

**PRESS RELEASE**

**INTESA SANPAOLO: CARLO MESSINA APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER**

*Torino, Milano, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2012* – Carlo Messina, 49, previously Chief Financial Officer, has been appointed General Manager of Intesa Sanpaolo. He will join the senior team which includes Marco Morelli, General Manager responsible for Retail and Commercial Banking, and Gaetano Miccichè, General Manager responsible for Corporate and Investment Banking.

“The appointment of Carlo Messina - said Enrico Cucchiani, CEO of Intesa Sanpaolo - is the acknowledgement of his professional standing and his contribution to the bank’s performance. Carlo, who made his career through the ranks of the Group, will join Marco Morelli and Gaetano Miccichè as part of a team of great talent and leadership. These three General Managers will be the pillars of our future growth and success.”

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