

**PRESS RELEASE**

**INTESA SANPAOLO IS AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES**

- **Corporate Knights: the only Italian bank among the 100 most sustainable listed companies in the world for the fourth consecutive year**
- **2020 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index: one of the 325 companies in the world most committed to gender equality for the third consecutive year**
- **CDP Climate A List 2019: the only Italian bank among the 179 leading global companies engaged in combatting climate change for the fourth consecutive year**

*Milan, 21 January 2020* – Three important honours acknowledge Intesa Sanpaolo's commitment to sustainability.

Today in Davos during the World Economic Forum, Intesa Sanpaolo was confirmed, for the fourth consecutive year, the only Italian bank among the world's 100 most sustainable listed companies in the ranking compiled by **Corporate Knights**, the Canadian sustainability-focused magazine. Intesa Sanpaolo ranked 39th out of approximately 7,400 companies that were analysed based on 21 environmental, social and governance indicators.

The Group also received confirmation that it was included in the **2020 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index (GEI)**, an index that cuts across all business sectors launched by Bloomberg in 2018, which assesses the commitment and actions on gender equality of the main listed companies globally. A total of 325 companies listed on the world's major stock exchanges were included in the index out of more than 11,500 companies from 42 countries.

These confirmations follow yesterday's announcement of Intesa Sanpaolo's inclusion - the only Italian bank - in the **Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Climate A List 2019**, a list of 179 companies - selected from more than 8,000 - that are world leaders in terms of environmental performance and mitigating the effects of climate change.

Recognition coming from these important independent international institutions comes just a few days after the meeting where the Group presented its main achievements and projects in the areas of social, environmental, cultural and innovation, and where Managing Director Carlo Messina announced investments of 50 billion euro in the green economy.

*"We are especially proud of these international honours which give our commitment to sustainability a powerful international endorsement. The environment is a strategic and priority topic and Intesa Sanpaolo is prepared to accelerate investments in the green economy, guaranteeing 50 billion to support this change. Our commitment to social and environmental sustainability is made possible by the Bank's performance, one of the most solid and profitable banks in Europe, which has been achieved thanks to the 90,000 people who work there. This is why our inclusion in the Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index, which evaluates gender and work-life balance policies, is particularly significant,"* said **Carlo Messina**, CEO and Managing Director of Intesa Sanpaolo.

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##### **Intesa Sanpaolo**

Intesa Sanpaolo is one of the soundest and most profitable banks in Europe. It offers commercial, corporate investment banking, savings, asset management and insurance services. It is the leading Bank in Italy, with approximately 12 million customers who are assisted through both digital and traditional channels. The Group's international subsidiary banks serve 7.2 million customers across Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Intesa Sanpaolo is considered one of the most sustainable banks in the world.

For the Group, creating value means being a driver for growth for the benefit of both society and the economy. As regards the environment, Intesa Sanpaolo has created a 5-billion-euro fund for the circular economy. Intesa Sanpaolo supports major economic inclusion and poverty reduction projects, including an impact fund of 1.2 billion euro for loans available to social groups who struggle to access credit. Intesa Sanpaolo is actively involved in its own cultural activities and in collaboration with other entities in Italy and abroad, including permanent and temporary exhibitions of its vast artistic heritage at the Gallerie d'Italia, the Group's three museums located in Milan, Naples and Vicenza.

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