

## Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners crowned "Legal Advisor of the Year" for Italy by Mergermarket and Financial Times

*A new and prestigious award confirms the firm's leadership*

London, December 17, 2012 –Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners was designated as the winner of "Legal Advisor of the Year" for Italy at the European M&A Awards 2012 hosted by Mergermarket and Financial Times.

This award, considered to be one of the most prestigious on the European M&A scene, was distributed during the annual awards ceremony held in London which was attended by the most important financial and legal advisors on the European and International arena.

With this award, Mergermarket (the independent, international company part of the Financial Times Group) recognizes the high level reputation the firm beholds on the market. In 2012 the firm, which prides in the country's largest M&A team, has been involved in the most important transactions that have taken place in Italy such as the sale of the San Raffaele hospital, the acquisition of Snam, Sace e Simest by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti as well as the acquisition of Hera by Fondo Strategico Italiano which represents the fund's first investment in a company which operates in the public utility services sector.

This has been an exceptional year for Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners both for the deals it has assisted and, consequently, for the awards it has received. In fact, "Legal Advisor of the Year" follows a long series of other recognitions won by the firm in 2012 such as:

- "Law Firm of the Year" at the Top Legal Awards;
- "Law Firm of the Year – Italy" at The Lawyer European Awards 2012;
- "Best Italian law Firm 2012" at The Legal Alliance Summit & Awards;
- "Law Firm of the Year" at the Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence 2012.

Tomaso Cenci, Managing Partner of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo Cappelli & Partners comments: "We are extremely proud of this recognition. These awards validate our firm's leadership and endorse the excellency that our lawyers continue to express constantly, every day, in all areas of their activity."

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### *Notes to Editor:*

• Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners is an international law firm with about 370 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, London and New York.

• The Firm is considered among the leaders in Italy in global business services and is active in the field of M&A, Corporate, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Antitrust and Regulatory, Real Estate, Litigation and Arbitration, Restructuring, Public Law and Tenders, Environmental, Projects, Tax, Labour and IP.

• In 2012 the Firm was nominated "Law Firm of the Year" for Italy by Chambers and Partners, the leading international directory of the legal profession, and by magazines "The Lawyer", "Top Legal" and Mergermarket.



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