GRUPPO SANPAOLO IMI

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SUMMARY OF INTERIM RESULTS

▶ Positive revenues in a difficult macro-environment

Underpinned by excellent operating trends

- ▶ Selective loan growth up 4.7% year on year and 1.8% YTD
- Effective asset liability management
- Further confirmation of asset gathering strength: 9 billion euro (10 billion at 31 August)
- ▶ Good cost control despite significant integration charges and salary inflation (+3.8%)
- Good asset quality confirmed and levels of coverage improved
 - NPL ratio down to 1.0%
 - ▶ NPL coverage 69.2%
 - Problem loans coverage 32.1%
- ▶ Planned extraordinary charge taken to fund redundancies but to be offset in H2 by extraordinary gains
- Business plan targets confirmed

Total revenues +1.6%

Operating income +3.2%

Income before extraordinaries +4.3%

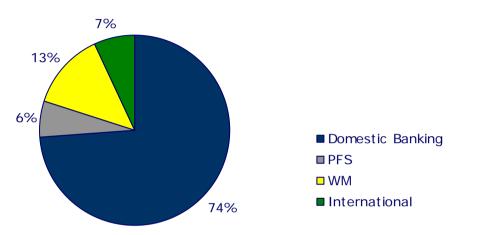
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Group strategy has been focused on building core domestic banking assets

Results

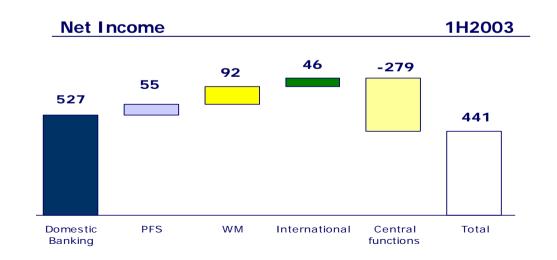
- ▶ An increase in capital allocated to the retail business
- ▶ An increase in the contribution from retail banking to the revenue mix
- ▶ An increase in the customer base and an improvement in its geographical distribution

Capital allocated to business areas (*) 1H2003



Customer Base (# of customers)

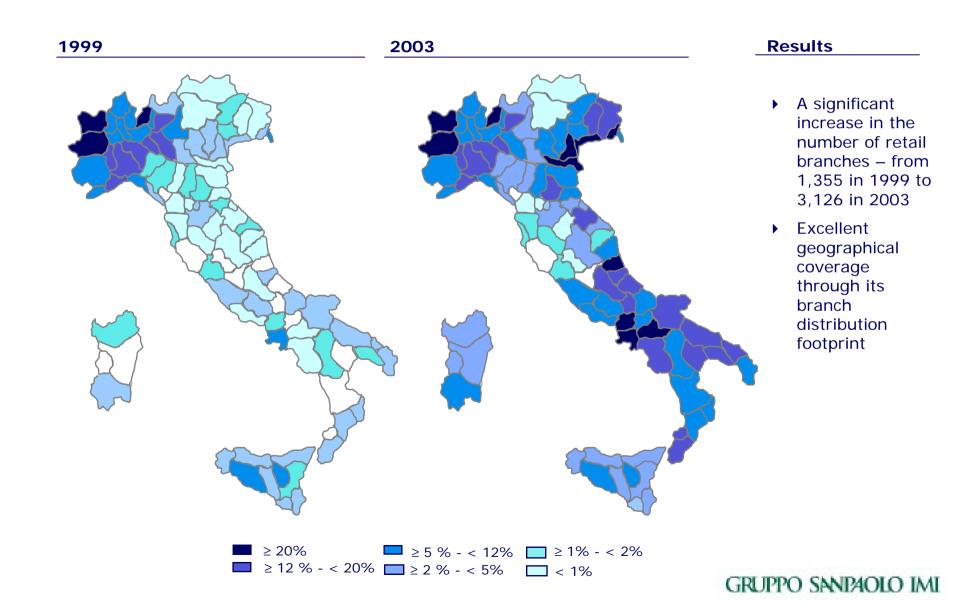
	1999	2002
Total	4.5MM	7.0MM
SME	70,000	150,000



