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Hera now part of the FTSE4Good Index Series, in recognition of the Group's attention towards sustainability

After being included in the FTSE MIB in March 2019, Hera stock is now listed on this important series of ethical indexes created by FTSE Russell to encourage investment in companies that meet strict environmental, social and governance criteria.

Hera is now part of the FTSE4Good Index Series, a series of ethical indexes conceived by FTSE Russell to bring together the most outstanding companies that, across the world, show active commitment towards sustainable development.

Hera's efforts in the area of sustainability, which have always marked its way of doing business, have thus received significant recognition once again, just over one year after the Hera was included in the FTSE MIB, the Borsa Italiana stock index that brings together the 40 largest companies on Piazza Affari.

Alongside industrial growth, moreover, circular economy and risk management are the main directives around which Hera's latest business plan was conceived and drafted. Within 2023, the plan expects the amount of shared value Ebitda to increase to 530 million euro, reaching 42% of overall Ebitda. Additionally, investments – set at 2.9 billion euro over the time covered by the plan – concern above all networks and infrastructures, confirming the Group's particular attention towards their resilience to climate change issues, as well as innovation and the quality of the services offered to local areas.

The FTSE4Good, created by FTSE Russell to encourage investment in companies that meet globally recognised standards in the area of social responsibility, constitutes an important reference point for creating benchmarks and ethical portfolios. Companies included in the FTSE4Good Index meet strict environmental, social and governance criteria and are therefore potentially better placed to capitalise on the benefits deriving from responsible business conduct.

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