



HUMAN CAPITAL (IL CAPITALE UMANO)

Spring
Season
2015

Release: 2014
Cert (UK): 15
Runtime: 111 mins
Director: Paolo Virzi
Screenwriters: Paolo Virzi, Francesco Piccolo

Cast: Fabrizio Bentivoglio, Fabrizio Gifuni, Matilde Gioli, Guglielmo Pinelli,
Valeria Bruni Tedeschi

Adapting Stephen Amidon's novel, the director and his co-writers divide the narrative into four chapters, viewing overlapping events through the eyes of different characters. The action, set in northern Italy's Lombardy region, begins with an accident on a wintry road. It then pulls back six months, tracking the increasingly calamitous entanglements of the ultra-wealthy Bernaschis and the middle-class Ossolas.

We see the events leading up to the tragedy, first from the point of view of Dino Ossola, a financially struggling Realtor; then from Carla Bernaschi, the trophy wife of hedge manager Giovanni Bernaschi; and then from Serena who is Dino's daughter and happens to be dating the playboy son of the Bernaschis.



The novel *Human Capital* was chosen by Jonathan Yardley of The Washington Post as one of the five best works of fiction of 2004. The film adaptation, directed by Paolo Virzi, won best film at the 2014 David di Donatello, Nastro d'Argento, and Globi D'Oro Awards. The film premiered in America at the 2014 Tribeca Film Festival and it is Italy's entry for best foreign language film at the 2015 Academy Awards.

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