

PRESS RELEASE

**Giovanni Sabatini was appointed General Manager of ABI**

The Board of the Italian Banking Association, welcoming the proposal by the Executive Committee, has unanimously appointed Giovanni Sabatini as the new General Manager of ABI.

ABI's Board congratulated Giovanni Sabatini, currently Head of the Issuer Department of CONSOB (the Italian Stock Exchange Authority) who will succeed Giuseppe Zadra, and wished him all the best for his new position.

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