

## PRESS RELEASE

### *The Securities and Financial Ombudsman (ACF) at the Salone del risparmio*

The Securities and Financial Ombudsman (*Arbitro per le controversie finanziarie - ACF*), the body for out-of-court settlement of disputes between savers and intermediaries, will have its own booth at the 2023 edition of the *Salone del risparmio*, for the first time.

For the duration of the event, from Tuesday, 16 May, to Thursday, 18 May, the ACF will have its own exhibition space, manned by qualified staff, on Level 1, South Wing, of the Allianz Mico in Milan. Of particular importance is the third and final day of the event, when the *Salone* opens its doors not only to insiders in the asset management industry, but also to the public, savers, and students. It will be an opportunity for a direct confrontation between the ACF and the audience of those who, through appeals, can turn to the ACF itself, to have their reasons recognized in case of a dispute with the intermediary.

ACF's choice fits well into the context that characterizes this year's *Salone*, dedicated to the theme "*Savings beyond the crisis. Accompanying the investor toward informed choices*" with financial education at the center. This is a front on which the ACF has been engaged for some time with the aim of spreading basic financial knowledge as much as possible among Italians for greater investor awareness in the allocation of their savings, thus helping to prevent disputes from arising between retail investors and intermediaries.

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Salone del Risparmio* will revolve precisely around the themes of education, informed investment choices and financial education with emphasis, in particular, on the younger generation.

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