(*) Excludes capital allocated to Central Functions

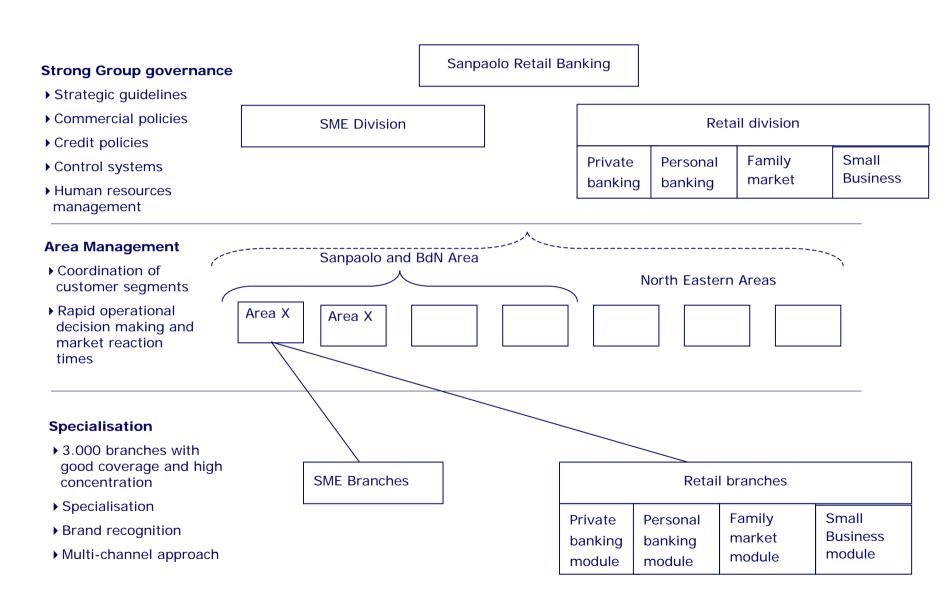


The Group has built a national distribution network focused on its natural customer base



...and is extending its successful branch distribution model





... which enables specialisation, efficiency and rationalisation



Objective

- ▶ To have an integrated national branch network that:
 - maintains strong local identities
 - empowers area management structure to manage and coordinate different local market and customer needs
 - adopts proven Sanpaolo model of specialisation through dedicated branches and modular branch structure

▶ But

- leverages on a national brand strategy
- operates on a single IT and back office platform
- has a centrally managed commercial policy and reporting system

Rationale

- ➤ To enhance customer service levels and optimise commercial effectiveness though:
 - Specialisation of professional role
 - Incentivisation of staff
 - ▶ Introduction of CRM tools
 - Reorganization of business processes
- ▶ To improve operating efficiency by:
 - Rationalisation of headquarter and area management structures
 - Achievement of economies of scale and scope in IT and back office functions



1- INTEGRATION OF SANPAOLO AND BANCO DI NAPOLI BRANCHES

ENABLE

Structural drivers H103

- Legal merger of Banco di Napoli
- Unification of Area management
- Migration of IT systems onto target platform (successful Big Bang on June 3)

Commercial drivers H203

Introduction of Sanpaolo business model and processes

Specialization of business activity by customer segment

Branch management reshuffle

Single divisional reporting and management system

Extension of professional roles and incentivisation schemes

Launch of new brand strategy leveraging on the Sanpaolo name

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2 - INTEGRATION OF SANPAOLO AND CARDINE

H202 Integration of Finance & Treasury, Risk Control and other HQ functions
Rationalisation of product factories

Full acquisition of Banca Popolare dell'Adriatico
 Integration of Cerea Bank in Cariparo
 Merger of Cardine Finanziaria
 Merger of Crup and Carigo

