13 members]
- Independent Chairperson
- 61 years old average age on the board
- 2 years board average tenure
- 94% average participation to board meetings in 2022
- Diversity in terms of gender, age, skills & background
- Explicit inclusion of "sustainable success" in the bylaws
- Enforcement of ESG Ambassadors' role
   Including Climate Risk Prevention





# Recognised corporate governance leader



iillimity is positioned in the **highest scoring range of ESG ratings** relative to its global peers, demonstrating that company's **corporate governance practices** are well **aligned with shareholder interests**.

Integration of **ESG principles into all our corporate policies**<sup>1</sup>, our Code of Conduct - *«illimity Way»* - and the *Credit Granting Process*, which includes the new

Green, Social & Sustainability-linked
Loans Framework

# **Best Practice Alignment**

Alignment with the indications and objectives of the UN, the OECD and the EU; adhesion to UN Global Compact

Ability to quickly generate and absorb new ESG policies







Most recent publications include:

**DEI Policy** 

Sustainable Supply
Chain Policy

Al Policy

**Engagement Policy** 

# **Reporting & ESG responsibility**

Non-financial disclosure in line with industry best practice

**ESG responsibility** integrated across the **whole organization** and within **each business line** 











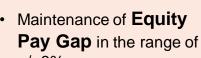
# ESG integrated in executives' variable remuneration



**MBO** 

- Integration of ESG / climate-environmental risks into the Risk Appetite Framework 2023 of the illimity Group, with definition of a set of KPIs and related Risk Appetite and Tolerance levels
- Maintenance of the **Gender Equality** Certification "UNI PdR 125-2022"

- Maintenance of Equity
- Adhesion to PRB (Principles for Responsible Banking)
- Responsible the proprietary portfolio.





+/- 3%.

**Diversity, Equity &** Inclusion (10%)

- · Employees' satisfaction over 70%.
- YoY increase of women in managerial roles and gender balance in the company "talent pool".

**LTIP** 

**Top ESG Rating &** Sustainable Finance<sup>1</sup> (10%)

- Maintain or increase the investment grade in Standard Ethics and CDP ratings.
- Yearly progression on Strategic Plan environmental targets.

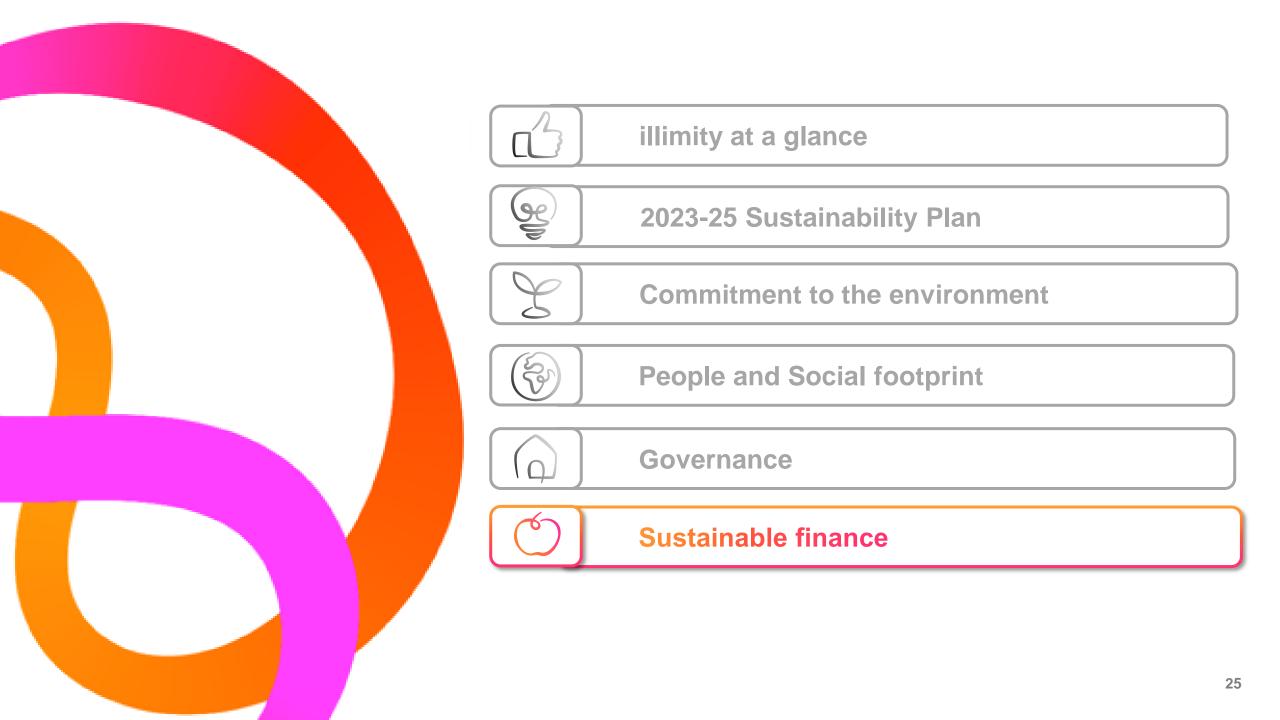
LTI plan

20% ESG weight

CEO 2023 Goal Card

15% ESG weight





# Sustainable Finance



ESG new regulatory tools implemented in our Credit Granting Process to support group's environmental goals towards low-carbon economy

Integration of ESG factors in the proprietary portfolio Investment Policy











b-green & b-innovative: support to the ecological and digital transition





Commitment in the energy and RE sector through the regeneration of assets & revamping of photovoltaic power plants





# New regulatory tools in place to support group's environmental goals towards low-carbon economy

New *Green, Social & Sustainability-linked Loans Framework* included in the credit offer



As part of the environmental targets of the Group in the transitioning to a net-zero economy, the new "Framework" foresees the possibility to develop sustainable finance products; it is subject to updates on a periodical basis in order to ensure the full alignment with best market practices and voluntary standards.

