

in brief

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Arriva is the largest wholly privately owned public transport operator in Italy.

The Italian passenger transport market is the third largest in Europe.

History

Arriva entered the Italian market in July 2002 when it acquired SAB Autoservizi Srl, a bus group with subsidiaries operating in the Lombardy, Liguria and Friuli-Venezia Giulia regions of northern Italy.

It made further acquisitions in April 2004 when it acquired 49 per cent of Società Autoservizi FVG SpA (SAF) in the Udine area of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region, and in October 2005, when it acquired 80 per cent of the SADEM operations near Turin.

Arriva Italia was established in 2007 as the holding company of the societies (SAB, SIA, SAL, SAIA, SADEM), and in other cases it has the majority shareholding (SAF, RTL).

The market

With competitive tendering yet to emerge fully, the situation in Italy remains diverse. The market is highly fragmented with a large number of local operators, owned principally by regions and municipalities.

Bus

Arriva Italia

Arriva is the largest wholly privately owned public transport operator in Italy, with approximately five per cent of the bus market.

In some cities, such as Trieste, Cremona and Como, Arriva has a minority shareholding in but management control of operating companies, KM, Trieste Trasporti, ASF.

SAB, SAL, SIA, SAIA

SAB, SAL, SIA, SAIA operate principally in the Lombardy region of northern Italy, providing urban, inter-urban and airport services in the Bergamo, Brescia and Lecco areas.



SADEM

SADEM and its subsidiary SAPAV operate in the Piemonte and Valle d'Aosta regions of northern Italy to the west of Arriva's other operations. Their main activity is the operation of public transport bus services as well as commercial, contract and private hire services.

SAIA Trasporti

In January 2008 we increased our shareholding in Brescia-based SAIA Trasporti to 100 per cent. The initial shareholding was acquired as part of the purchase of the SAB Group of companies in 2002.



SAF

In 2004 Arriva purchased 49 per cent of SAF, increasing this to 60 per cent in December 2005. SAF operates inter-urban, urban and contract operations in the province of Udine.

ASF autolinee (ASF)

In 2007 Arriva entered a joint venture with Ferrovie Nord Milano Group (FNM SpA) and acquired 49 per cent of Italian bus operator SPT Linea.

SPT Linea operates buses across the Lombardy region of northern Italy.

Trieste Trasporti SPA

In 2005 Arriva acquired a 35 per cent stake in Trieste Trasporti which increased by a further 5 per cent in September 2006.

Arriva in Italy

Arriva's combined businesses in Italy have 2,550 employees and operate 1,950 vehicles.

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