

## Global Board of Directors Chair, 2025-26 Stefano Comotti, CIA, CRMA

Stefano Comotti is the 2025-26 Global Board of Directors Chair of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). He previously served as the Board's 2024-25 Global Senior Vice Chair and the 2023-24 Outside North America (ONA) Lead Director. He also served on the Board of IIA Italy (2014-21).

Stefano currently works for a listed group in the luxury goods industry in Paris, France, where he leads audit and risk teams overseeing all aspects of operations across the company's brands and their boutiques. With more than three decades of international experience, Stefano offers deep expertise across audit, internal control, risk management, corporate governance, transaction support, and finance. His career has been marked by leading the



development of innovative risk management frameworks, transforming audit functions, and advancing internal control self-assessment practices. He has also played a key role in creating standards and reporting processes for conducting impactful social and environmental audits across global supply chains. He is a member of Ethics, Fraud, and Cybersecurity Committees.

Stefano's career began with Ernst & Young, where he worked as financial auditor for publicly listed companies in both Italy and the U.S., and later as a consultant in Transaction Support. He then moved into the telecommunications sector, joining Vodafone as Internal Audit Director for its Spanish subsidiary.

His adventure in the luxury goods industry began in Florence, Italy, where he served as the Internal Audit Director for a listed group overseeing multiple brands. Today, as CAE, Stefano leads global audit and risk teams overseeing all aspects of operations across the company's brand and their boutiques.

Stefano is a Statutory Auditor (Revisore Legale, Italy), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and holds a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA). He is fluent in Italian, French, English, and Spanish. Stefano earned an Executive MBA from the Instituto de Empresa Business School in Spain and holds a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Università degli Studi di Bergamo in Bergamo, Italy.