

## PRESS RELEASE

**BolognaFiere S.p.A.: Board of Directors appoints Gianpiero Calzolari as Chairman, Rosa Grimaldi as Vice Chairwoman and Antonio Bruzzone as Chief Executive Officer**

**Qualitative and quantitative criteria approved for the assessment of directors' independence requirements**

**New members of the Board Committees appointed**

Bologna, 7 May 2026. The new Board of Directors of BolognaFiere S.p.A., a company listed on the Professional Segment of Euronext Growth Milan, organised and managed by Borsa Italiana, appointed by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on 28 April 2026 for the 2026–2028 term, met today and – in continuity with the previous mandate – appointed Gianpiero Calzolari as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Rosa Grimaldi as Vice Chairwoman of the Board of Directors and Antonio Bruzzone as Chief Executive Officer.

The Board of Directors granted the Chief Executive Officer the powers for the management of the Company, except for those powers reserved by law and by the Company's By-Laws to the Board of Directors.

**Gianpiero Calzolari**, Chairman of BolognaFiere, stated: *"I would like to thank the Shareholders for their renewed trust. This appointment represents both a great honour and a significant responsibility towards a Group that, over the past years, has strengthened its international positioning and its ability to generate value for the country's economic and productive system. The next three years will be crucial in guiding BolognaFiere through a new phase of growth, innovation and infrastructure development. We will continue to invest in international expansion, in strengthening our strategic exhibition sectors and in transforming our exhibition district into an increasingly multifunctional, sustainable and open platform connected to the local community. BolognaFiere must continue to be a driver of growth for Bologna, Emilia-Romagna and Made in Italy worldwide."*

**Antonio Bruzzone**, who was appointed General Manager of BolognaFiere in 2015 and Chief Executive Officer in 2023, concurrently with the Company's listing admission, leading the company to triple its revenues over ten years (from €105 million in revenues in 2015 to €306.7 million in 2025), stated: *"I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the Shareholders for the trust they have placed in me. I approach this renewed mandate with a strong sense of responsibility and with full awareness of the challenges facing the international exhibition industry in the coming years. BolognaFiere has demonstrated its ability to evolve from a traditional exhibition organiser into a global platform for business, content and relationships. We will continue along this path by accelerating the*

*Group's internationalisation process across all three main business lines — exhibition organisation, stand fitting and venue management — while further strengthening our leading events. At the same time, we will continue our investment plan for the exhibition district and strategic infrastructures, with the aim of making BolognaFiere increasingly competitive at a global level and increasingly attractive for companies, buyers and investors.”*

The Board of Directors also approved the quantitative and qualitative significance criteria, including economic criteria, concerning relationships potentially relevant for the assessment of directors' independence requirements. The adoption of such criteria, which is not mandatory for issuers listed on EGM PRO, forms part of the Company's strategy to align with corporate governance best practices. The approved document is available on the Company's website at BolognaFiere.

The Board of Directors also assessed, on the basis of the available information and the declarations provided by the directors, that all directors meet the integrity requirements set forth under Article 147-quinquies of the Italian Consolidated Finance Act (“TUF”), as required by the Company's By-Laws for holding office. Furthermore, the Board verified that directors Rosa Grimaldi, Stephen Andrew Carter, Celso Luigi De Scrilli, Elena Leti, Teresa Lopilato and Valentina Marchesini meet the independence requirements pursuant to Article 148, paragraph 3, of the TUF, as provided for by the Company's By-Laws, also taking into account the above-mentioned quantitative and qualitative significance criteria.

The Board of Statutory Auditors verified the correct application of the criteria and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors for assessing directors' independence requirements and confirmed that all Statutory Auditors meet all the required criteria, including independence requirements.

Finally, the Board of Directors established the Related Parties Transactions Committee and the Remuneration Committee, appointing independent non-executive directors Celso Luigi De Scrilli, acting as Chairman, Elena Leti and Teresa Lopilato as members. The Committees will remain in office until the expiry of the current Board of Directors and therefore until the approval of the Company's financial statements as at 31 December 2028.

This press release is available on BolognaFiere's website Investor Relations section and through the authorised storage and dissemination system 1INFO at [1INFO](#).

**About BolognaFiere S.p.A. (ISIN: IT0003516066, ticker: BF)**

BolognaFiere is among the leading international exhibition operators. The Group covers the entire value chain (exhibition organisation, venue management, fit-out & architecture), operates in more than 15

countries across three continents (Europe, Asia and America), and organises approximately 100 exhibitions every year.

In 2005, it became the first Italian exhibition operator to open an office in China, where it now employs around 90 people. It is Italy's leading operator by revenue share and number of events organised abroad, a global leader in cosmetics through the Cosmoprof brand, a leader in the Italian fit-out market through brands controlled by Henoto S.p.A., and organiser of the world-leading children's publishing fair, Bologna Children's Book Fair.

In Italy, the Group operates in four exhibition and congress venues: Bologna, Modena, Ferrara and, as an industrial partner with a 15% stake in Nuova Fiera del Levante S.r.l., Bari.

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