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Stefano Mercati joins Sodali Corporate Restructurings and Special Projects Team

Stefano Mercati, former General Counsel of the Fantuzzi Group, has joined Sodali's Corporate Restructuring and Special Projects team. He will oversee the firm's strategy, business development and services in the bond and debt restructuring field.



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Mr. Mercati brings many years of experience in the field, having actively worked for various bond and debt issuances, bond reschedulings, debt restructurings, industrial restructurings and merger & acquisitions. Working as a corporate insider in a wide array of complex transactions, he brings both technical understanding of the mechanics of these transactions and the expertise required to address and align the interests of different classes of creditors and institutional investors to issuers' proposals.

Alvise Recchi, CEO of Sodali, said: "Stefano will strengthen our team of experts which has engaged in complex deals worth over \$150 Billion US during the past 9 years. His professional background fits perfectly with the role played by Sodali in debt transactions where we are called upon to act as conduit for information between our Clients and the debtholders, providing insights and feedback to mobilize support to the Client issuers."

Stefano Mercati said: "I am convinced that my experience will integrate perfectly with Sodali's proven ability to work together with issuers and advisors and propose solutions to deal effectively with debtholders in delicate transactions. I will focus on giving further impulse to the firm's bondholder programs, covering a wide range of strategic activities and transactions, from assisting issuers in engaging bondholders in Meetings to all other financial reorganizations, including debt restructurings".

Mr. Mercati holds a law degree from the University of Modena and an accountant certificate diploma. In his previous roles he has had the opportunity to actively work with multidisciplinary teams of advisors — including legal, financial and industrial advisors — as well as major institutional investors and financial entities.

About Sodali

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