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| Laurence Fink: | And I apologize that I'm back but it is an honor for me to introduce Carlo Messina. Carlo, probably nobody in the room will believe me, but once, not many years ago, I had more hair than you. It's a real crime what happened to me but in a landscape that is ... that remains tremendously challenging for European financial institutions, Carlo has continued to strike in Intesa Sanpaolo through close attention to the European economic landscape and the need of the Italian people and all of Intesa's clients. |
|  | Carlo's efforts have helped make him one of the most respected CEOs in European banking and he is a recipient of the Institutional Investors Best Banking COO Award. Carlo's earned that reputation because he and his entire team are focused on shareholder value. They are looking to create long term value, that Dom and I talked about, which something as black rock as a shareholder, we greatly appreciate. He knows that in addition to making smart strategic decisions, long term value creation requires being a responsible corporate citizen. Something that Carlo has defined throughout his entire career. |
|  | Intesa's numerous charitable efforts and initiatives include aid to earthquake victims in Italy, the hungry and many others who are in deep need. Initiatives like the Hope Loan program which provides micro credit to economically venerable, demonstrates how corporate citizens can lever and build the resources and expertise to provide people and their families with a better financial future. |
|  | Ambika Proxima is one of the most sophisticated organizations dedicated to creating social value, a bank dedicated to the needs for non profit and religious institutions. Under Carlo's leadership the bank has been recognized multiple times for it's contributions of sustaining investing, including awards from the Dow Jones, the Green Globe Banking award and the Corporate Knights Magazine. |
|  | In addition to his commitment to philanthropy and sustainability, Carlo and his team are focused on long term shareholder value. A former professor of economics, Carlo remains deeply committed to the mission of better understanding the world around us. Not just for the sake of academy but to help develop better futures for all the citizens that reach and touch Intesa Sanpaolo throughout Italy and the world. |
|  | Carlo's charitable work and his continued advocacy for reforms in Italy demonstrates the essential role that corporate citizens can play, and must play and it is an honor to present him with a Corporate Social Responsibility award and it's an honor to also call Carlo a friend. |
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