

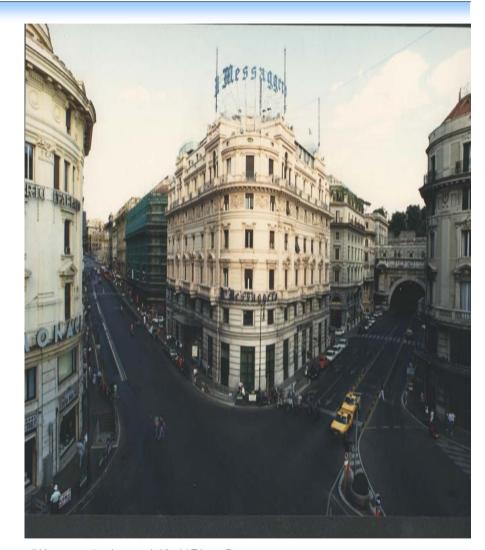
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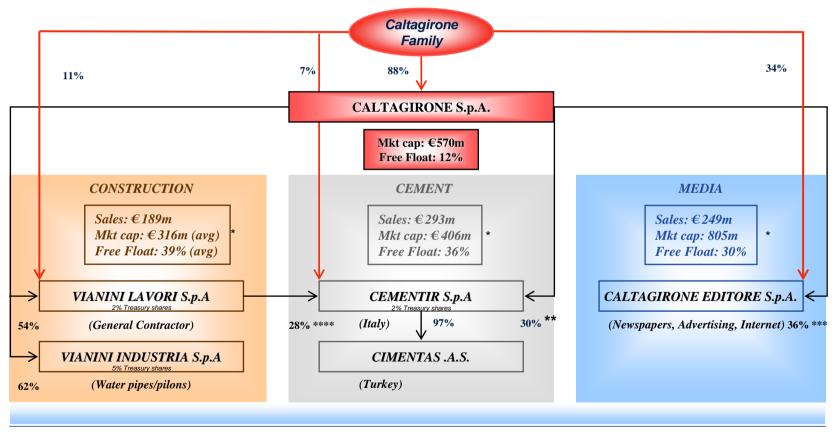


Il Messaggero headquarters in Via del Tritone, Rome



### **Company Overview: the Caltagirone group**

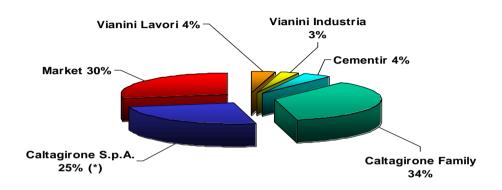
- The Caltagirone group is a family-controlled industrial concern operating mainly in Italy
- The group operates in three main business areas : construction & real estate, cement, media





### **Company Overview: the Caltagirone Editore group**

#### SHAREHOLDERS STRUCTURE



- The group started from construction and diversified into cement and media during the Nineties
- Group strengths are based on:
  - strong focus on core business
  - solid financial structure
  - constant search for new business opportunities
  - ongoing commitment to reach cost efficiencies
  - focus on long-term value creation



### **Company Overview: Caltagirone Editore**

#### **PRODUCTS**

# Il Messaggero





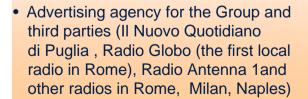
#### **Market position**

- 1.26 million daily readers
- Sales 2003: € 157m
- Market share: 50% in Lazio

- 678,000 daily readers
- Sales 2003: €59.6m
- Market share: 62% in Campania
- Daily circulation of 810,000 copies
- Sales 2003: €17.2m

#### **SERVICES**







• One of the main national internet portals

- business relationship management solutions
- Call center that offers services exploiting Caltanet's technology



## **Newspapers: the products**

# Il Messaggero

National editions



• 13 Local editions



# **IL** MATTINO

National editions



• 7 Local editions





### **Newspapers: strategy**

# Il Messaggero

- National newspaper with high brand visibility
- 13 local editions
- Avg. 48 pages, with a maximum of 64
- Up to 24 color pages
- 4th newspaper in Italy<sup>1</sup> with around 1.26 million daily readers
- 250,000 average copies sold <sup>2</sup>

