



Oracle rewards TAS as "Specialized Middleware Partner of the Year"

The award received by TAS during the event Oracle Partner Days confirms a successful cooperation

Milan, 21 March 2013 - TAS Group, a leader in the development of software solutions for e-money, payments and financial markets - has been rewarded as Specialized Middleware Partner of the Year during the Oracle Partner Days, which took place in Milan on March 12.

The other awards went to Fujitsu Technology Solutions for the category Server and Storage Systems, Accenture Italy for the Applications and Sytel Reply and Technology Reply for the category Oracle On Oracle.

The meeting, which matched Oracle strategy and vision with experiences and contributions of the top partners in Italy, allowed TAS to highlight its expertise, enhanced by the winning cooperation with Oracle.

For more than two years TAS has been working closely with Oracle; it has been one of the first companies in Italy to get specialized on the new Oracle Red Stack, composed by Exadata, Exalogic and Exalytics, which have been used in the TAS products for financial transactions management. This synergy led to application excellence, with high performances in the management of huge volumes of data, and it was promptly recognized by the Financial Services market, with the launch of a TAS-Oracle joint project involving a major Italian banking group.

"TAS has shown great commitment and leadership, being able to take advantage from the specialization path offered to Oracle Partners in order to help them find new opportunities for growth and differentiation," said Sauro Romani, Alliances & Channels Country Leader at Oracle.

"TAS is very pleased to cooperate with Oracle in Italy and abroad, and is ready to raise the challenge, focusing mainly on the Applications segment, where significant projects are already in progress," says Agostino Pericoli, Director TASLab at TAS Group. *"As Independent SW Vendor in the Banking sector, where ICT investments in recent years have been considerably decreased, we were able to experience the efficiency and flexibility of Oracle in pursuing common objectives together with their partners in order to ensure the maximum customer satisfaction. "*



About TAS Group

TAS Group, listed on the Italian Stock-Exchange, provides software solutions for cards, payment systems and financial markets. TAS Group is an international Company and serves Central Banks, major banking groups, leading processors and some of the world's most renowned broker dealers.

About Oracle

Hardware and software engineered to work best together. This is how Oracle simplifies IT and supports innovation.

Present in over 145 countries worldwide with more than 115,000 employees and GAAP revenues in 2012 amounting to 37.1 billion dollars, Oracle offers companies a fully integrated and optimized technology stack, consisting of software and hardware systems. Currently Oracle has more than 390,000 customers - including 100 companies from the Fortune 100 ranking and more than 290,000 medium-sized businesses.

Born in 1977 on the intuition of Larry Ellison and listed on the Nasdaq since 1986, Oracle boosts its ability to innovate by constantly investing in research and development, involving 34,000 developers and engineers, with investments of 19 billion U.S. dollar since 2004. Currently there are 18,000 consulting experts and 18,000 professionals dedicated to the customer support.

Oracle has more than 25,000 business partners worldwide: they can benefit from a special program, called Oracle Partner Network (OPN), providing them with a continuous and efficient support.