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TEN INVESTORS TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE CAPITAL MARKET IN THE BOOK "MY FIRST INVESTMENT" RELEASED TODAY BY BVB

- **Catalin Striblea, journalist:** A book like a movie. It's the story of ordinary people who decided at some point to change something in their lives. They have learned that life and money can give you much more if you try and you dare.
- **Ludwik Sobolewski, CEO BVB:** We have examples of stock listings, bond issuances, investor experiences. All we have to do from now on is to follow these examples. Besides money or time, being an investor is a state of mind.
- **Lucian Anghel, BVB President:** The 10 investors are an example for millions of Romanians who can become active investors at any time if they want so.

[Bucharest Stock Exchange \(BVB\)](#), the most important institution of the local capital market, launched the book "My first investment", an unprecedented action taken by an European exchange to raise awareness on the importance and impact of financial education upon the future of millions of Romanians. The book includes investors' ten stories about the local capital market.

„A book like a movie. I know you're expecting to be the "The Wolf of Wall Street ". I know you'd like to be yachts, super cars or the hottest parties. But it's not like that. It's the story of ordinary people who decided at some point to change something in their lives. They are not millionaires. They are people who have saved their savings and led them to the Stock Exchange. They won or lost. They were up or down. They were patient or hurried. But the most of all, they read, researched, learned. And they learned that life and money can give you much more if you try and you dare,” said the journalist Cătălin Striblea about the book launched by BVB.

„ My first investment" tells the story of several investors who have discovered their passion for stock market early, during high school, or later, after the age of 50. They are people with different lives, with different experiences, located throughout Romania or overseas.

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is to follow these examples. Besides money or time, being an investor is a state of mind,” said Ludwik Sobolewski, Bucharest Stock Exchange CEO, at the launch event of the publication.

Each of the ten stories is a barometer of the mood that the exchange can give you. „The ten are an example for millions of Romanians who can become active investors at any time if they have a will. Studies show that Romanians are requesting investment advice from people who do not know the domain, so I recommend them reading any of the ten stories because I am convinced they will understand better what it means to become an investor, ”said Lucian Anghel, BVB President.

The ten investors included in the book are: Alexandru Gadea, 36 years old, the first investment in 2013; Iulian Ciobescu, 28 years old, first investment in 2017; Andrei Badiu, 37 years old, first investment 1997; Csongor Zsombori, 38 years old, first investment in 2004; Carmen Bobu, 42 years old, first investment in 2002; Emilian Rada, 64 years old, first investment in 1997; Doru Hadimbu, 55 years old, first investment in 1997; Gabriel Dima, 53 years old, first investment in 2016; Ionel Popescu, 37 years old, first investment in 2016; Mircea Rujinschi-Secara, 34 years old , first investment in 2013.

"My first investment" is a project launched for the National Investment Day, an initiative to set up such a day on May 15 each year. The distribution of the book in the bookstores in Bucharest and throughout the country represents a natural follow up of this approach. BVB established partnerships for the distribution of the book "My first investment" with the bookstores [Carturesti](#), [Diverta](#), [eMAG](#) and Inmedio network together with [NewMoney](#) magazine.