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“Oscar di Bilancio 2008”: Autogrill wins “Best Corporate Governance” award

Milan, 1st December 2008 – Autogrill, the world’s leading provider of travel f&b and retail services, won the “Oscar di Bilancio 2008” in the corporate governance category “for its successful development of clear, transparent reporting procedures based on Borsa Italiana’s experimental format”. The award was collected by Group CEO Gianmario Tondato Da Ruos at a ceremony held at Borsa Italiana headquarters today.

The award was assigned by the “Oscar di Bilancio 2008” jury on the basis of an assessment system using parameters such as risk analysis, human and technical resources management, economical, social and environmental reporting, prompt and effective communication and full economic and financial disclosures, including outlooks.

The jury’s reasoning stated that the Group’s “governance system is balanced, much effort having gone into developing and updating all the procedures required by the law. The information on its website is also highly detailed and accessible, with good graphics”.

In the last ten years, Autogrill has gradually reduced its initial dependence of the Italian (and in particular the motorway) market through business development and diversification to become the world’s leading provider of services for “people on the move”. The governance strategy the Group adopted as its operations grew in size and complexity is to reshape the organizational structures of its subsidiaries and upgrade their governance accordingly. This strategy may now be seen as a model for other enterprises intending to grow and be competitive at an international level.

In 2008, Autogrill published *“Autogrill, un viaggio di valori. Corporate Governance e sviluppo internazionale”*, by Alessandro Minichilli (with a preface by Giorgio Brunetti), on the Group’s growth and adoption of best corporate governance practice. The book provides insights into the development process that made Autogrill a model of modern, transparent and effective governance.

The challenges posed by international scenarios have led the Group to monitor and control its business not only in economic but also social and environmental dimensions by adopting CSR instruments such as its ethical code and the sustainability report (now in its third year of publication). Of the various initiatives in progress, the most significant in an Italian and European context is the “Afuture” project, which embodies all the sustainability principles and operating strategies the Group intends to promote.

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