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Islamic funds can be an innovative instrument to help companies to grow and its use as a foreign capital should be stimulated in our country. Foreign investment, in fact, play a great role for our competitiveness, although data of 2013 confined Italy in twentieth place among the most attractive countries in the world.

In an international context of transformation it is necessary that investment become a priority in order to encourage an economic development and the Italian industrial policy, and it is also necessary to create awareness of the importance of foreign investors to compete on global markets.

Companies controlled by foreign investors operating in Italy are about 13000² and, analyzing them, it emerges that they employ more than one million people, generating a turnover of 500 billion Euros every year.

These companies in the last ten years have performed better than national enterprises, both in terms of profitability and productivity, demonstrating how is advantageous to be part of a large group.

Enterprises controlled by foreign investors have a greater productivity per employee and greater profitability, have a greater tendency to export abroad and are more investment oriented : they invest, in fact, more than 11,000 euro per employee per year. They also invest more in research and development, spending about 2000 Euros per year for every employee, four times the Italian national average.

Still today Italy is the second European power, the seventh in the world and the fifth for export of manufactured goods, with more than 3% share of world production. Enterprises, to promote our country towards foreign investors, emphasize the presence of skilled human resources, qualified and capable of integration; the importance of geo-economic axis with the presence of seven thousand kilometers of coastline that allow connections to the Balkans and the Far East and the presence of modern entrepreneurship capable of innovation and use of highly advanced technologies. SMEs, finally, are very important for the Italian economy, as they represent the excellence of our Made in Italy.

In Europe, Islamic finance has already been used: in Germany, for example, were issued 100 million of Islamic eurobond and in Italy in 2014 were performed 19 operations of this kind. In such scenario Italian Islamic finance could be useful in future for its strong concept of risk sharing: an investment of this type, in fact, could be an answer to an industrial system such as the Italian in which you search a shareholder who participates to company life, sharing profits and losses.

This kind of finance is also socially responsible and, for this reason, you may find a partnership of great value in Italian companies. His great achievements and its ethical component, finally, allow a wide space for growth in our country.

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2 Excluding insurance and financial sector.