

PRESS RELEASE

INTESA SANPAOLO RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE MOST SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES IN THE WORLD

- **For the third year running, the only Italian bank to be announced as one of the 100 most sustainable companies in the ranking compiled by Corporate Knights**
- **The Group also features in the Climate Change A List 2018 from the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)**

Milan, 22 January 2019 – Intesa Sanpaolo has received two major recognitions for its commitment to sustainability.

Today, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Intesa Sanpaolo has been announced, for the third year running, as the only Italian bank featured among the 100 most sustainable listed companies in the world in a ranking compiled by Corporate Knights, a Canadian magazine specialising in sustainability. Intesa Sanpaolo was ranked 80th out of approximately 7500 businesses analysed on the basis of 21 indicators on environmental, social and governance issues.

It was also announced today that the Group has made the “**Climate Change A List 2018**” of the **Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)** for its commitment to fighting climate change and for its environmentally friendly strategy, which involves, among other things, supporting a low carbon-emission economy. CDP is a non-profit organisation that provides a global measurement and disclosure system for information relating to environmental impact. Specifically, the Climate Change A List 2018 features 126 world-leading companies, out of about 7000 companies analysed, based on their environmental performance and how they mitigate the effects of climate change.

Commitment to environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues and business ethics is a key factor in the 2018-2021 Business Plan.

“We are very proud of being recognised on an international level once again. This news confirms that we are taking great strides towards sustainability. As a leading company, these achievements spur us on to continue contributing in an increasingly significant way to sustainable development and to the transition to a more environmentally friendly economy” said **Intesa Sanpaolo CEO and Managing Director Carlo Messina**. *“As the 2018-2021 Business Plan clearly shows, we believe that economic performance is not possible without a wider framework of social and environmental measures , which must be spread out through the entire value chain”*.

This recognition comes just a few days after Intesa Sanpaolo's inclusion in the **Gender Equality Index (GEI) 2019**, a cross-cutting index for all business sectors, launched by

Bloomberg in 2018 that evaluates the commitment and actions taken by major world-leading listed companies in achieving gender equality.

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