# IL MATTINO

- National newspaper with high brand visibility
- 7 local editions
- Avg. 48 pages, with a maximum of 64
- Up to 24 color pages (from March 2004)
- 9th newspaper in Italy¹ with around 678,000 daily readers
- 94,000 average copies sold <sup>2</sup>

#### **STRATEGY**

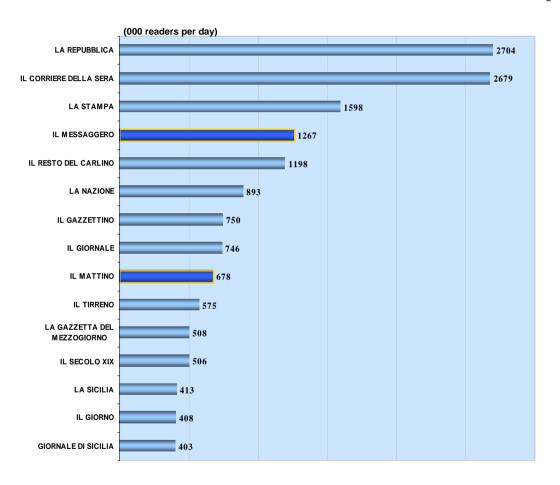
- Improvement of printing facilities of both II Messaggero and II Mattino with a total investment of
   € 105 million in order to increase: number of pages, output quality and yield
- "State of the art" printing facilities will make easier switching from one edition to another at minimum extra cost
- Aggressive price policy in order to increase market share in the Macroregion
- Focus on cost control
- Financial incentives for new investments (ex L. 488, grants equal to 30% of investment for II Mattino)

<sup>2</sup> Source: ADS 2002/2003

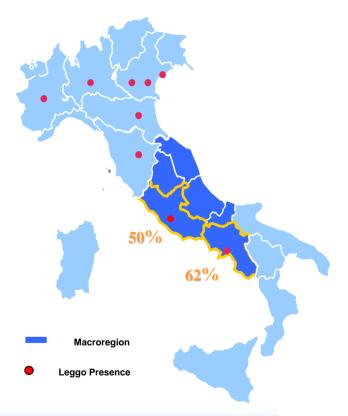


### **Newspapers: industry overview**

### **Market Share – readership \***



II Messaggero and II Mattino have a market share of 50% in Lazio and 62% in Campania, respectively.

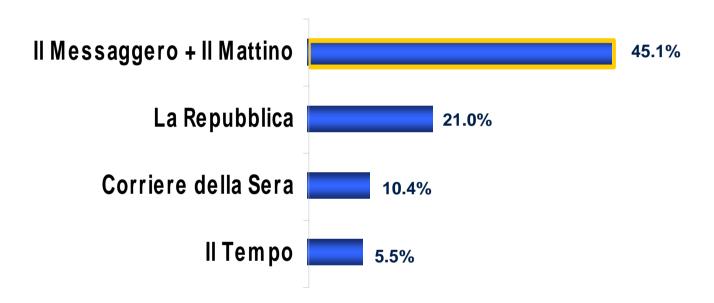


<sup>\*</sup> Excluding financial and sports daily newspapers - Source: Audipress Spring 2003; Audipress Autumn 2003 data is not yet available on a regional basis



### **Newspapers: local strength**

# **Market Share in the Macroregion \***







Market share of 50% in Lazio

Market share of 62% in Campania



### Free press: products and strategy



- Milano Padova
  Torino Verona
  Bologna

  Firenze

  Roma

  Napoli
- 1st free newspaper in Italy with:
  - daily circulation of 810,000 copies
  - daily readership of 979,000 \*
  - Average 24 pages in tabloid format
  - Launched in March 2001, expected to reach break-even by the end of 2004
  - Distributed from Monday to Friday in:
    - railway stations (exclusive long-term agreement with Grandi Stazioni)
    - underground stations
    - bars
    - hospitals
    - universities
    - other meeting points

