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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP WELCOMES ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MARIO MONTI

London Stock Exchange Group today hosted Italian Prime Minister, Mario Monti, at its London Headquarters in Paternoster Square. Prime Minister Monti addressed a senior audience of UK based financiers, executives and leading City figures outlining his vision for the Italian economy before attending a press conference with international media.

Speaking at the event, **Chris Gibson Smith, Chairman of London Stock Exchange Group plc** said:

“We are honoured to host Prime Minister Monti at the London Stock Exchange today. I hope today’s event will further strengthen the relationship between the UK and Italy, so that we can all, in our different capacities, work together to address the vital growth needed to drive Europe’s economic recovery.

“As the world’s most international capital market we are proud of our overseas partnerships. None more so than our merger with Borsa Italiana which considerably strengthens our offering not only to companies, issuers and investors but around the world. Borsa Italiana’s continued success as part of the London Stock Exchange Group is symbolic of the deep economic ties between our two countries.”

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About London Stock Exchange Group:

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Headquartered in London, United Kingdom with significant operations in Italy and Sri Lanka, the Group employs around 1,850 people.

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