

Press Release

Roberto Cappelli joins Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners

*Partners Meeting decides to expand the name of the firm
to Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners*

Rome - Milan, 8 November 2011 – The international law firm Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners is delighted to announce that the Partners Meeting held on November 7th unanimously approved Roberto Cappelli joining the firm as a Partner from December 1, 2011. The partners also voted unanimously in favour of expanding the firm's name to Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners.

Roberto Cappelli joins the firm with a team of 10 lawyers and will be based in the firm's offices in Rome and Milan.

His experience and the esteem in which he is held by the industry confirm Cappelli's status as a corporate finance lawyer of the very highest order, who will be able to strengthen the leadership of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners both in Italy and internationally.

Cappelli was one of the founders of Grimaldi e Associati and, during its association with Clifford Chance between 1993 and 2003, led the firm's Corporate Department in Italy. Following the separation from Clifford Chance, Cappelli continued as a Partner and managed the Corporate and M&A division of Grimaldi e Associati. He has worked on some of the largest deals of recent years, advising leading public and private companies as well as Italian and international financial institutions on corporate law. He is currently the Deputy Chairman of A.S. Roma S.p.A. and is a member of the Board of Directors of The Space Entertainment S.p.A. and Fondiaria SAI S.p.A.

The team of lawyers joining Cappelli at the firm will include Senior Associates Salvatore Grimaldi, Stefania Lo Curto, Sara Paoni and Nabor Zaffiri, together with Associates Francesca Biocca, Annamaria Briamonte, Francesco Conti, Lucia Occhiuto, Francesca Pagnanini and Pietro Vitale.

With the addition of Cappelli and his team Gianni, Origoni, Grippo and Partners consolidates its leadership in the corporate finance sector, with over 150 dedicated lawyers making it the largest group of this kind in the Italian legal market.

"These hirings demonstrates our ability to attract the finest talent in the legal sector. Roberto Cappelli is one of the best known and most highly respected lawyers in Italy and internationally", said Francesco Gianni, Senior Partner at Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners. "His outstanding professional reputation makes him a significant asset for consolidating the leadership of not only our corporate finance group, but of the entire firm. The decision taken at the Partners Meeting to expand our name underlines the contribution that Cappelli will make to the growth of the firm".

“Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners is not only a clear market leader, but is also equipped with a truly integrated set of capabilities and areas of geographical focus”, said Cappelli. “I am sure that the combination of the experience I have accumulated so far and the vision that has characterised the history of the firm will result in significant synergies, further boosting its plans for growth”.

Notes to Editor:

- **Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners** is an international law firm with 350 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.
- The Firm was awarded “**Law Firm of the Year**” at the **IFLR Awards 2011**, for the fourth time in the last few years.

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