### **STRATEGY**

- Creation of a national network in order to reach a wider presence
- Reinforcement of market leadership to exploit advertising upturn
- Target focus on:
  - youngsters
  - working people
  - mass affluent



## Free press: industry overview

### Avg. Daily readers by region \*

- Free newspapers are present in 8 regions, accounting for 71% of Italian population
- Avg. Daily readers of at least one free newspaper: 1,650,000

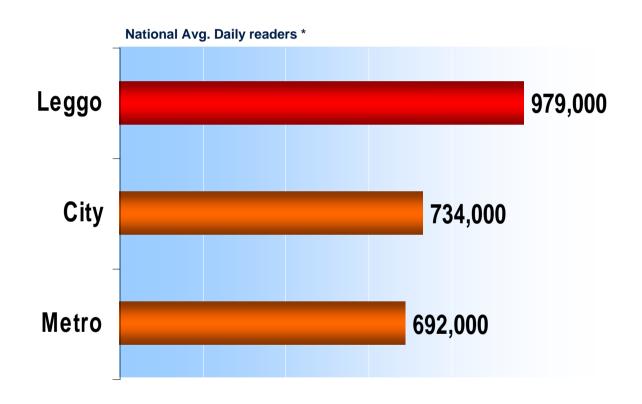


\* Source: Eurisko 2003



## Free press: national strength

### Leggo is the #1 free newspaper in Italy



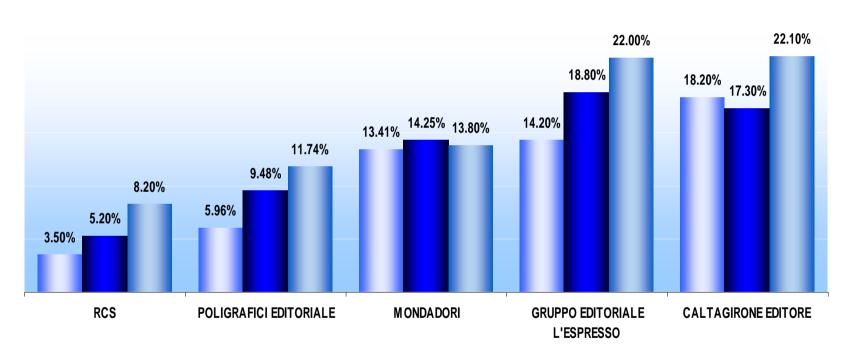
\* Source: Eurisko 2003



### **Industry Overview: profitability vs quoted peers**

### Caltagirone Editore ranks as one of the most profitable media groups \*

#### **EBITDA MARGIN**



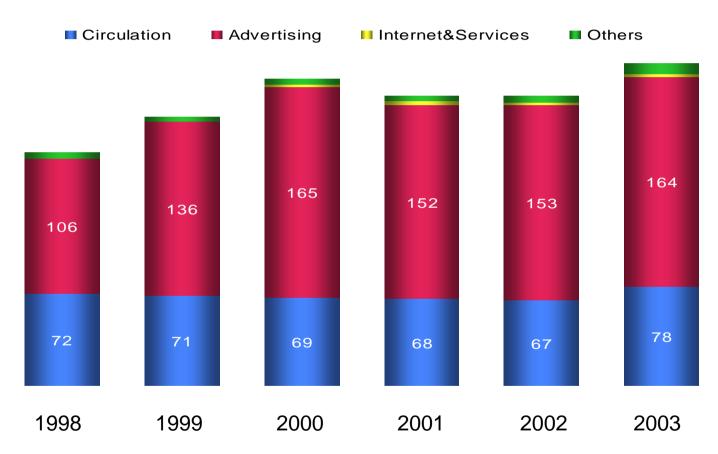
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### Financials: revenue breakdown

