

## GOP named Legal Adviser of the Year Italy at the Mergermarket European M&A Awards

London, December 11, 2015 – The international law firm Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners was designated as the winner of "Legal Advisor of the Year" for Italy at the 2015 European M&A Awards hosted by Mergermarket.

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

This award confirms the firm's leadership in the M&A market which was also recognized by its top spot in the 1H2015 Mergermarket M&A rankings as legal adviser for Italian deals, for both value and deal count. This result was achieved due to the firm's involvement in deals of important strategic value for the country's economic asset as well as for mid-market transactions.

Among the main assignments Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners secured during 2015, special mention should be made to: Hitachi in its acquisition of 40% of Ansaldo STS; Dufry in its acquisition of World Duty Free from Edizione Holding and Schematrentaquattro which created the world's biggest travel retailer; JP Morgan in the takeover of Pirelli by Marco Polo Industrial Holding, a company controlled by ChemChina.

Francesco Gianni, Founder and Head of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo Cappelli & Partners' M&A department states: "All activity related to M&A transactions has always been a focal point of excellence for our firm but it shares, with our other practice areas, the cornerstones on which we base our entire approach towards the market: attention to the needs of our clients, strategic vision, and offering high quality legal support. We are extremely proud to have received this prestigious recognition which, once again, confirms the validity of the model of legal assistance interpreted by our firm."

## Notes to Editor:

**Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners** is an international law firm with about 380 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, Hong Kong, 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, IP, Wealth and Trust.

In 2014 the Firm was nominated "Law Firm of the Year" for Italy by the "The Lawyer" magazine.

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