



REPLY COMPANY PROFILE
2012

REPLY

Reply is a leading Consulting, Systems Integration, Application Management and Business Process Outsourcing company, specialising in the creation and implementation of solutions based on new communication networks and digital media.

Reply's offer is aimed at fostering the success of its customers through the introduction of innovation along the whole economic digital chain. Given its knowledge of specific solutions and due to a consolidated experience, Reply addresses the main core issues of the various industrial sectors.

Reply's offer covers three areas of competence:

Processes – for Reply the understanding and the use of technologies means introducing a new enabler for processes, as a result of in-depth knowledge of the market and of the specific industrial implementation contexts;

Applications – in Reply the design and implementation of application solutions are aimed at meeting the needs of the *core business* of enterprises;

Technologies – in Reply the use of innovative technologies is optimised to implement solutions to ensure customers benefit from maximum operational efficiency and flexibility.

Within the three areas Reply offers:

Consulting – strategic, communications, process and technology;

Systems Integration – a combination of business consulting with high value-added and innovative technology Solutions to harness the potential of technology;

Application Management – management, monitoring and continuous evolution of the technological assets.

With operations in Europe and Main Offices in Germany, Italy and the UK, Reply achieved in excess of €384 million in 2010. Reply is listed on Borsa Italiana Stock Exchange [REY IM].

MARKET FOCUS

Reply supports the main European Industrial groups operating in **Telco and Media, Banking, Insurance and Financial companies, Industry and Services, Energy and Utilities** and **Public Administration** market segments.

Telco and Media

In 2009-2011, the major players in this sector invested substantial amounts in new value-added services. This was made possible by; the technological evolution of devices (ex. Smartphone, PDA, e-book, STB multichannel), the use of new generation networks (NGN) and the development and wide spreading of Social Networks, which has become the new "media" of today's generation.

Reply is a distinguished player in the process of convergence between Telco and Media, with a special focus on components regarding; VAS, the Digital Terrestrial Technology, Multimedia Content Management and Billing and CRM services.

Furthermore, Reply is one of the main partners with Telco Operators regarding Device Testing & Certification.

Banking, Insurance and Financial companies

Reply cooperates with major Banking Institutions and Insurance Companies in the identification and implementation of solutions combining core process optimisation with a substantial improvement in information asset efficiency. More specifically, Reply operates in defining end to end strategies and solutions by integrating the various components and putting forth all the necessary skills such as consulting, process, development, application and technology.

Industry and Services

Reply supports companies in the implementation, change and management of Business IT Systems from the strategic design to the understanding and redefinition of the core Processes. Reply designs and deploys solutions aimed at ensuring application integration supports the Extended Enterprise (CRM, SCM, BI).

Energy and Utilities

Reply has defined a set of specific offers regarding the main industry's vertical areas by supporting and assisting Retailers and Distribution Companies in relation to change and operational, organisational and technological alignment. In particular Reply is focused on designing models and creating application solutions in the main processes of CRM and Billing in the Utilities market, but has also worked with the main European Energy providers in implementing solutions in Pricing, Forecasting and Meter Data Management.

Public Administration

For Central Public Administration and the National Health Service, Reply leverages its experience gained in the most advanced online services, integrating applications and competencies to create specific solutions to manage relations with the citizen.

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

The increasing popularity of user-driven on-line services, such as Facebook, Wikipedia and YouTube, has introduced a new way of experiencing Internet: 2.0; a perspective of the net based on user collaboration and enabled by tools such as Web Services, User Generated Contents, Social Networks and Cloud Computing. This is a starting point for new methodologies and software applications, for the purpose of sharing and collaboration between people.

Social Networks

The application of 2.0 models and technologies introduces new ways of participating in companies, based on dispersed and unstructured knowledge. The knowledge management platforms, which allow users have a 'voice' (as more and more often is the case) open up to bottom-up approaches of construction and sharing of information based on wikis and blogs. New forms of communication based on Unified Messaging tools appear, speeding up interaction between corporate processes. Reply bases its offer in social networking with its own platform, Enterprise Social Network: TamTamy™.

