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Ambienta and McKinsey & Company announce the launch of the Rolando Polli Award

- In memory of the former McKinsey Managing Partner and Ambienta co-founder, the two companies will offer a mentorship program to the most promising Italian scale-up in the environmental sustainability space

Ambienta SGR SpA ("Ambienta"), one of Europe's largest asset managers entirely focused on environmental sustainability, and **McKinsey & Company**, global leader in strategic consulting, are pleased to announce the launch of the Rolando Polli Award, with the objective to support the most promising Italian scale-up in the environmental sustainability space.

Rolando Polli had a long and successful career: first as a consultant and advisor spending 28 years at McKinsey, then as an entrepreneur, co-founding IG Partners in 2001 and Ambienta in 2007, and finally as investor and mentor in entrepreneurial projects such as Venchi, Buongiorno and Silicon Biosystems. Rolando has been a pioneer in understanding the importance of environmental trends, as demonstrated not only by the founding of Ambienta, but also via direct investments in renewable energy projects.

The objective of the Award, coherently with Rolando Polli's passion for entrepreneurial projects and for environmental sustainability, **is to help young Italian entrepreneurs** to accelerate their ventures based on sustainable solutions, with the goal of creating companies that will thrive on the market, have a positive environmental impact, and will stand the test of time.

Applications for the Award open today and will remain open until November 30th. Eligible companies will need to be headquartered in Italy, have a strong environmental impact thesis, and be able to demonstrate that they have already achieved at least one of three growth milestones: more than 30 employees, €10 million in turnover and/or €2 million in funding raised since inception. Ambienta and McKinsey will evaluate the companies that meet the criteria and select the five most promising, inviting them to appear before a jury on 26th January 2023, where the winner will be awarded. In addition to Ambienta and McKinsey, the jury will include Niccolò Polli, Rolando's son and Head of Strategy for Europe at HSBC, Mario Greco, Group CEO of Zurich, Stefano Proverbio, Director Emeritus of McKinsey & Company, Daniele Ferrero, CEO of Venchi, and Massimo Capuano. All details, along with the application form, are available on the dedicated website: premiorolandopolli.it

Nino Tronchetti Provera, Founder and Managing Partner of Ambienta, commented: "Rolando wasn't only a very important personality in the international business community: for many of us aspiring young entrepreneurs he represented a crucial support, pushing and helping us achieve our dreams. Rolando strongly believed in the power of mentorship. We want to remember him by helping the next generation of Italian entrepreneurs succeed and rapidly scale their environmental businesses in Europe and globally".



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Massimo Giordano, Managing Partner of the Mediterranean office for McKinsey, recalled how "when Rolando joined McKinsey in 1969, it was not as easy a career choice as it would be today. He took a risk and helped build what McKinsey is today in Italy and around the world in almost 30 years of work. He was a true entrepreneur, and I am sure he would be happy to know that we are establishing an award in his name to support the next generation of entrepreneurs committed to environmental causes".

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Rolando Polli

Rolando Polli, born in 1940, graduated in Economics from Bocconi University in Milan and received a Ph.D. in Business and Applied Economics from Wharton. After his doctorate, he joined McKinsey & Company, where he was Managing Director and helped open several offices in Europe. After McKinsey he embarked on an investment career, with several successful deals including Venchi, Buongiorno and Silicon Biosystems. In 2001 he co-founded IG Partners, an M&A advisory boutique, and in 2005 he helped create the investors club Atmos, making several investments in the renewables sector. In 2007 he co-founded Ambienta SGR together with Nino Tronchetti Provera.

Ambienta

Ambienta is a European environmental sustainability investor across private and public markets. Operating out of Milan, London, Paris and Munich, Ambienta manages around €3.0 billion in assets with a focus on investing in private and public companies driven by environmental megatrends and whose products or services improve Resource Efficiency or Pollution Control. In private equity Ambienta has completed 56 investments to date and in public equity markets, Ambienta has pioneered one of the world's largest absolute return funds entirely focused on environmental sustainability and manages a full suite of sustainable products ranging from low-risk multi-asset funds to equity long-only. www.ambientasgr.com

McKinsey & Company

Founded in 1926, McKinsey & Company is an international management consulting firm committed to helping organisations accelerate their growth paths in a sustainable and inclusive way. It works with companies in the private sector - including most Fortune 1000 companies - and with institutions in the public and social sectors, to help them solve complex problems, achieve lasting improvements in performance, and train the skills necessary for the ongoing professional development of their staff so that they are able to create positive change for all their stakeholders and the communities in which they operate.

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