

Dear Students,

thank you very much for being “here” today, even if the term “here” is not “clear” to me.

However, luckily - in these weird times - cables and wires make it possible for us to be connected.

So, welcome to the Rotman European Trading Competition!

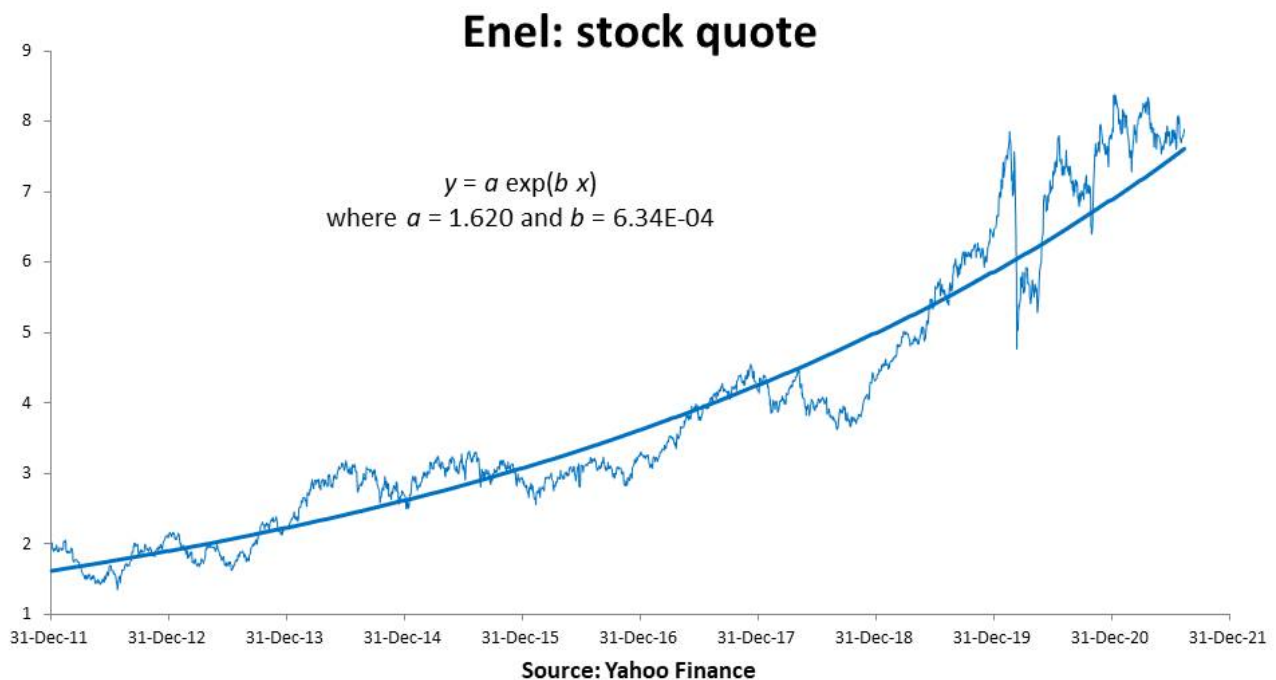
Today is August 27th. I love August. I was born in August. And you, yes you, can understand that August is my favorite month. Besides, I love the number 27. It was the number of Gilles Villeneuve, the most beloved F1 Ferrari driver, my favorite driver. He was “humble but fearless”.

So, today is the “right” day to be here and I would like to take this chance to thank all our sponsors (Enel, EIB Institute, Intesa Sanpaolo, Leonardo, G-Research) and to share with you a couple of things: i) some evidence and ii) a wish.

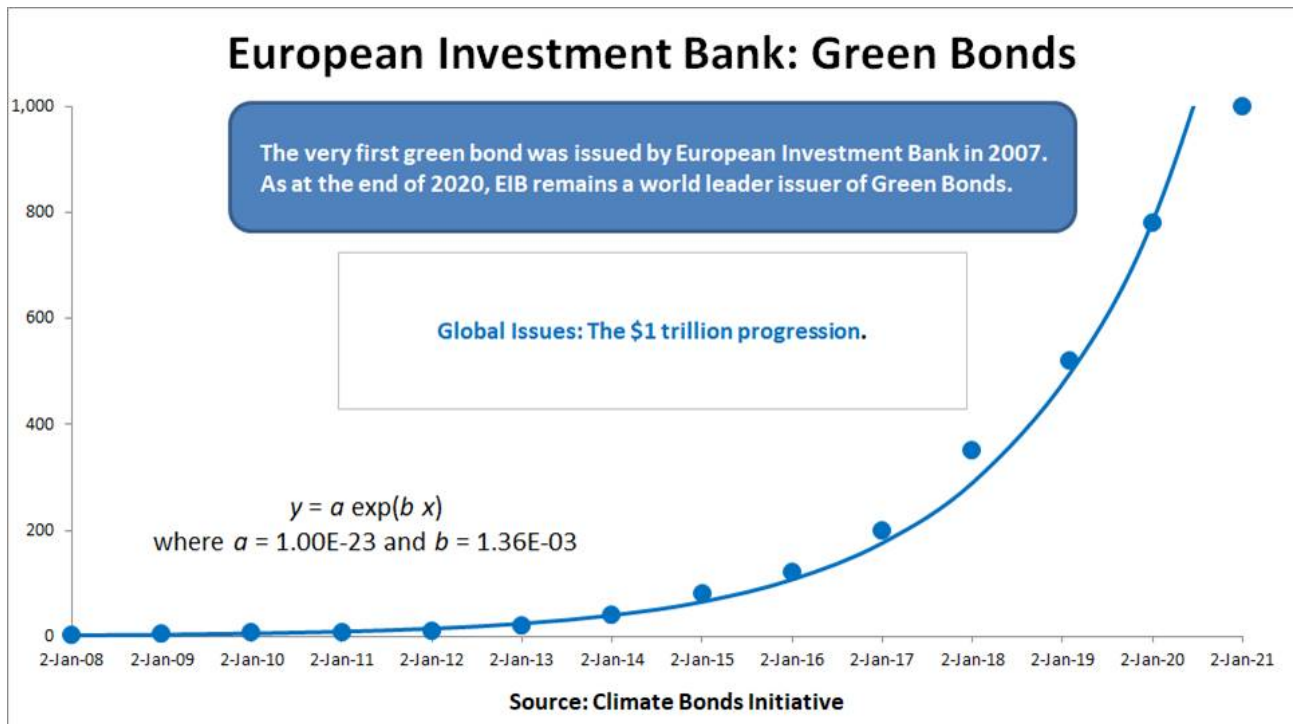
The **evidence**: “RETC brings luck to both *sponsors* and *students*”.

Our three main *sponsors* experienced an “exponential growth” since 2012, when the first RETC took place. Let’s give a look at the slides:

- the exponential growth of Enel stock



- the exponential growth of green bonds, a market where EIB is a leader



- the exponential growth of Intesa Sanpaolo stock.



RETC brings luck also to *students*. This competition can boost your career in the world of banking and finance. As you can see, many of the past participants now work in the most prestigious European Institutions.

RETC brings luck to students!
... this is where past participants landed ...



Last but not least, I would like to share a **wish** with you. I hope that next year this competition will be on-site, in Rome. Luiss offers you a beautiful residence near our campus (it was a four-star hotel). And you, yes you, could even drive to Rome because, as you know, all roads lead to Rome!



And I stop here. Many, many thanks to all of you! ... and GOOD LUCK!