Cloud Computing

Reply's Cloud Computing offering is based on:

- End to End Consulting (from the process to the operative management) which is able to support clients in understanding, selecting and in the evolution of the most suitable technological and application solution;
- Proprietary Enterprise Private Cloud platform to help organisations to rapidly introduce this new method of supplying services in companies;

SaaS solutions are based on Reply's main application platforms (TamTamy™, SideUp Reply™, Gaia Reply™, Discovery Reply™). Consolidated partnerships with Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Oracle enable Reply to anticipate innovative technological competencies in Cloud Computing and SaaS platforms and make them immediately available to clients.

Widget Factory

The phenomena such as Cloud Computing and the "always connected" status of users have pushed software to abandon desktop and to transform into network services. There is a growing need to enrich web applications with the same or higher levels of interaction compared to the ones already accustomed to.

Reply supports its clients with this new way of interpreting the web through the domain of innovative solutions which are available today, such as Adobe Flex, Adobe Air, and Microsoft Silverlight. The development of these technologies has brought about a greater distribution of Widget; a light-weight application accessible from more devices and channels (desktop, mobile, internet...). To effectively follow this trend, Reply has created internally a Widget Factory to analyse and extend the different widgeting solutions to expand their applications in the Enterprise sector.

Internet of Things

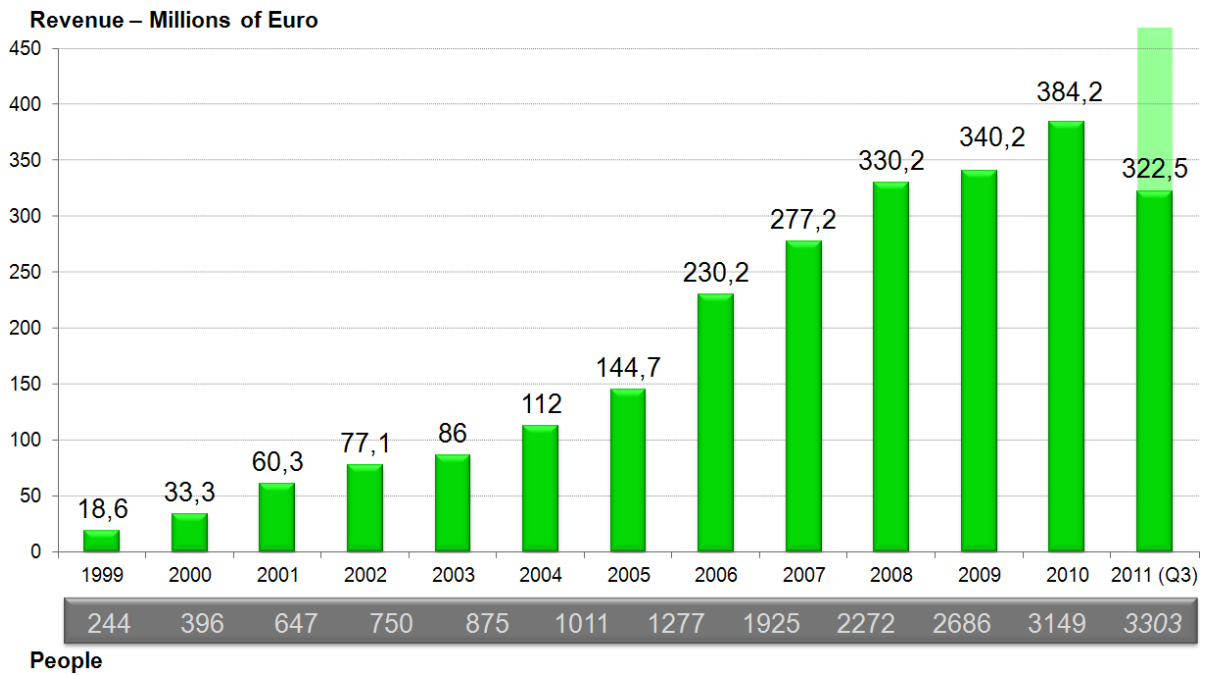
The continuous push for the convergence between Telco, Media and Consumer Electronics will bring in the coming years the necessity to interpret how on line devices, objects which are not linked to any form of connectivity (appliances, controllers for home automation, integrated system,...) will integrate with other machines. Machine 2 Machine or Internet of Things, is destined to become a fundamental sector for the distribution of new technologies both in companies and in daily life. Reply intends to become an important point of reference for this sector and its correlated services.

