

UBI Banca has won the 2008 edition of the “Oscar di Bilancio” (Financial reporting Oscar) in the Major and Large Banking and Financial Companies category

Bergamo, 26th November 2008 — After two years in which UBI Banca Group was selected amongst the finalists, the “Oscar di Bilancio” jury judged UBI Banca’s 2007 Annual Report as the best in the Major and Large Banking and Financial Companies category.

“The financial report is distinguished by its completeness in all its parts,” the reasons for awarding the prize state. *“The reporting on intangible and financial assets in particular is very good as is that on the reconstruction of the pro-forma figures, given the change in the ownership structure. As concerns the social corporate responsibility report, consideration was taken of the effective use of a GRI reference grid, the widespread distribution of the document and the full description of the structure of the Group.”*

Together with the strictly economic and financial content, particular attention was paid to the presentation of the new Group under various aspects: illustration of the main legal and administrative steps taken prior to the merger, the mission, the organisational model and the role and organisation of the Parent Bank, along with strategies and commercial aspects.

“At times of uncertainty, like today”, **Corrado Faissola**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of UBI Banca, commented, “the Annual Report is of fundamental importance in providing all stakeholders with accurate and transparent information. For a “popular” banking group in particular like ours, dialogue with shareholders is fundamental to full agreement on the strategies and objectives we set ourselves”.

“It gives me great pleasure”, **Emilio Zanetti**, Chairman of the Management Board, underlined “to see that this award was granted not just for the financial report, but also for the Corporate Social Responsibility Report. It is an instrument which broadens our understanding of Group performance to include social and environmental aspects and it sets the operating and financial results in a perspective of sustainable development and corporate social responsibility. And this responsibility is even more significant for us because we are a ‘popular’ bank”.

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