

Keynote speaker announced for TMA Europe's pre-conference banquet

Andrea Giovanelli has been announced as a keynote speaker for TMA Europe's annual conference in Rome next month.

Mr Giovanelli, who is currently advisor to four Italian banks (Banca delle Marche, Banca Etruria e del Lazio, Cassa di Risparmio di Ferrara and Cassa di Risparmio di Chieti) being restructured under the supervision of the Bank of Italy, will be addressing guests at TMA Europe's pre-conference banquet being held on Thursday 9th June at the Grand Hotel Plaza.

His speech is called 'Italian NPLs - A Moving Stage for Innovators' and will focus particularly on ongoing innovations and market trends. Discussing the challenges of turnarounds in Italy, Mr Giovanelli will talk about the ingredients for a successful turnaround, including both new money and new management, and the need to align the interests of both lenders and equity stakeholders to make this possible. He will also highlight the need for greater co-operation amongst advisors, and discuss how turnaround processes can serve as an important catalyst to current structural changes in the Italian economy.

Mr Giovanelli, who last year founded and became the CEO of innovative private equity initiative Pillarstone Italy, has also previously worked as Head of Unicredit's Large Corporate Restructuring, as a Senior Loan Officer at European Investment Bank, Co-Head of Corporate Finance at Capitalia, and Director at HSBC Investment Bank.

Enrica Maria Ghia, President of TMA Italy and Conference Co-chair, said: "We are honoured that Andrea has agreed to speak at our banquet and share some of his experience of European restructuring, particularly the innovative work he is currently involved in.

"The banquet is always a fantastic occasion and a great way to start off our conference, particularly as we will also be announcing the winners of TMA Europe's Turnaround of the Year awards and celebrating some of our members' achievements and successes over the past year.

"I am sure Andrea's speech will set the scene for another enjoyable evening of discussion and catching up with colleagues before the conference gets going the following day."

TMA Europe's ninth conference on Friday 10th June will once again bring together some of the foremost experts in the fields of turnaround and restructuring. The theme this year is how to increase performance through turnaround culture and values with a programme featuring speeches, panel debates and presentations on some of the key issues facing the industry.

Topics being tackled range from equity cram-down to European NPL resolution efforts, as well as some of the specific issues involved in the turnaround of SMEs.

The conference has become one of the industry's leading events for turnaround professionals, with more than 170 delegates attending last year in Stockholm. It is the ideal opportunity for colleagues from across the continent to get together and share ideas and best practice, as well as get up to date with key developments in turnaround management.

For more information or to book online see www.tma-europe.org/annual-conference