In February 2009, Reply acquired the Motorola research centre in Turin and set up its own Research and Development Centre aimed at working on the new internet of objects. The aim of Reply's new research centre is to create a platform of services, devices and middleware to support specific vertical applications such as info-mobility, advanced logistics, environmental safety, contactless payment and product traceability.

ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL TREND

From 1997 (the first complete financial year Reply was established), Reply has achieved important financial results, with constant and significant growth.

The sustained increase in sales, increased from 5.9 million in 1997 to 384.2 million in 2010, has been accompanied by equally important growth in the dimensions of the company, which has gone from 83 employees in 1997 to 3149 in December 2010.



Reply [Rey IM] since December 2000 is listed on Borsa Italiana Star Market.

1996-2011: A FEW MILESTONES

- **November 2011:** Reply introduces a new remote payment platform based on the scan of QR codes via mobile devices: HI CREDITS. HI CREDITS is based on Reply's proprietary Internet of Things platform, HI REPLY, and is designed to make the buy experience simple and 'smart'. Thanks to HI CREDITS, users can pay for goods and services by mobile phone in a simple, smart and secure way, as the system is integrated with the banking payment gateway.
- **November 2011:** Reply strengthens its presence in Europe through the acquisition of 80% Portaltech shares, a UK company specialising in consulting and implementation of multichannel e-commerce strategies and solutions. Portaltech's chosen technology platform is hybris, a global leader in e-commerce and multichannel software.
- **June 2011:** Reply unveiled HI REPLY, a services, devices and middleware platform for vertical applications such as info-mobility, advanced logistics, environmental safety, contactless payment and product track-and-trace. HI REPLY was designed and built by Concept Reply, the research and development centre of Reply for the Internet of Things (a collection of hardware and software technologies for exchanging information between networked devices for automation of mission-critical processes) which opened early in 2009, following Reply's acquisition of the Motorola research centre in Turin.
- **June 2011:** Reply enters the world of mobile gaming with Forge Reply, a company specialising in the development of games for mobile devices, smart phones and tablets for the consumer and business markets. The creation of Forge Reply is part of Reply's Digital Media and Mobile development strategy.
- **May 2011:** Reply has been chosen by 3 Italia, Fastweb, Poste Mobile, Tim, Vodafone Italia and Wind as its technology partner for the development the platform for mobile payments using credit left on the SIM (mPayment), announced today. The service, announced today simultaneously by all the mobile operators, will bring big benefits to all players involved: customers, mobile operators and content providers.
- **April 2011:** in line with its own development strategy, Reply creates Storm Reply, a company specialised in creating innovative services based on Cloud Computing. In particular, this new company assists businesses in the process of converting applications and infrastructure to Cloud Computing models, with consulting and solutions integration services in the areas of Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS) and virtualization of infrastructure environments (IaaS).
- **April 2011:** Reply launches Starbytes™, an online employment service for freelancers and ICT experts. In particular, Starbytes™ offers recent graduates in computer science and telecommunications, copywriters, professionals with relevant expertise and specialists in digital technologies the chance to work from home with one of the leading investors in, and believers of, innovation.
- **March 2011:** Technology Reply, a Reply Group company specialising in Oracle technologies, inaugurates Exalab, the first skills centre in Italy for Oracle Exadata Database Machine, and Oracle Exalogic Elastic Cloud solutions, the Enterprise category of the Oracle product family for the consolidation of grids and private clouds.
- **February 2011:** Reply consolidates its presence in Europe with the acquisition of avantage (UK) Limited ("avantage"), a United Kingdom registered company

specialising in the Financial Services market within the areas of risk, treasury and capital management, and financial performance management.

