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International Advisory Council, 19 Distinguished Figures in Support of Bocconi's International Strategy

The Council, which was established in 2009 and helped Bocconi to improve its international reputation in difficult years for Italy, is made up of men and women in business and academia from around the world

Nineteen leaders from the world of international business and higher education, who bring a European and global perspective to Bocconi University. That is a snapshot of the International Advisory Council, launched in 2009 and recently reshaped and enriched with new members. Joining global corporate managers and international academics are leading Italian executives who are active in the internationalization of their businesses. Bocconi IAC boasts a balanced mix of skills, nationalities (ten) and industries.

"The International Advisory Council," said Mario Monti, President of Bocconi, during the Opening of the Academic Year 2014/2015, "is an effective forum for discussion on the future of higher education and of our University. These important figures, thanks to the variety of positions they hold, bring complementary strategic visions which enrich our international perspective and stimulate us to innovate."

The new International Advisory Council:

Antonio Belloni, Group Managing Director LVMH

Roland Berger, Honorary Chairman Roland Berger Strategy Consultants

Jean-Laurent Bonnafé, CEO BNP Paribas

Vittorio Colao, CEO Vodafone Group

Claudio Costamagna, President Salini Impregilo

Alberto Cribiore, Vice Chairman Citi Institutional Clients Group

Enrico Cucchiani, Founder and CEO TGI

Carlo De Benedetti, Chairman, Gruppo Editoriale L'Espresso

Henri de Castries, Chairman and CEO, AXA Group

John Elkann, Chairman FCA

Clara Furse, DBE, Financial Policy Committee Bank of England

Mario Greco, Group CEO, Assicurazioni Generali

Muhtar Kent, Chairman of the Board and CEO, The Coca-Cola Company

Peter Löscher, CEO Renova Management

Kishore Mahbubani, Dean Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Alessandro Profumo, CEO, Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena

Ratan N. Tata, Chairman Tata Trusts

Laura Tyson, Director Institute for Business & Social Impact, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley

Jing Ulrich, Managing Director and Vice Chairman Asia Pacific JPMorgan Chase



The Council was established to respond to the challenges that globalization and new technologies are bringing to Bocconi, and to make sure that no gap is created between the skills required by the labor market and those provided by the University.

The contribution of the IAC, since its establishment back in 2009, has been crucial in improving Bocconi's international reputation and visibility. The Council has supported the University in the opening of the Mumbai campus and in the design of new international programs.

The IAC meets once a year in Milan to discuss and explore the strategy of the University and the implementation of new projects that would enhance Bocconi's competencies, opening new perspectives and international experiences for students and faculty. "Thanks to the IAC," said Mario Monti, "Bocconi can talk with business leaders from around the world about their expectations in terms of the evolution of human capital and the labor market. This enables us to anticipate trends and develop the appropriate programs with opportunities to study and work abroad. In addition, interaction with academics from universities like ours also affords us a better understanding of the international market for higher education."

"In conclusion," said Mario Monti, "the Board of Directors, which is the top decision-making body of Bocconi, and the International Advisory Council are complementary in guiding the University towards the achievement of its objectives: to attract talented students and faculty, train new generations of leaders, promote social mobility and produce high-impact research."

"The interaction with IAC members provides us with valuable feedback and insights, said Andrea Sironi, Rector of Bocconi. "Their challenge to our international approach is open and at the same time extremely supportive, and they always encourage us to explore new ideas. As advisers and ambassadors of Bocconi around the world, they contribute to the University's international reputation and positioning