



YOUR FULL NAME:

Matteo Patrone

YOUR JOB TITLE:

Managing Director, Eastern Europe and Caucasus

YOUR COMPANY:

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

YOUR BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (250-300 words):

Matteo is the Managing Director, Eastern Europe and the Caucasus at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He is responsible for the Bank's operations and policy engagement initiatives in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine with a staff of 180. The EBRD invests in these countries about € 1.8 billion a year in more than 75 new transactions, representing approximately 20 per cent of the Bank's annual business activity. The Bank holds a portfolio of over € 7 billion in EEC.

Matteo has over 25 years' experience in industry and finance. He joined the EBRD in 2008, in the Corporate Equity team where he was supervising transactions with a focus on Western Balkans, Poland, Turkey and the Russian Federation. In 2012 he was appointed Country Director for Serbia and in 2015 Regional Director for Romania and Bulgaria. In these countries the Bank invested more than € 3bn and conducted a number of substantial policy engagement initiatives under his leadership.

He has also held various Supervisory Board and Board of Directors memberships in investee companies and private equity funds and also served as a Director on the Foreign Investment Council in Romania.

Prior to working at the EBRD, Matteo was Managing Director at Finint & Partners, the private equity arm of Finanziaria Internazionale, an Italian merchant bank, where he spent 10 years investing in a broad range of sectors.

Before that he was Senior Manager at Accenture Strategic Services in Milan, Italy and held various positions in the Finmeccanica and ENI groups in the UK and Italy.

Matteo was born in Genoa, Italy, and lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He holds an MBA from INSEAD and an MS degree cum laude in Mechanical Engineering from Genoa University.

He is married and has a son.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Why do you think membership in the American Chamber of Commerce is important for business operating in Ukraine?

The ACC is the most relevant private sector association in Ukraine and it is at the forefront of improving business climate in the country. The EBRD has at the core of its mandate the fostering of the conditions for a sustainable development of the private sector in its countries of operations. A strong partnership between the EBRD and ACC is therefore instrumental to delivering both the ACC and the Bank's missions.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

I believe that my participation in the Board would be an effective way to contribute to the activities of the Chamber and ensure that the synergies between the EBRD and the ACC are realized.

Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Chamber Board? What skills would you bring to the Board?

I have been member of the board of the Foreign Investment Council in Romania where I also co-chaired the task forces related to governance and infrastructure. Moreover, as the head of the EBRD operations in Ukraine, I think I can both bring a useful perspective of the investment climate in the country and be an ambassador of the ACC in various venues.

How have you been active in the Chamber over the course of the last two years?

No, but my predecessors were. I was a board member of the Foreign Investment Council in Romania, where I have been residing in the past 3 years.

What activity or Committee would you participate in and be responsible for?

I am open to consider various options, depending on the needs of the Chamber and the time constraints related to my duties in EBRD. For instance, I may replace my predecessor as deputy chairman.