

**Press Release**  
**Nicolas Mérindol to join Leonardo & Co. S.A.S.**

Leonardo & Co. is pleased to announce that Nicolas Mérindol will join as Senior Managing Director. Mr Mérindol, who was previously Deputy Chief Executive of the Groupe Caisse d'Epargne, will bring to Leonardo & Co. his wide-ranging experience in Corporate Finance in Europe. Mr Mérindol will become Vice-Chairman of all three French subsidiaries of the Group in France, Leonardo & Co. S.A.S (M&A), DNCA (Asset Management) and Banque Leonardo (Private Banking) and in this capacity he will support the development of the Group's activities in France. Mr. Mérindol will also be part of the Group Advisory Committee and he will provide advice with respect to Gruppo Banca Leonardo's high-level business strategies, liaising with the Group's CEO Gerardo Braggiotti.

*Leonardo & Co. is a privately held, leading independent European corporate finance advisory organization. Experienced advisors with unrivalled track records provide objective and independent advice to structure tailored solutions and intelligent transactions for our clients free of conflicts of interest.*

*The combination of five major local advisory organizations constitutes the centrepiece of an integrated European investment banking team with successful local franchises in Italy, France, Germany, Spain and The Netherlands as well as strong ties into other major European markets such as Austria, Switzerland, Benelux and Scandinavia. Leonardo & Co. offers strong local ties and relationship networks in major European markets combined with in-depth sector expertise in globalizing industries, such as financial institutions, real estate, energy, and infrastructure.*

*Gruppo Banca Leonardo is a private independent investment bank run by an experienced management team that has a significant equity participation. GBL offers a full range of services in investment banking, wealth management, private equity and market-related activities. Headquartered in Milan, the Bank operates in continental Europe through controlled entities in France, Germany, Benelux and Spain.*

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