

PRESS RELEASE

**Merger BPU Banca-Banca Lombarda:
- indications for the candidates to the Supervisory Board
- proposed name for the New Parent Company:
Unione di Banche Italiane Scpa – UBI Banca**

Bergamo and Brescia, 22 January 2007 - The Boards of Directors of BPU Banca and Banca Lombarda have indicated the possible candidates to the post of member of the Supervisory Board of the new Parent Bank which may be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of BPU Banca convened in first call on March, 2nd and in second call on March, 3rd.

It is reminded that the Supervisory Board of the new Parent Bank will be composed by 23 members and will include the Chairman, the Senior Deputy Chairman and two Deputy Chairmen.

Banca Lombarda indicated as candidate to the post of Chairman of the Supervisory Board Mr. Gino Trombi and BPU Banca indicated as candidate to the post of Senior Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board Mr. Giuseppe Calvi.

The candidates indicated by the Boards of Directors are the following:

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| 1) Trombi Dott. Gino | 13) Moltrasio Ing. Andrea |
| 2) Calvi Avv. Giuseppe | 14) Musumeci Prof. Avv. Salvatore Toti |
| 3) Bellini Avv. Luigi | 15) Orlandi Dott. Sergio |
| 4) Cattaneo Prof. Mario | 16) Pedersoli Avv. Alessandro |
| 5) Fidanza Virginio | 17) Perolari Dott. Giorgio |
| 6) Fontana Rag. Enio | 18) Pivato Prof. Sergio |
| 7) Garavaglia Dott. Carlo | 19) Polotti Rag. Franco |
| 8) Gussalli Beretta Dott. Pietro | 20) Rampinelli Rota Avv. Pierfrancesco |
| 9) Lucchini Dott. Giuseppe | 21) Sestini Dott. Roberto |
| 10) Lucchini Dott. Italo | 22) Zaleski Ing. Romain |
| 11) Manzoni Dott. Federico | 23) Ferro-Luzzi Prof. Paolo |
| 12) Mazzoleni Mario | |

A summary of the *curricula vitae* of the candidates to the post of member of the Supervisory Board indicated by the Boards of Directors of BPU Banca and Banca Lombarda will be made available on the websites of BPU Banca (www.bpubanca.it) and Banca Lombarda (www.bancalombarda.it).

During the same meetings, the Boards of Directors have decided to propose to the Shareholders the name for the New Parent Company: Unione di Banche Italiane Società Cooperativa per Azioni – UBI Banca.

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