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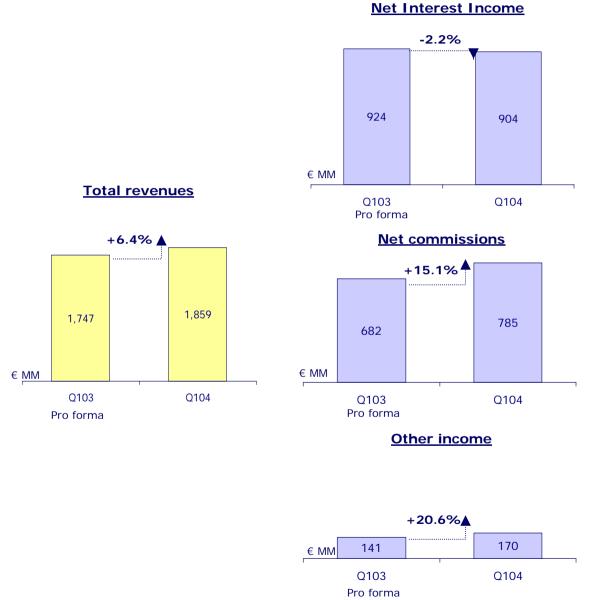
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GOOD REVENUE GROWTH



OPERATING TRENDS

Selective loan growth:

•	Mortgages	(new lending 0.9 € billion YTD,
	+9.6%)	

•	Consumer credit	+12.4% Y/Y

- Public authorities +2.1% Y/Y
- Large Corporate -31% Y/Y

Customer spread defended in falling interest rate environment

•	Average spread	-5 bsp
•	Mark up	+5 bsp
•	Mark down	-10 bsp
	3 months Euribor	-62 bsp

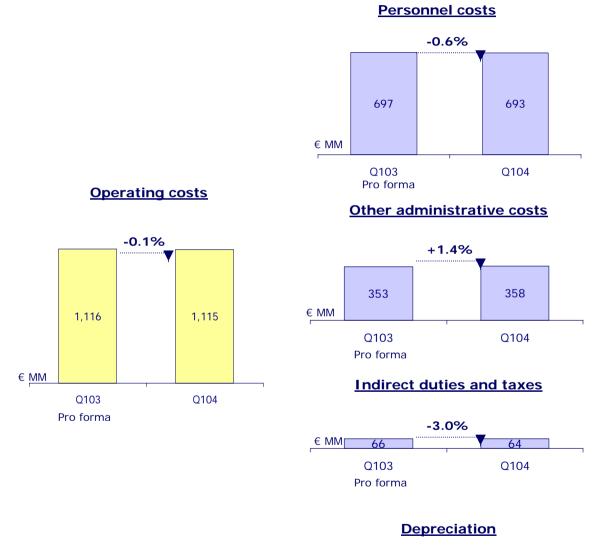
Positive growth in traditional banking fees

- Collection and payment services +8.8%
- Deposit and current accounts +7.2%

Strong asset management trends

- New customer financial assets 2.7 €BN YTD understated by outflows of 725 €MM from the non captive businesses of Adria Vita and Eptaconsors in managed assets
- Positive market performance impacted positively on AUM 3.3 € BN YTD and on mutual fund asset mix up 5% Y/Y
- 69 € MM contribution form life companies reflecting strength of insurance business

COSTS UNDER CONTROL

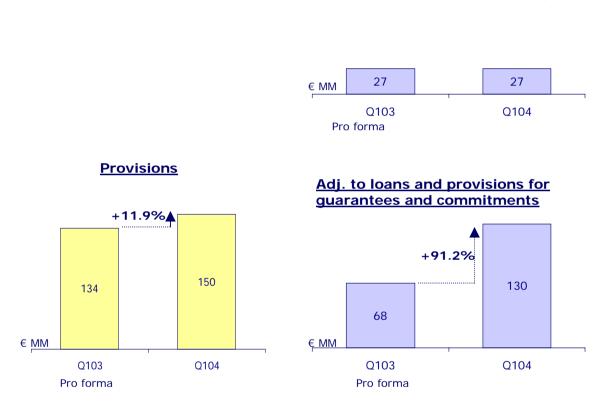




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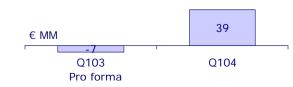
- Fall in personnel expenses driven by average net headcount reduction of 3.7% Y/Y offset national banking contract increases
- Administrative costs up in line with inflation driven by integration expenses
 - IT costs (+2.0%)
 - Indirect personnel costs (+21.1%)

PRUDENTIAL PROVISIONING



Adj. to financial fixed assets

Provisions for risks and charges

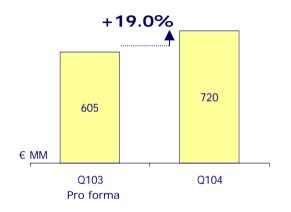


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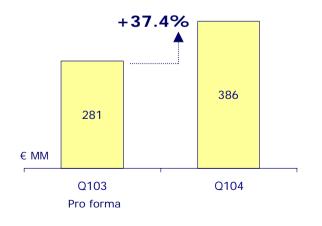
- Credit provisioning in line with average annual cost of risk and includes
 38 € million generic charge
- Total doubtful loans down 1% Y/Y
 - Net NPL –5.6% (ratio 1.0%)
 - Net watchlist +2.7% (ratio 1.2%)
- Adequate coverage level of 73% and 32% on NPL and watchlist loans respectively. Levels are analytically calculate and include NPV of expected recoveries.
- Good asset quality confirmed in performing loan portfolio
- Generic reserve of 1.1 €BN represents nearly twice the expected through the cycle cost of risk

