

Welcome!

I'm only the "local" organizer.

The "global" organizer is Professor Tom McCurdy. He invented the Rotman Competition. He had a vision, he created something unique. His ideas are moving the world of finance, at the Academic level.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand up to join me in a big applause in honor of Professor McCurdy!

And his staff: Eric, Marco, Amanda, Jeremy.

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I would also like to thank all the people here at LUISS that made this competition possible. From the Director General to the Administration, the technical staff, Alessandro, Mirella and all the volunteers.

Last but not least. I wish you to thank all of you. You made me save a lot of money. Instead of travelling from east to west (from Russia to Spain), from north to south (from Norway to Malta), instead of going to Kazakhstan, well ... I brought Europe to Rome.

I didn't know that we have 51 Countries in Europe. Today we have 31 Countries represented by 39 teams. It's a great success. For Luiss, for Rotman, ... and I would say also for Rome.

Today is August 23rd. Where to stay at the end of August if not in the city of Augustus, the Roman Emperor.

Rome. What else?