

PRESS RELEASE

**CARLO MESSINA NAMED
“EUROPEAN BANKER OF THE YEAR”**

***Award presented in Frankfurt by the international financial and business
journalists’ association “The Group of 20+1”***

Frankfurt/Milan, 19 November 2025 – **Carlo Messina**, CEO of Intesa Sanpaolo, has been named “**European Banker of the Year 2024**”, by the Group of 20+1, the international association of financial and business journalists. The recognition was announced last June.

The ceremony – which gathered **more than 200 guests** – took place in the **Kaisersaal (Emperors’ Hall) of Frankfurt’s Römer (City Hall)**, with speeches by **Fabrizio Bucci**, Italian Ambassador to Germany; **Stephanie Wüst**, Deputy Mayor and Head of the Department of Economy, Legal Affairs and City Marketing of Frankfurt; **Sergio P. Ermotti**, Group CEO of UBS Group AG and the previous European Banker of the Year 2023; **Albrecht F. Schirmacher**, Chairman of “The Group of 20+1” and Publisher at DER PLATOW Brief; and **Andreas Scholz**, President of the Euro Finance Group.

The award recognizes:

- consistently excellent results achieved since 2013;
- a more than threefold increase of Intesa Sanpaolo’s stock market value;
- the Bank’s highest-ever net income in 2024;
- the Group’s strong commitment to supporting the green transition;
- and its significant role in social impact initiatives.

Carlo Messina, CEO of Intesa Sanpaolo, said: *“This recognition honours a model of banking that combines strength with purpose. At Intesa Sanpaolo, we believe profitability and social impact are complementary — and that turning savings into confidence, and confidence into growth, is the mission of a bank worthy of trust.”*

Sergio P. Ermotti, Group CEO of UBS Group AG, as the previous recipient of the award, introduced Carlo Messina, commenting: *“Carlo has established himself as a leader of European banking – a man who is driven by passion, but makes decisions based on extensive knowledge and experience, and leads with vision.”*

Albrecht F. Schirmacher, Chairman of “The Group 20+1” and Publisher of DER PLATOW Brief, commented during the assignment of the award: *“Carlo Messina is one of the longest-serving CEOs in European banking. His achievements go well beyond financial results; it’s far more than banking. Intesa Sanpaolo has strongly embraced its social responsibilities.”*

“The Group of 20+1” is a leading international association of financial and business journalists based in Frankfurt am Main, established by the dfv Euro Finance Group.

*Members of “The Group of 20+1” include”: Tim Bartz (DER SPIEGEL), Frank Bethmann (ZDF), Maja Brankovic (WirtschaftsWoche), Antje Erhard (ARD Hessischer Rundfunk), Viola Grebe (dfv Mediengruppe), Christiaan Hetzner (Financial Journalist), Christian Kirchner (Finanz-Szene.de), Markus Lachmann (FinanzBusiness), Michael Maisch (Handelsblatt), Klaus Dieter Oehler (Financial Journalist), Michael Rasch (Neue Zürcher Zeitung), Ulrich Reitz (n-tv Nachrichtenfernsehen), Albrecht F. Schirmacher (DER PLATOW Brief), Sebastian Schmid (Börsen-Zeitung), Meike Schreiber (Süddeutsche Zeitung), Katharina Slodczyk (manager magazin), Sarah Speicher-Utsch (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung), Olaf Storbeck (Financial Times), Annette Weisbach (CNBC International), Cornelius Welp (WELT / WELT am SONNTAG).

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