H104 Migration of remaining North Eastern Banks onto SPIMI IT platform
 Fully integrated commercial platform for domestic banking
 Fully integrated brand strategy leveraging on local brand strength and national Sanpaolo recognition

Full integration brings headcount reduction but investment in front office





Aim

- ▶ To reduce staffing levels in domestic banking to optimal levels, by reducing headcount by 2000, in a way that is:
 - financially efficient
 - operationally effective

Incentivising early retirement enables:

- ▶ The reduction in overall headcount to be managed effectively by:
 - Geography
 - ▶ Business function
- ▶ An improvement in the demographics of the employee base
- ▶ An improvement in the front/back office ratio
- ▶ An improvement in the flexibility of contractual conditions
- ▶ An enhancement of front office competences and service level

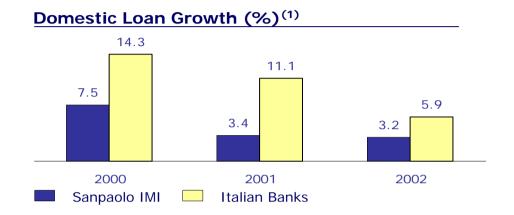
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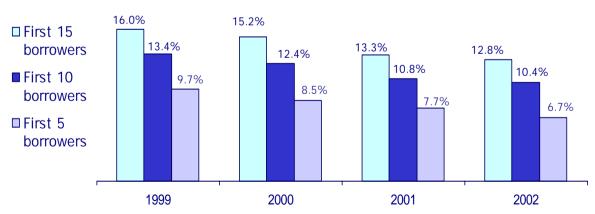
Reshaping the loan portfolio has enhanced diversification and focused on natural customer base

1999–2002 refocusing of the loan book

- ▶ Focus on increasing risk adjusted profitability in SME lending
- Refocusing of the loan book to increase capital allocation to SME and retail segments
- Reduction of BdN large corporates exposures and disposal of BdN overseas activities
- ▶ Rebalance of international exposure
- ▶ Reduction of concentration in the portfolio



Concentration(*)

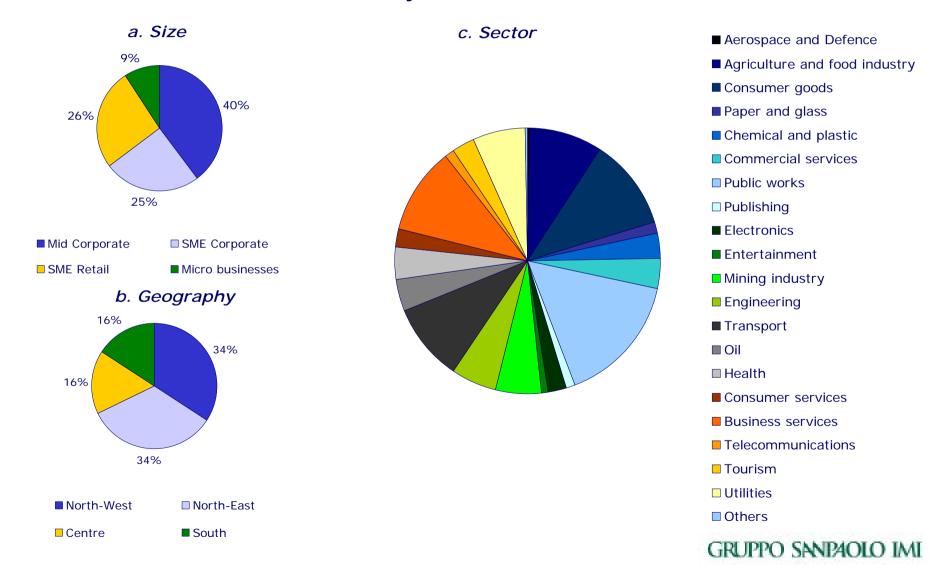


(*) In terms of loans, commitments and guarantees on net customer loans

Beneficial diversification effect through strong SME customer base

GROW LOAN
PORTFOLIO SELECTIVELY

Breakdown of Italian SME customer base by:

