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PRESS RELEASE

ASSIOM FOREX The Financial Markets Association of Italy – Announced Merger between ASSIOM and ATIC Forex

On recommendation of the Banca d'Italia 'ASSIOM' a domestic association of Bond Dealers and 'ATIC FOREX', another local treasury association mainly made up of Money Market and Foreign Exchange Dealers announced a merger. The new association will be called 'ASSIOM FOREX The Financial Markets Association of Italy' and shall represent more than 1,500 members from around 450 institutions.

The celebration took place in Naples at the Mostra d'Oltremare. Some 1,400 delegates from both associations convened for this congress and further had the chance to inform themselves at the exhibition area amongst 36 exhibitors on the latest market trends and developments. The Governor of the Banca d'Italia, *Prof. Mario Draghi*, opened the congress on Saturday morning. In his addressing speech, he provided an outlook on the financial markets for the Euro area.

The President of ACI International, Manfred Wiebogen, welcomed the merger during his speech at the first common assembly Saturday afternoon. He stressed the importance of using the joint forces in addressing the markets and traders view to authorities in planned initiatives of new regulations.

The election of the new board composition of ASSIOM FOREX Italy took place Saturday 13th of February and comprises of:

President	Guiseppa ATTANA, Intesa Sanpaolo
Senior Vice President	Luigi BELLUTI, Unicredit Bank
Secretary General	Claudia SEGRE, Abaxbank

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