### Advertising is the main driver of Group revenue

### €milions

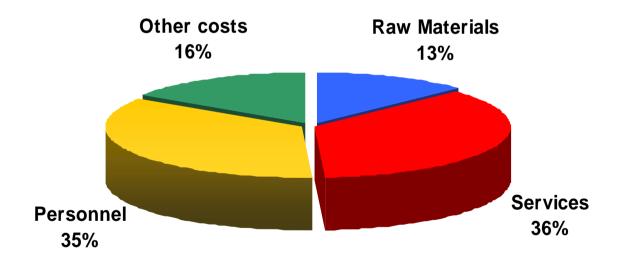




### Financials: operating costs breakdown 2003

### High proportion of services is due to:

- in-house management of logistics
- outsourcing of low-value added activities





### Financials: Q1 2004

€millions	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003	YoY%	
Circulation	21.9	18.5	18.4%	<ul> <li>Underlying ciculation revenue was flat</li> <li>"Add on promotions" boosted circulation revenues by €3</li> </ul>
Advertising	41.2	39.5	4.3%	Add on promotions boosted circulation reventees by example of the state of the
Others	1.9	1.6	18.7%	g,
<b>Total Sales</b>	65.1	59.6	9.2%	
Costs	49.9	46.3	7.8%	Service costs increased because of "add on promotions"
EBITDA	15.2	13.3	14.3%	
% margin	23.4%	22.3%		
EBIT	8.8	8.1	8.6%	Despite higher depriciation costs related to the new print center in Torrespaccata, Ebit increased by 8.6%
% margin	13.5%	13.6%		
Net Financial Charges	3.9	3.1	25.8%	
Pretax	12.7	11.2	13.4%	
Extraordinaries	-0.6	-0.9	-33.3%	
Tax	-5.7	-4.3	32.6%	Statutory tax rate (DIT no longer possible).
Minorities	-0.5	-0.4		
Net income	5.9	5.5	7.3%	
% margin	9.1%	9.2%		

