

PRESS RELEASE

Gardant strengthens its management team with two new additions: Anna Tosolini, Group CFO, and Raffaele Scote, Fund Manager at Gardant Investor SGR

Anna Tosolini has a consolidated experience in the financial sector with in-depth knowledge in Corporate Finance, Strategy, Planning and M&A.

Raffaele Scote has extensive know-how in securitisation and structured finance, gained through a long career with roles of increasing responsibility in the banking sector.

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Gardant, market leader in Italy in the credit management sector both as servicer and as investor, with more than EUR 40 billion (GBV) under management and primary focus on the corporate and business sector, announces the addition of two new key figures to the Group's management team. The two managers are **Anna Tosolini**, appointed **Chief Financial Officer** of Gardant S.p.A., and **Raffaele Scote**, who joins the team of Gardant Investor SGR as **Fund Manager**.

Anna Tosolini – as CFO of the Group, which is led by CEO Mirko Briozzo – will be responsible for the coordination of the Planning & Control and Accounting & Tax Functions. Graduated with honours in Economics and Business at the Catholic University of Milan, Anna has more than twenty years of experience in banking and finance and extensive expertise in Corporate Finance, Strategy, Planning and M&A.

Tosolini started her career in KPMG Consulting as Manager Corporate Finance within the Financial Institutions Group, and then continued her professional path within several national and international banking realities, such as UBI Banca, BNP Paribas, BPER Banca, Banca Popolare di Vicenza. In 2018, she joined AMCO S.p.A. as CFO and in 2020 illimity, as Senior Advisor of the Digital Bank division.

Raffaele Scote, on the other hand, joins the team of Gardant Investor SGR – the asset management company of the Gardant Group, led by CEO Guido Lombardo, specialising in alternative investment solutions dedicated to institutional investors focused on the credit sector – as Fund Manager, with responsibility for managing **the EUR 500 million Credit Fund** recently launched by the SGR.

With 25 years of experience in the banking sector in securitisation, corporate finance and structured finance, and over EUR 100 billion of transactions executed, Scote began his career in 1997 in London, first at BNP Paribas and then at Unicredit Group, where he took on roles of increasing responsibility. In 2017, he joined StormHarbour as Managing Director and then took up the position of Senior Advisor at Aurora Recovery Capital. Graduated with honours in Economics and Business from LUISS – Guido Carli University, Scote is a registered Chartered Accountant.

*“We welcome Anna and Raffaele,” **Mirko Briozzo**, CEO of Gardant, commented. “They will further strengthen our management team, enriching it with experience and know-how. In just a few months, our Group has*

positioned itself with a unique business model in the Italian NPEs market, thanks to its ability to operate in an integrated way as investor and servicer on the entire credit chain, from UTPs to NPLs, from banking to leasing, developing solutions and functional structures to achieve the objectives of our clients and partners.”

“Gardant Investor SGR is uniquely positioned in the Italian market as a link between our country and the parterre of global investors interested in the credit sector; the SGR is growing very fast within the Group,”
Guido Lombardo, CEO of Gardant Investor SGR, added, *“and Raffaele is an important addition to our team of professionals, thus further strengthening the team.”*

Today, Gardant represents one of the main operators on the Italian market of impaired and illiquid loans, active in the debt purchasing and debt servicing sector. The Group’s new organisation has focused its debt purchasing strategy on Gardant Investor SGR, which therefore benefits from the origination, underwriting, management and servicing capabilities of the entire holding, which – in addition to the SGR – also includes companies dedicated to master and special servicing activities: Master Gardant, Special Gardant and Gardant Liberty Servicing.

In this context, Gardant Investor SGR – which aims to position itself on the market as a reference partner in Italy for investors interested in taking advantage of the opportunities of this particular sector – develops its strategy independently from the holding company, but in synergy with the structure of contacts, professionals, datawarehouse and experience of the entire **Gardant Group**, which today can count on around 340 professionals and manages a total of around EUR 45 billion of credits, with over EUR 20 billion on which it operates as special servicer, a track record of over EUR 1.2 billion of investments in 5 years and 8 years of continuous growth.

Gardant S.p.A.

Gardant S.p.A. is an Italian company, with registered office in Rome, and is the parent company of the Gardant Group, which is being set up following the reorganisation and demerger of debt servicing and debt purchasing activities from Credito Fondiario. Today, the Group is one of the leaders in the credit management sector in Italy, with a unique business model: it is both Debt Servicer (DS) and Asset Manager / Debt Purchaser (DP) and operates in all asset classes related to banking and leasing receivables (performing, UTPs, NPLs).

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