

Leonardo appointed UN *Global Compact LEAD*: a leading role within the initiative of sustainability and global cooperation

- Leonardo's commitment to the Ten Principles of the Global Compact and to foster the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN Agenda 2030 is recognised
- Profumo: "Being *Global Compact LEAD* increases our sense of responsibility towards people and the Planet. "Companies and institutions need urgently to work together, in a spirit of trust and multilateral cooperation, to find effective answers to global challenges and transformations."
- The announcement was held during the event *Uniting Business Live*, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Global Compact within the United Nations General Assembly. Leonardo is the only organisation among the top ten Aerospace, Defence and Security companies in the world to receive the recognition
- The *Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation* has been signed by more than 1,000 Chief Executive Officers, including the CEO of Leonardo, Alessandro Profumo, to strengthen the global cooperation and for companies to realign behind the mission of the United Nations
- During the event, the *CFO Principles on Integrated SDG Investments and Finance*, which Leonardo joined to actively contribute to create a new sustainable finance model, were also presented

Rome, 21th September 2020 – Leonardo is part of the [*Global Compact LEAD*](#), a selected group of global companies recognised as having a **leading role** within the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative. Being Global Compact LEAD is the recognition of the company commitment to the Ten Principles of the *Global Compact* relating to **human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption**, and towards support of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

The recognition took place during the event *Uniting Business Live* (21-23 September), on the sidelines of the **United Nations General Assembly**. On the occasion, the *Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation*, promoted by the Global Compact, was presented to the UN **Secretary-General, António Guterres**. More than 1,000 CEOs from more than 100 countries signed the Statement. Among the signatories was the CEO of Leonardo, Alessandro Profumo. He responded to the appeal of the Global Compact after having also participated in a series of interviews, which involved 60 senior executives in the context of the **Action Platform dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, focused on issues related to Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**. The Company has participated in the multi-stakeholder collaboration platform since 2019. It is precisely within this framework that the *Statement* was developed.

"Being Global Compact LEAD increases **our sense of responsibility towards people and the Planet**", underlines **Alessandro Profumo, CEO of Leonardo**. "Companies and institutions need urgently to work together, in a spirit of trust and multilateral cooperation, to find effective answers to global challenges and transformations. **Investing in the technologies of the future through continuous innovation is at the centre of our sustainability strategy**. By participating in the Global Compact and its collaboration platforms - adds Profumo - we are an active part of a global movement that, on the basis of different experiences but shared principles, is committed to **innovating business models**, also through **new governance and finance approaches**, to build a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable world".

Leonardo is also a member of the **CFO Taskforce of the Global Compact**, which was established at the end of 2019, which the **Company's CFO, Alessandra Genco**, has joined. The network will play a central role in defining a **roadmap for sustainable corporate finance**. Thanks to the commitment of the *Taskforce* and the **signing of the Principles for Integrated SDG Investments and Finance**, Leonardo will contribute to the creation of a sustainable financial model for the prosperity of companies and communities.

Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2019 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.8 billion and invested €1.5 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and became Industry leader of Aerospace & Defence sector of DJSI in 2019.