- **November 2010:** in Hamburg, in occasion of the 2010 Kress Award, the Sky Sport App, which was developed by Reply by order of Sky Deutschland, won the prize for the best application of 2010 in the *Web/Mobile category*. The application's launch at the German iTunes store saw the specific involvement of three Group companies: syskoplan AG, bitmama and Open Reply, which applied their own specialist skills and previous experience from similar projects in *SaaS (Software as a Service), Digital Communication and Mobile Architecture Content Delivery*.
- **August 2010:** Reply acquired 75.016% of the share capital of Riverland Solutions GmbH, a German company specialising in consulting and systems integration on Oracle Applications (Oracle CRM, Master Data Management, Fusion Middleware, Business Intelligence and Fusion Applications). Riverland considers some of the leading German companies in the Transportation, Life Science, Retail and Automotive industries amongst its clients. The acquisition of Riverland fits into Reply's development strategy of creating a European network of highly specialised boutique companies.
- **May 2010:** The General Meeting of Shareholders of syskoplan AG has approved the application of the Domination Agreement between syskoplan AG as dominated entity and its parent company Reply S.p.A. as dominating entity.
- **February 2010:** Technology Reply, a Reply Group company specialising in Oracle technology, is awarded Best Technology Partner at OPN Days Satellite Italy. The event is dedicated to Oracle's Italian partners and was held in February 2010 in Milan. Technology Reply is the first partner worldwide to have achieved specialisation in Oracle Business Intelligence Foundation.
- **September 2009:** Reply, through GAIA Reply™, optimises the visualisation and enjoyment of the mobile sites for la Repubblica (m.repubblica.it) and Radio DeeJay (m.deejay.it) on all phones, both old and new generation. GAIA Reply™ is Reply's proprietary platform designed to extract mobile content from any structured source, aggregate it according to the requirements of the type of service, and make it available, already optimised, for any mobile channel or device.
- **May 2009:** Google and Open Reply, a Reply Group company specialised in Open Source technologies and solutions and services in line with the principles of Web 2.0, sign a partnership for Google Apps Premier Edition, the cloud computing technology from Google's Enterprise division. Open Reply will offer the Italian market complete solutions based on Google technology, aimed in particular at medium-large businesses.
- **May 2009:** Reply establishes Live Reply, a new company committed to providing advanced services and digital contents for Mobile, the Web and TV. Live Reply is specialised in design, development and distribution of services and contents on Mobile and TV, in the definition of Community and Entertainment services for the Web, Mobile and TV, as well as in the development of advanced applications for mobile devices and Set-Top-Box.
- **May 2009:** together with the Armando Testa Group, the largest independent communications group and one of the most important in Europe, Reply establishes bitmama. The new company, committed to digital communications projects, combines and integrates strategic thought and creative talent with advanced technology solutions. Thus bitmama is one sole structure, able to look

at the brand and at its public from a multitude of viewpoints, according to a unique and non-fragmented design, in order to achieve the most effective result, regardless of the final destination platform.