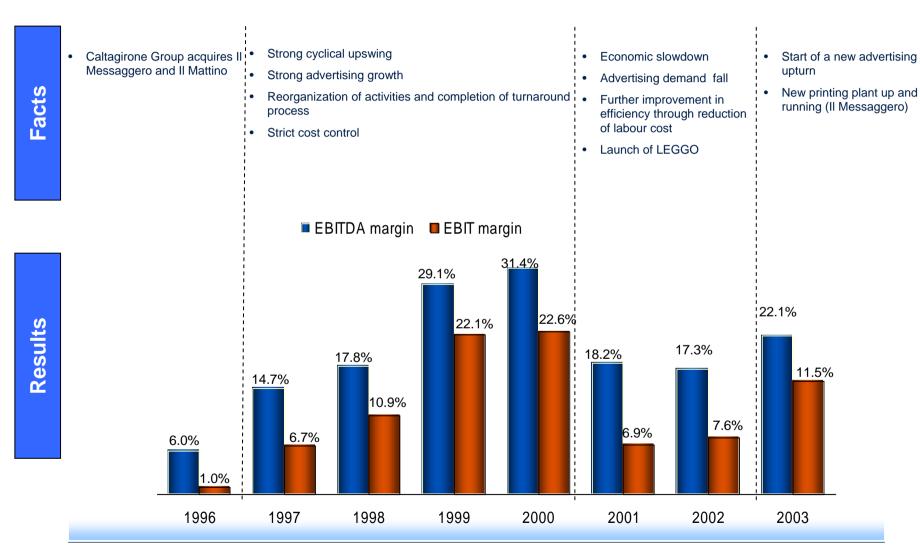


### Financials: FY 2003

€millions	Dec 31, 2003	Dec 31, 2002	YoY%
Circulation	78	67	Underlying ciculation revenue was flat  "Add on promotions" boosted circulation revenues by €7.9m
Advertising	164	153	7% Advertising growth for II Messaggero and II Mattino was + 4.5% Leggo increased revenues by 28%.
Others	7	7	0%
Total Sales	249	227	10%
Costs	194	188	3% Paper costs declined by 14% year- over- year Service costs increased by €8 m due to "add on promotions"
EBITDA	55	39	41%
% margin	22.1%	17.3%	
EBIT	29	17	71%  ■ €3.6 m increase in amortization due to new printing center in Torrespaccata (6 months in 2003)
% margin	11.5%	7.6%	€1,87 devaluation of Caltanet stake
Net Financial Charges	3	15	-80% □ €2 m dividends from 2% RCS stake  • Lower interest income due to lower yield on cash deposits
Pretax	32	32	0%
Extraordinaries	-8	-9.8	-14%
Tax	5	-5	• Current taxes: - €12 m
Minorities	-2	-0.7	<ul> <li>Defered tax credit: €16.8m due to devaluation of financial stakes</li> </ul>
Net income	26	17	<ul> <li>Expected average future tax rate around 35% (DT no longer possible).</li> </ul>
% margin	10.4%	7.3%	

