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In particular, during the two decades he lived in China, he was head of the Beijing office of Sanpaolo IMI promoting, in 2006, the creation of Mandarin Capital Partners, one of the first funds focused on cross-border investments between China and Europe. In 2008, he joined the Investment Department of China Development Bank and hereafter started several initiatives on the ground, including ValueAsia, an investor community based in Hong Kong.

He was, furthermore, a board member of the Bank of Qingdao and a lecturer of the course "China Capital Markets" at the International MBA program at the University of Bologna.

Carlo graduated in Mathematics at St. Andrews University and joins Plenisfer after founding a Swiss independent portfolio management firm focused on long-term fundamental investments.

As Portfolio Manager, Carlo will contribute to the development of the new sub-funds that Plenisfer will shortly start to manage, as well as the flagship fund that will complete its third year on the market next May.

Carlo will report to Marco Mencini, Plenisfer's Head of Research, thus also actively contributing to the activities of the research team, with particular reference to the analysis of trends and investment opportunities in the Asian region.

Giordano Lombardo, CEO and Co-CIO of Plenisfer, commented: *"With Carlo's appointment we further expand Plenisfer's investment team and strengthen our already high expertise in Asian markets. We look at this area, and in particular at China, with great attention, knowing that only starting from a macro analysis and a deep understanding of local dynamics, we can make a careful stock picking and seize the best opportunities in the market. We are therefore happy to welcome Carlo: with his 20 years spent in China, he will be able to contribute to the analysis and selection of new opportunities that will contribute to the development of the flagship fund and the new sub-funds that we are going to manage".*

Plenisfer Investments SGR S.p.A.

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