



Argotec-Rheinmetall: space defense takes flight into orbit

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In orbit, the **first satellite** that will collect defense data for a **future constellation**. Meanwhile, the Turin-based company is looking to the **capital markets** and a **Nasdaq** listing: CEO **David Avino** — a former **Captain in the 185° Reggimento Ricognizione Acquisizione Obiettivi (RAO) "Folgore"** — outlines the prospects for **record growth** driven by an entirely *in-house* business model and Italian capital.

Argotec, the Turin-based aerospace company specializing in microsatellites and fresh from a **strategic agreement with German defense giant Rheinmetall**, is looking with increasing seriousness to the capital markets and new investors to accelerate its global expansion.

The company's financial results point to an extraordinary industrial transformation:

- **Record 2025 revenue:** revenue surged **+60% to 57 million euros** (compared with 35.4 million in 2024), with the prospect of **reaching 100 million euros**.
- **Record profitability and EBITDA:** EBITDA reached **28% (more than 16 million euros)**, demonstrating the exceptional financial strength of a profitable company capable of

generating cash from day one.

- **Capital raising and investors:** a plan has been launched to **raise 100 million euros from new investors** to compete in an increasingly competitive global market.
- **Workforce growth:** the company has surpassed **250 employees** (with nearly 70 open positions), aiming to **reach a total of 400 employees in Italy and the U.S.** between the end of the year and early 2027.

«We have always been an atypical company, profitable from day one despite the many millions invested,» explains **David Avino**, the company's CEO and co-founder, who leads the firm with the discipline and rigor stemming from his previous service as a **Captain in the 185° Reggimento Paracadutisti**.

Asked about a possible **Nasdaq listing**, Avino confirmed the strategic interest in the U.S.: «The **United States represents a larger market for us** and one where we intend to grow.» In addition to its Los Angeles hub for advanced telecommunications solutions, Argotec has opened its manufacturing facility in **Melbourne, Florida** (near Cape Canaveral), where **a further \$30 million in investments** is planned.

The alliance with Rheinmetall and the sentinels of space

The agreement with Rheinmetall has placed into orbit the **first satellite in a constellation dedicated to military surveillance and air defense**, with a second launch scheduled for **2028**.

«Having a partner like Rheinmetall, **Europe's most important defense company**, is a major success for us. There are highly significant opportunities in the pipeline for both Italy and Germany», Avino notes.

The satellites will operate as a network of true **space sentinels**, turning data into strategic intelligence to support decision-making processes aimed at **preventing and anticipating potential threats**. Autonomous navigation and target identification technologies matured during NASA deep-space missions now find **direct application in the defense sector as well**.

Artificial Intelligence and in-house industrial production

Data processing leverages **edge computing** and **artificial intelligence** systems directly onboard the platforms:

- **Machine Learning in space:** applications analyze and process data in orbit to provide ground stations with information ready for use.
- **Central human control:** final interpretation and strategic decisions always remain the **responsibility of humans**.

The entire production chain follows a **fully in-house** model: raw material (aluminum) enters the plant, and completed, tested satellites emerge. At the **SpacePark in San Mauro Torinese** (12,000 square meters inaugurated in 2024), production capacity has moved beyond the artisanal scale and is targeting an industrial rate of **one satellite per week** (on standard platforms up to 350 kg), enabling participation in approximately **20 launches in a single year**. Among the flagship projects on the horizon is the **Henon** mission (scheduled for 2027), which is set to travel as far as **27 million kilometers from Earth**. This path of technological excellence began with iconic projects such as **ISSpresso** — the coffee machine developed with Lavazza for the International Space Station — and has now reached the forefront of **European space defense and security**.