

COMUNICATO STAMPA CONGIUNTO

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CONI-UNIPOLSAI PARTNERSHIP MADE OFFICIAL UNTIL 2017. UNIPOLSAI YOUNG ITALY TEAM PRESENTED.

CONI President, Giovanni Malagò, and UnipolSai Chief Executive Officer, Carlo Cimbri, presented this morning in the Board Room of the Italian National Olympic Committee the partnership that will bind CONI and UnipolSai until 2017.

Giovanni Malagò expressed the satisfaction of Italian sport for the reaching of this agreement. “I am proud and honoured by this union, which I hope will continue forever. UnipolSai is a successful brand, an Italian company of undeniable success, which makes us proud because it has always shown awareness of our world, promoting its social importance. This understanding is also significant in view of the upcoming international challenges and the Rome 2024 candidacy.”

Carlo Cimbri expanded on the concepts expressed by Malagò, explaining the reasons that led to the realization of the partnership with CONI. “For us it is a further step forward alongside Italian sport, after our past experience with FIN and FIDAL. This relationship is born under a lucky star; we are the largest company in the insurance industry on an Italian level and we love supporting professional sport, in the broadest sense of the term, as a symbol of sport accessible to all, since it is an extraordinary vehicle of trust and recovery for the country. UnipolSai will be close to CONI in the realization of the Rome 2024 dream.”

During the conference, the **UnipolSai Young Italy Team** was presented, a team of young athletes led by Federica Pellegrini, standard bearers of the excellence and distinctive values representative of Italian sport throughout the world: sacrifice, passion, dedication and the constant search for quality and results in performance. These values are also shared and promoted by UnipolSai in its everyday activities ensuring the safety of millions of Italians, and in its commitment towards civil society and the entire country.

Created and supported by UnipolSai Assicurazioni, the UnipolSai Young Italy Team project provides for an agreement with the athletes for the two-year period 2015-2016.

In addition to its godmother **Federica Pellegrini**, the spearhead of Italian swimming who will tutor the youngest members of the team, the following athletes are a part of the UnipolSai Young Italy Team: **Vincenzo Abbagnale** (Scafati, Salerno, 13 March 1993; Discipline: rowing), **Eseosa Desalu** (Casalmaggiore, Cremona, 19 February 1994; Discipline: athletics), **Carlotta Ferlito** (Catania, 15 February 1995; Discipline: artistic gymnastics), **Andrea Fondelli** (Genoa, 27 February 1994; Discipline: water polo), **Gregorio Paltrinieri** (Carpi, 5 September 1994; Discipline: swimming), **Alessia Trost** (Pordenone, 8 March 1993; Discipline: athletics).

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Federica Pellegrini gave voice to the satisfaction of the Italian team that attended the presentation of the partnership. "I am grateful to UnipolSai for this initiative, I will share the desire to win and experience with the team in view of the Rio 2016 Games."

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