

PRESS RELEASE

Appointed the new top management of Unipol Banca S.p.A. and Unipol Merchant S.p.A.

Some companies of the **Unipol Group** appointed in the last days their new top management, following resignation handed in by the previous directors Giovanni Consorte and Ivano Sacchetti.

The Board of Directors of **Unipol Banca S.p.A.** appointed **Maria Bettazzoni** as chairman and **Eugenio Ferioli** as vice chairman.

The new chairman of **Unipol Merchant S.p.A.** is **Eugenio Ferioli**; no changes occurred i.r.o. the two vice chairmanships, assigned to **Milo Pacchioni** and **Nicola Orazzini**.

Changes involving the top management of the subsidiary Aurora Assicurazioni were disclosed today in a specific press release.

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