**ESG Investment Policy** in Treasury and Investment Banking, to achieve 100% under ESG due diligence



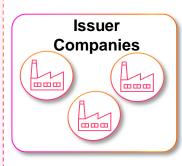
The **ESG Investment Policy** aims to define, time by time and consistent with the characteristics of illimity's business model, strategic guidelines for the integration of ESG aspects:

- in the investment analysis
- In the responsible investment decision-making processes.



# First Sustainable Energy Basket Bond launched in Italy

**Basket Bond** mechanism A multi-year program to meet the medium / long-term financing needs of companies by supporting sustainability-linked investments.





Arranger, Lead manager & Co-investor



Facilitator, Co-investor & ESG scoring provider



Co-originator & Co-lead manager

Admitted companies can access financial resources at advantageous conditions thanks to the issue of Minibonds with a duration of up to 8 years, which will be subscribed by institutional investors.

Who is it for?

Small & medium corporates, including suppliers or subsuppliers of ENI, and companies engaged in energy transition and sustainability paths.

2022 Issues

Four issues in favour of multi-service companies in energy and environment sectors and in power plants for generating energy from renewable sources.



**Benefits for the SMEs** 



Facilitated access in the capital market

Development of a sustainable business model

Increased investment capacity to reach SDGs goals

Improved market competitiveness

Increased visibility

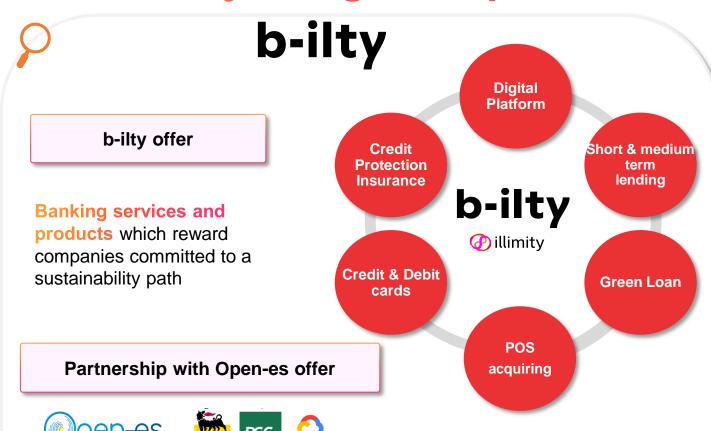
**Optimisation** of funding sources



Efficiency of the bond issuance process



# First bank joining the Open-es ecosystem





their sustainability performance



# b-green



Designed for companies that intend to invest in structural efficiency in order to speed up and implement the ecological transition of their business



# **b-innovative**



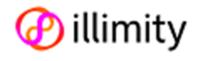
Designed assist companies in their digital development, thereby increasing competitiveness in their market segment



# Collaboration with the European Investment Bank







# €200mIn for SMEs

A 100 million euro EIB loan to illimity which, in turn, undertakes to invest an additional 100 million euro in favour of SMEs through **b-ilty** 

Climate transition

Support for working capital and liquidity needs of SMEs

Economic, social and territorial cohesion

20% of funds dedicated to SMEs investments that support the climate transition

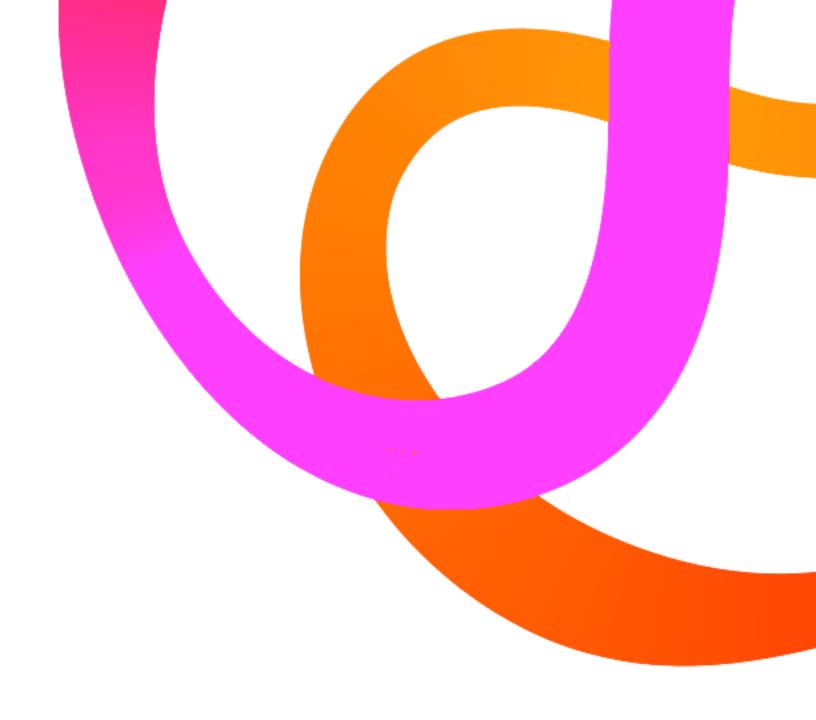
30% of the resources will be allocated to SMEs operating in regions covered by the cohesion policy







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