


# Bilingual British School sells 80% stake to Affinitas Education

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- Affinitas pursues M&A to grow in Italy

Bilingual British School, an Italy-based international school group, has sold an 80% stake to international peer Affinitas Education, two sources familiar with the situation said.

Bilingual British School worked with Broletto Corporate Advisory on the deal, and LawSharing on the legal aspects, the sources said.

McDermott Will & Emery Studio Legale Associato advised Affinitas on the legal aspects and labour due diligence, while PwC Italy carried out the financial and tax due diligence, the sources said.

The deal value is in the EUR 7m-EUR 10m range, and is related to Bilingual British School's 2026 projected performance, one of the sources said.

Affinitas Education has pursued this deal with a view to strengthening its presence in the Italian market after buying International School Brescia in July 2024, the sources said, adding that it expects to continue growing in the region.

Bilingual British School was founded in 2011 and operates two campuses in Bergamo and Scanzorosciate (BG), providing bilingual educational services under its own brand across nursery (1-3 years), kindergarten (3-6 years), primary school (6-11 years), middle school (11-14 years), and also an international IB program for high school students (15-18 years), one source said.

Affinitas Education is backed by Oakley Capital, which invested in the business in 2022 via its Fund IV. The sponsor is helping the company, which manages nearly 20 schools worldwide, develop as a platform of international schools via M&A, as reported.

Affinitas' previous acquisitions also include a 65% stake in XaBia International College, a Spain-based international school operator, in May 2022, as reported.

Affinitas, Oakley, Bilingual British School, Broletto, LawSharing, McDermott Will & Emery and PwC declined to comment.

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