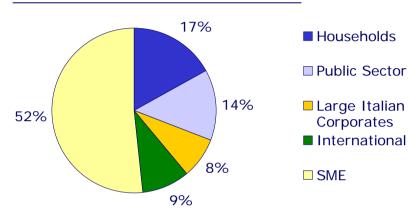


Well balanced portfolio and selective loan growth ensure sustainability

2003-2005 growing a refocusing loan book

- ▶ Exploit the Group's strong market positioning in fast growing specialist markets
 - ▶ Retail mortgages
 - ▶ Public sector and Infrastructure financing
 - ▶ Consumer finance
- ▶ Develop our large and diversified SME customer base

Loan Book Breakdown (%)



	Stock H103	Var. Y/Y
GROUP:	127,732	+4.8%
PRINCIPLE BUSINESS UNIT NUMBERS:		
Sanpaolo Network	53,322	+11%
▶ Cardine	25,621	+11%
▶ Large Domestic Groups	10,601	-7%
► Banca OPI	17,993	+11%
▶ Consumer Banking	3,215	+12%
▶ Foreign network	4,813	-29%

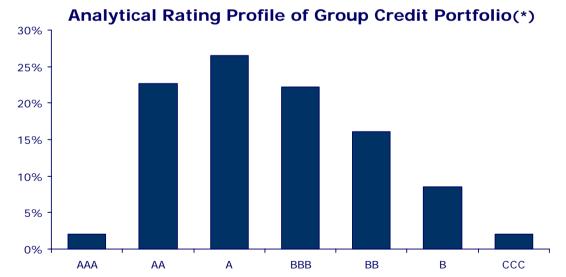
GROW LOAN PORTFOLIO SELECTIVELY

Without impacting negatively on either margins or asset quality

	Var. Y/Y	Var. Q/Q
Average spread	+47 bps	+10 bps
► Mark up	+74 bps	+19 bps
► Mark down	-27 bps	-9 bps
3 month Euribor (*)	-109 bps	-33 bps

(*) Quarterly average





	H103
NPL'S ratio	1.0%
Watchlist ratio	1.2%
NPL coverage	69.2%
Problem loans coverage	32.1%

^(*)The portfolio includes analytically rated performing loans to customers on and off-balance sheet which represent approximately 75% of the total portfolio. The remaining portion of the portfolio is principally retail lending of which approximately 70% in residential mortgage lending.



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Asset management remains strategic and the Group has powerfully placed distribution channels

BUILD ON COMPETITIVE POSITIONING IN ASSET MANAGEMENT

Strategic drivers to growth in AUM

- ▶ High savings ratios
- ▶ Developing pension gap
- ▶ Long term investment needs
- Current cash rich asset mix

Group distribution

- ▶ Branches: ~3,0003° Ranking in Italy
- ▶ PFS: ~5,0001° Ranking in Italy

Group guidelines

- ▶ Increase the service level across all the franchises
- Increase the level of intermediation in customer asset management by introducing the role of financial advisors in the new networks
- Align asset allocation to meet customers' longer term savings needs through a comprehensive product range

€ MM	H103 Flows				H103 Stock		
	Life assurance	Mutual funds	GPM	Total	Total	Var. Y/Y	Var. Q/Q
Sanpaolo Network	1,605	1,844	-612	2,837	75,071	5.3%	3.9%
Cardine	280	507	166	953	13,988	12.8%	4.8%
Fideuram	681	1,155	31	1,867	42,333	-0.2%	5.5%
Other	269	114	63	446	14,469		
Total	2,835	3,620	-352	6,103	145,861	4.8%	4.3%

