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iQera Italia strengthens its governance and appoints Luigi Roth as Chairman

The company's Board of Directors also approved the appointment of Michele Valensise as an independent director

iQera Italia (Italian subsidiary of the iQera Group, leader in credit management with over 35 years of experience and a 2020 turnover of 292 million euros) strengthens its corporate governance and opens its Board of Directors to independents.

As of November 12, Luigi Roth - who is appointed Chairman - and Michele Valensise both join the Board of Directors of iQera Italia. Both serve as independent non-executive directors and join the three directors currently in office: Jean-François Bensahel (Chairman of the iQera Group holding company), Jérémie Dyen (Executive Chairman of iQera Group) and Francesco Magliocchetti, Managing Director of iQera Italia.

With the inclusion of professionals not directly linked to the ordinary management of the company, the governance of iQera Italia acquires a strategic role, aligned to the best practices available, where the contribution of significant external experience represents a differentiating and accelerating condition for the pursuit of long-term objectives: iQera Italia aims, in fact, to become a leader in the field of debt management and real estate services.

iQera Italia is active in the Italian NPL/UTP market as local subsidiary of iQera Group and as Servicer specialized in the integrated management of credit and real estate assets, following the re-branding of Sistemica S.p.A. last June 2021.

iQera Italia is among the top ten players in Italy in terms of value of NPLs managed and operates on the Italian market also through its subsidiary, Serfin97 s.r.l..

Luigi Roth - The new Chairman brings to iQera the experience of a long managerial career and a deep knowledge of the business world and of the public/private sector, strengthened and enhanced over the years also by sitting in several Boards. Awarded the honorary title of Cavaliere del Lavoro in 2004, Roth is currently non-executive Chairman of Fincantieri SI (a subsidiary of the Fincantieri Group), Arriva Italia (a leading company in the public transport sector) and FNM Pay (FNM Group). He also holds roles in the financial sector: he is, in fact, Chairman of Equita and Equita Capital Sgr and of Alba Leasing.



During his managerial career, Luigi Roth has been Chairman of Terna Group, Vice Chairman of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and Chairman of Fondazione Fiera Milano. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of companies such as ASTM, Pirelli and Telecom Italia.

Michele Valensise brings to iQera the invaluable background of his decades-long diplomatic career: he was Italian Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil and Germany, Head of the Press Service and finally Secretary General of the Farnesina. Mr. Valensise has also gained significant experience in corporate governance, holding positions on the Boards of Directors of major Italian companies of global importance. He is a board member of Webuild, Tim Brasil (Tim's subsidiary) and Defence Tech. Until spring 2021, he was an independent director on the Board of Directors of Tim.

Jean-François Bensahel, Chairman of the iQera Group holding company and outgoing Chairman of iQera Italy commented: "It is with great pleasure that I hand over the baton as Chairman of the Board of Directors to Luigi Roth, who will support the growth of the Group in Italy with his remarkable and versatile experience gained at the highest levels in public and private companies".

Francesco Magliocchetti, CEO of iQera Italia added "Luigi Roth and Michele Valensise allow iQera Italia to operate strategically in a highly dynamic and competitive sector such as NPL/UTP which requires a constant effort of adaptation by the Servicers but, above all, foresight in identifying a long-term path. In this context, it is of primary importance to have an efficient governance that guarantees transparency towards both internal and external stakeholders, in line with our principle of 'taking care' of all our stakeholders, a concept also expressed by our brand".

iQera Group

One of the main player in credit management and acquisition in France and Italy, iQera supports large companies and financial institutions in every phase of customer's financial cycle by combining human and artificial intelligence. The group puts customer experience at the center of its strategy to make difference and address the challenges of transforming Finance, Credit and Customer Relations business departments. Globally, iQera aims to activate new growth strategies, empowerment and relationships that are both agile and long terms for all its stakeholders. The group, with 13 sites around the world, has 2.300 employees and generated 292 million euros of revenues (December 2020).

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