- **April 2009:** Reply is one of the first companies chosen by Microsoft to implement its Online Business Productivity Suite, a set of integrated communication and collaboration solutions which allows companies to provide their collaborators with a leading-edge, unique production environment.
- **January 2009:** Reply acquires the Motorola research centre in Turin to set up a research and development centre in the area of M2M (Machine-to-Machine) technology: a set of hardware and software technologies aimed at information exchange and interaction between networked devices for automating mission-critical processes. The aim of Reply new research centre is to build a platform of services, devices and middleware, a foundation for industry-specific applications such as info-mobility, advanced logistics, environmental safety, contactless payment and product traceability.
- **October 2008:** Reply makes available the "Software as a Service" (SaaS) version of TamTamy (www.tamtamy.com), its Enterprise Social Networking platform, designed to facilitate and speed up the sharing of individual know-how, the collaboration and the activation of new ways to communicate. TamTamy allows companies to create "tailored" Enterprise Social Networks. Based on the latest technologies and online service distribution models – such as Enterprise Cloud Computing – TamTamy enables to create enterprise pay-per-use communities significantly reducing start-up costs and times.
- **July 2008:** Reply acquires 100% of the share capital of glue:, a company specialised in the consulting and design of service-oriented integration architectures (SOA, SaaS). Leader in Enterprise Architecture, Solution Design and SOA, glue: boasts among its reference customers leading organizations within the Telco & Media, Manufacturing, Insurance and Retail markets such as Argos, Axa, BBC, Boots, BSkyB, Cable & Wireless, Carphone Warehouse, Fosters, GlaxoSmithKline, J&J, Kraft Foods, Liverpool & Victoria, Marks & Spencer, Unilever, WH Smiths. The acquisition allows Reply to extend its own offerings to the UK market.
- **March 2008:** Reply signs a collaboration agreement with Oracle Corporation to co-develop and globally deploy solutions based on the open standard Oracle Application Integration Architecture (AIA) platform, enabling the integration of business processes through Oracle, third-party and proprietary applications.
- **March 2008:** Reply acquires 100% of the share capital of Communication Valley S.p.A., a company providing consulting, integration and management services for ICT Security systems, formerly belonging to Kyneste S.p.A., a UniCredit Group technology infrastructure company. This company is among the few in Italy specialised in ICT Security remote monitoring and management services and has active agreements with some of the major Italian and foreign Bank Groups. The acquisition of Communication Valley supplements the Reply offering targeted to security with other services and allows Reply to consolidate its positioning among the key players of an industry boasting growth rates far above the market average.
- **January 2008:** Reply introduces an advanced system for the delivery of multimedia contents addressed to Customers using the 89.24.24 service of Seat Pagine Gialle, the European leader and one of the major operators worldwide for multimedia telephone directories and high-tech products for the Internet. Through Reply, customers using the 89.24.24 service have the opportunity to

receive via MMS - directly on their mobile devices - multimedia contents and detailed information that do further improve the results of the research carried out on their behalf by customer service assistants.

- **March 2007:** Reply and EMC Corporation, world leader in Information Infrastructure solutions, sign a partnership. Reply establishes Square Reply to provide customers with ECM2-based solutions to monitor, manage, optimize and protect the entire information life cycle.
- **December 2006:** In Dubai, Reply is awarded the OPN (Oracle Partner Network) Innovation Awards EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) for its "Leonardo" project implemented for Comando Carabinieri Tutela del Patrimonio Culturale (CCTPC, the Carabinieri Section for the Protection of the Cultural Heritage) providing an advanced tool to monitor, identify and recover stolen works of art.
- **November 2006:** Reply, in partnership with Microsoft and Intel, sets up the first Italian labs to allow companies to test new Microsoft technologies: Vista and Office 2007.
- **December 2005 – April 2006:** Reply signs an agreement for the takeover of syskoplan AG, a German company listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, which is leader in CRM consulting. The operation was completed in April 2006, when Reply took over 63.8% of syskoplan A.G.'s corporate capital.
- **May 2005:** Reply acquires a branch from the Fiat Group dedicated to the management of the "third-party customers" of Fiat Gesco, a company specialised in process management solutions. With this acquisition, Reply adds a new important component to its offering including Consulting, System Integration, Application Management and Process Management.
- **February 2004:** Reply is included in the annual Forbes classification of the top 25 companies with the highest growth rate.
- **October 2003:** Reply is the first Italian system integrator to enter WS-I (Web Services Interoperability organisation).
- **October 2003:** Reply founds an in-house research centre for the use and application of RFID technologies.
- **June 2002:** According to Mediobanca's annual report, Reply earns the top ranking among Italian middle-sized enterprises for the growth achieved on the basis of business parameters.
- **April 2002:** Reply establishes a business unit dedicated to the study and development of mobile applications.
- **April 2001:** Oracle names Reply the European Partner of the year for "Customer Satisfaction".
- **December 2000:** Reply is listed on the New Market of the Italian Stock Exchange.
- **June 1996:** Reply is founded by a group of managers from the IT sector, led by Mario Rizzante.

Information & Contacts:

Reply S.p.A.

M: info@reply.eu

W: www.reply.eu