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ASSOGESTIONI GATHERS THE PROTAGONISTS OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, EXPECTED OVER 80 SPEAKERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

A week away from the Auxiliary Corporate Governance Conference in Rome, 4 thematic panels and 17 academic insights are confirmed. The event will be opened by Carlo Trabattoni, Assogestioni's Chair, and Roberto Gualtieri, Mayor of Rome

The experts of the global corporate governance and the top management of some of the main listed companies in Italy are set to meet at a unique event, which will take place in Rome on October 12-13-14: the **Auxiliary Corporate Governance Conference**.

A week away from the opening of the conference, Assogestioni, organiser of the event, unveils a rich agenda, designed to delve into the topics that are heating up the global debate on corporate governance, with the contribution of the international protagonists that operate in this field on a day-by-day basis.

Over 80 speakers of primary standing, national and international, representing institutions, investors, Italian issuers, proxy advisors, advisory bigwigs and the academic world will take the stage. Notably, at the gala dinner that will forerun, are expected the speeches of **Carlo Trabattoni, Assogestioni's Chair, Roberto Gualtieri, Mayor of Rome and Pietro Labriola, TIM Group's CEO**.

*"We're honoured to organise such a deep debate, right after the IOC Annual Forum, a pivotal event for the global corporate governance", says **Fabio Galli, Director General, Assogestioni**.*

OCTOBER 12 - "Corporate governance and stewardship: a comparison of international practices and trends"

The opening of the proceedings, held by Chairman Trabattoni, will be followed by four thematic sessions dedicated to climate change, transition to a sustainable economy, engagement and remuneration, which will be introduced by four keynote



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speakers: in order, **Andrew Hobbs**, EMEIA Public Policy Leader at EY; **Piermario Barzaghi**, Partner at KPMG; **Dan Konigsburg**, Global Corporate Governance Leader at Deloitte and **Stilpon Nestor**, Senior Advisor at Morrow Sodali.

The roundtables which will host the discussions between international investors and representatives of some of the most important Italian listed companies will be moderated by: **Hope Mehlman**, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Bank of the West; **Patrick Amis**, Director General Specialised Institutions & LSIs, European Central Bank; **Amy Borrus**, Executive Director, Council of Institutional Investors (US) and **Stephen Davis**, Senior Fellow, Harvard Law School and current IOC Chair.

OCTOBER 13, 14 - "Board-shareholder dialogue: Best practices, legal constraints and policy options"

This is the title of the two Academic Days that will bring together, under the scientific direction of Professors **Luca Enriques (Oxford University)** and **Giovanni Strampelli (Bocconi University)**, the world's leading academics and practitioners in a debate on best practices in shareholder-issuer engagement, the results of which will be collected in a unique volume published by Cambridge University Press.

Massimo Menchini, Director of Institutional Affairs, Assogestioni, who together with Professor Enriques will open the proceedings of these two days, comments: *"We wished to focus on issues that increasingly constitute the key metrics for measuring good corporate governance practices. Not only that. They represent areas in focus for the training of directors, which is why they will also remain as leitmotifs of the academic discussions"*.

The Auxiliary Corporate Governance Conference will take place in the aftermath of the **IOC Annual Forum on October 11**, a day on which the Committee will hold, again in the setting of the Ara Pacis Auditorium, the first in-person forum hosted by Assogestioni.

Stephen Davis, current IOC Chair and Senior Fellow at Harvard Law School will host the whole event, which will be opened with a keynote address by **Fabio Galli**, Director General, Assogestioni, while **Konstantinos Sergakis**, Professor of



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Capital Markets Law and Corporate Governance, University of Glasgow School of Law, will outline the key findings of the IOC's 2022 annual review.

Amy Borrus, Executive Director, Council of Institutional Investors (U.S.), Mirte Bronsdijk, Senior Responsible Investment & Governance Specialist, APG and Michael Herskovich, Global Head of Stewardship, BNP Paribas Asset Management, as members of the IOC, will moderate the next three panels, aimed at delving into service quality, conflicts of interest avoidance and management and communications policy, that is to say the three principles underlying the self-regulatory rules of proxy voting advisory and research firms that are signatories to the BPPs (Best Practice Principles), which to date are: Federated Hermes, Glass Lewis, ISS, Minerva Analytics, and PIRC.

Both events will be broadcasted live on [FRIVision](#). To find out more, please visit:

- [IOC Annual Forum website](#)
- [Auxiliary Corporate Governance Conference website](#)

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The purpose of the BPPG is to promote greater understanding of the proxy research industry by developing and regularly updating a set of Best Practice Principles for Providers of Shareholder Voting Research & Analysis that signatories to the Principles should adopt on a comply-or-explain basis. BPPG launched the first edition of the Principles in 2014, with the current version issued in 2019. The current BPPG Members are Federated Hermes (EOS), Glass Lewis, ISS, Minerva Analytics and PIRC.

INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - IOC

In 2019 the BBPG appointed the IOC to provide an annual review of the Best Practice Principles and the public compliance statements of each BPP Signatory. The IOC's purpose is to independently assure international markets that firms in the proxy voting research and advisory industry are meeting agreed best practices and serving the interests of their investor customers while treating issuers and other stakeholders fairly, with accuracy, integrity,



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and responsiveness. The IOC is comprised of its Independent Chair, Dr. Stephen Davis, and six institutional investor representatives, three public company representatives, and two independent academic representatives.

ASSOGESTIONI – ITALIAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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