BUILD ON COMPETITIVE POSITIONING IN ASSET MANAGEMENT

Asset gathering capacity confirmed reflecting underlying strength in customer relationships

€ MM

Aggregate	H12003 stock	H12003 inflows	H12003 Performance	Net change year to date		
AFI	376,042	+8,378	3,769	+12,146	+3.3%	
AUM	145,861	+6,103	+1,623	+7,726	+5.6%	
► Life assurance	30,659	+2,835	+649	+3,484	+12.8%	
Mutual funds	106,030	+3,620	+901	+4,521	+4.5%	
▶ GPM	9,172	-352	+ 73	-279	-2.9%	
Administered	92,936	+ 2,914	+2,145	+5,059	+5.8%	
Direct deposits	137,245	-639	-	-639	-0.5%	

- ▶ Largest player in Italian mutual fund industry, with a market share of 21.1% as August 2003
- ▶ Leading bancassurance in Italy with a 10.3% market share in technical up 29.8% Y/Y
- ▶ Significant embedded value in life portfolio: 1,873 € MM (June 03)

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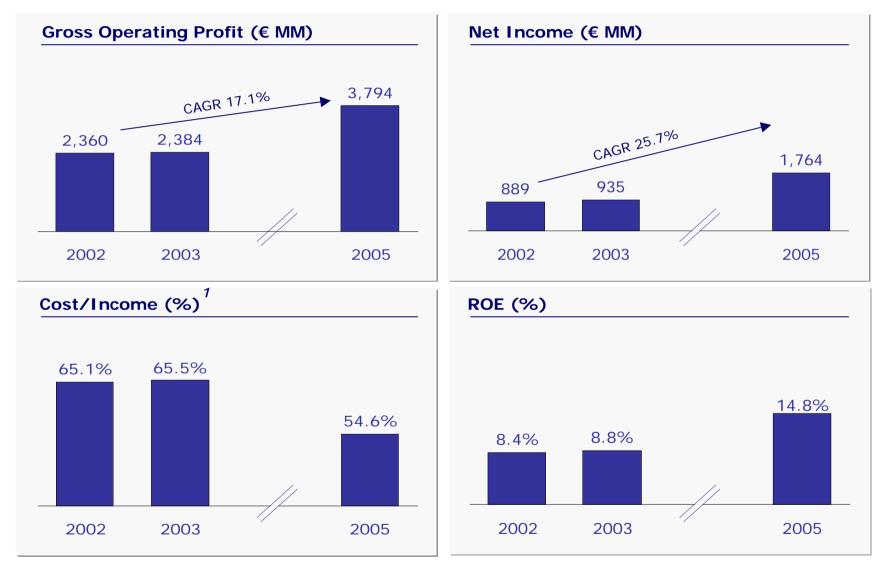
FOCUS	RATIONALISATION
 Development of consumer banking in Finemiro 	Sale of 50% stake in Finconsumo to SCH
 Strengthening of Wealth Management with Eptaconsors and concentration of life business 	Disposal of IMIWEBRationalisation of EPTA SimRationalisation of life companies
 Acquisition of control of Inter- Europa Bank completing the selective presence in Eastern Europe 	 Partnership with CNCE – Eulia in Banque Sanpaolo for French Market Dismissal of non strategic shareholdings Dismissal of non operational property assets

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CONCLUSIONS

Resiliance	→ H103 results show good resiliance to more challenging macro scenario.
Potential	Revenue growth potential evidenced by strong operating trends in lending, margins and asset gathering numbers.
Sustainability	Sustainability of asset management revenues highligthed by enphasis on fee income generation and associates' profits.
Efficiency	Cost efficiency enabled by ongoing rationalisation and integration.
Quality	 Quality of assets remains a feature of the Group and a key management indicator

2005 GROUP TARGETS



¹ Total administrative expenses (excluding direct and indirect taxes) and amortization (excluding value adjustments on goodwill and merger and consolidation differences)/total income (including other net operating income)