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### **UBI Banca and the MIA Foundation for the Monastery of Astino The installation of the Gaetano Donizetti Civic Musical Institute forms part of the restoration project**

Bergamo, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – The project to repair and restore the Monastery of Astino was presented at 11.30 a.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> October at the headquarters of UBI Banca (in the *Gerusalemme Liberata* room, entrance from Via Roma, 2) in the presence of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board Corrado Faissola, the Chairman of the Management Board Emilio Zanetti, the Chairman of the MIA Foundation Giuseppe Pezzoni, the Chairman of Val d'Astino srl Federico Elzi, architect Giuseppe Napoleone of the Superintendence of Milan and the Mayor of Bergamo Roberto Bruni.

Thanks to a donation made by UBI Banca, which has decided to allocated 1,6 million euro over the next three years, the MIA Foundation will be able to start on works, through the company Val d'Astino srl (wholly owned by the MIA foundation), a little more than a year after acquiring the complex, to halt the deterioration of the building and to install, initially, the Gaetano Donizetti Civic Musical Institute in it. The design for the works, drawn up by MIA technical experts, has already been presented to the competent authorities who have issued the necessary authorizations. The website, [www.astino.it](http://www.astino.it), gives photos, news and information on events and more, so that each step of the work can be followed even on the Internet.



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The participation of UBI Banca in this important initiative forms part of the constant attention that the Group pays to supporting and enhancing the community in which it operates to encourage cultural and social as well as economic development. Maximum care and attention is taken in all action of this nature taken by UBI Banca and its network banks to provide support to the most worthwhile projects. The selection of the Astino Monastery and the grant of this substantial donation to restore it are destined to enhance the community of Bergamo where the Banca Popolare di Bergamo has operated for 140 years.

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