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Private Equity sector in Italy post COVID-19. An overview.

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ABSTRACT

Despite concerns about the extent and duration of the impacts of the covid-19 crisis, private equity players are proactive and ready to seize the potential opportunities arising from extraordinary circumstances. This was revealed by the results of Deloitte's "Italy Private Equity Confidence Survey", which provides an outlook on the expectations of the main operators on the sector's performance for the second half of 2020. Despite the negative impacts of the closing months and concerns about the timing of economic recovery, players are active and looking for new opportunities in which to invest the capital raised. Private equity and venture capital funds are worried about the situation and are strengthening the liquidity of their subsidiaries, in anticipation of a reduction in their business. Difficult M&A hypotheses at this time as most of the Italian listed companies are in the hands of controlling shareholders, who are not comfortable selling their shares at such low prices. In order to avoid wrong investments, entrepreneurs, directors and corporate control bodies, therefore, must equip themselves in time with predictive tools capable of detecting signs of insolvency. We are therefore talking about more or less sophisticated software, which can come to predict the default of companies with the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning models.

KEYWORDS

Artificial Intelligence; Private Equity; COVID-19; Fintech.

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