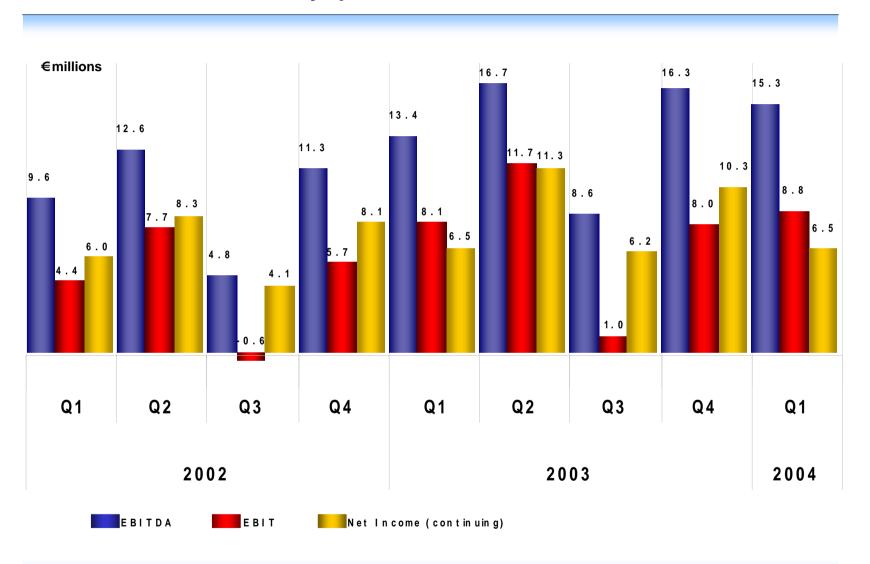


### Financials: profitability over time





## Financials: breakdown by quarter





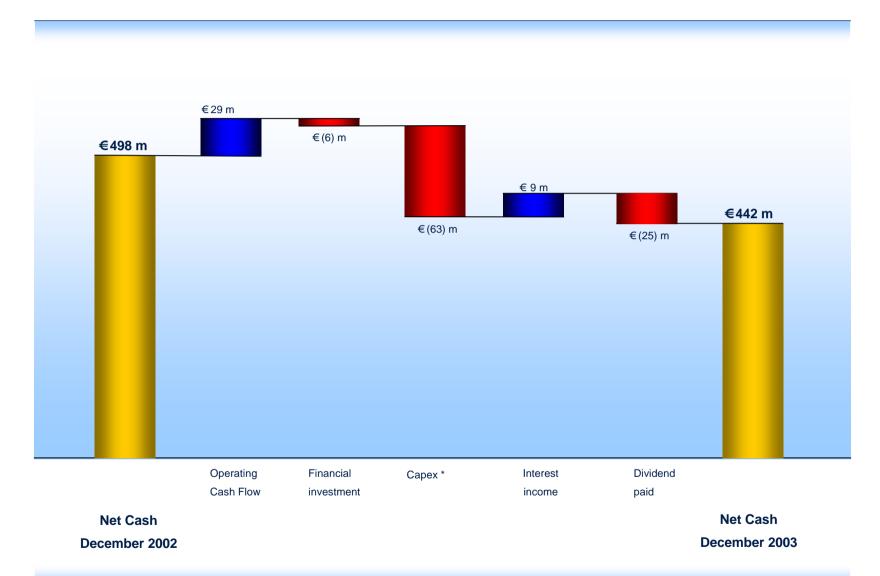
## Financials: breakdown by quarter



\* Q3 2003 margin figures are not directly comparable due to first time inclusion of new printing plant depreciation.

### Financials: cash flow



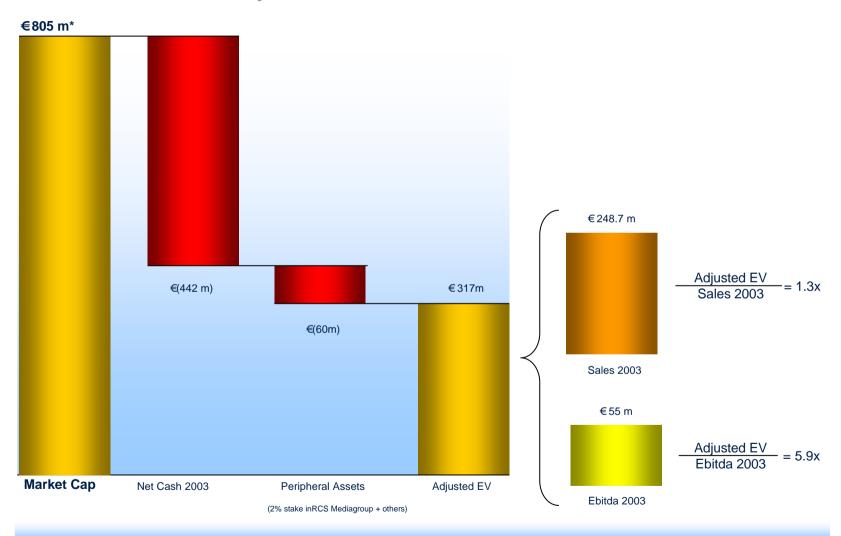


<sup>\* 2003</sup> Capex is unusally high due to one-off expenditure for new printing facility in Torrespaccata

### Financials: market multiples



### Adjusted firm value is 5.9x historical Ebitda



### Outlook



Circulation • Flat/slight increase due to add-on sales Advertising • Our strength in local advertising provided resilience during last cyclical downturn **BUT** • being one of the top national players, we will benefit from any advertising upswing **Cost control** • We aim at further improvement of existing cost structure **Growth goals** • We pursue organic growth as well as external growth in the core business

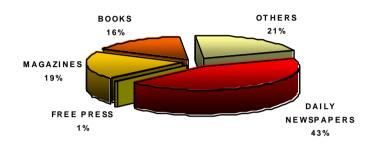


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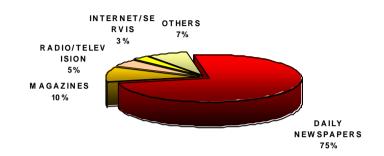




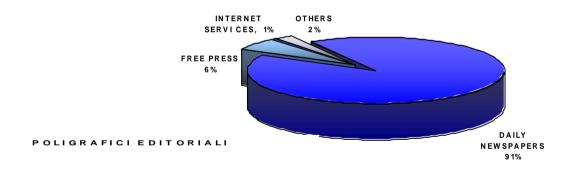
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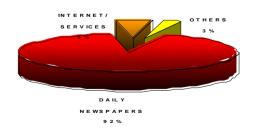
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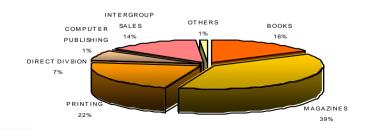


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