POSITIVE OPERATING AND BOTTOM LINE TRENDS

Operating income



Net income



+22.4% 535 € MM Q103 Q104 Pro forma

	Q104
Annualised ROE:	13.8%
Annualised COST/INCOME:	59.5%

Ordinary income



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2003	2004
Integration of Banco di Napoli	Migration of Cassa di Risparmio di Venezia onto SPIMI IT platform (March 04)
Full acquisition of Banca Popolare dell'Adriatico	Migration of Cassa di Risparmio di Bologna onto SPIMI IT platform (April 04)
Integration of Cerea Bank in Cariparo	Migration of Friulcassa onto SPIMI IT platform (June 04)
Merger of Cardine Finanziaria	Migration of Cariparo onto SPIMI IT platform (July 04)
Merger of Crup and Carigo	IT merger of Banca Popolare dell'Adriatico (September 04)
Rebranding of all networks banks	

EXTENSION OF THE BRANCH DISTRIBUTION MODEL

Retail Headquarters

- Single head office on single operating and back office platform
- Divisional model to meet needs of customer segments and ensure necessary co-ordination

Area Management

- Local character maintained through brand and legal entity
- Empowers area management structure to manage and coordinate different local market and customer needs

Branch network

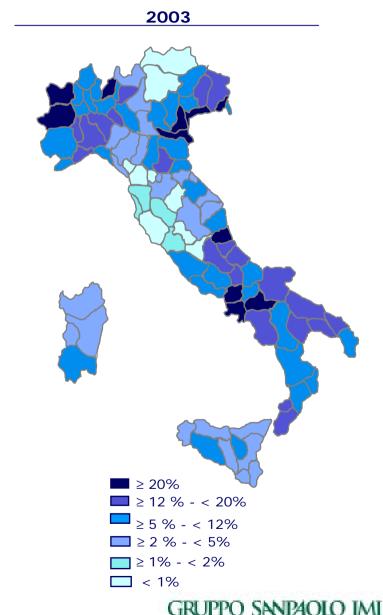
- 3,000 branches with good national foot print and high concentration coverage
- Specialisation through dedicated branches and modular approach to branch business
- Multi-channel approach

BRANCH BANKING SPECIALISATION ⁽¹⁾					
	SME Division	Private & Retail Division			
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		WARNOUT PREVATE	RESERVE	SNDICIO	SNEIOLO
Specialist branches	151	69			
and modules	+63 ⁽²⁾			2,000	
Professional roles ⁽³⁾	1,450	150	2,200	8,500	1,200

1) Numbers do not include ex-Cardine banks

Additional teams
 In addition to 2,0

3) In addition to 2,000 branch managers





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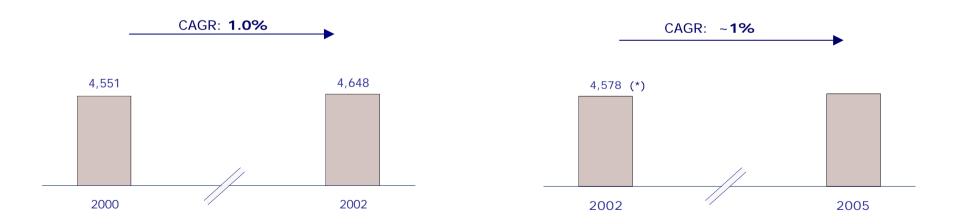
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AREA	ACTION		
Human resources	Optimising staffing levels in domestic banking, by reducing headcount by 2000		
MOI Implementation	Cost savings through adoption of Group target operating platform		
Logistics	Efficiencies through concentration and centralisation		

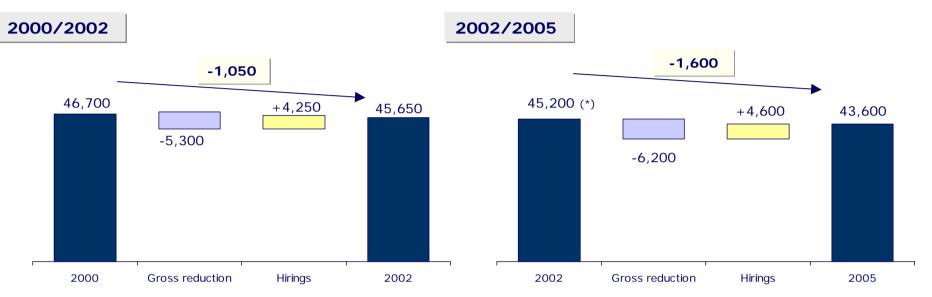
Group administrative costs (€ MM)



(*) Proforma without Banque Sanpaolo, Finconsumo and IMIWeb, plus Epta, Cariforlì and Intereuropa



EFFECTIVE HEADCOUNT REDUCTION



Incentivising early retirement enables:

- The reduction in overall headcount to be managed effectively by:
 - geography
 - business function
- An improvement in the age profile 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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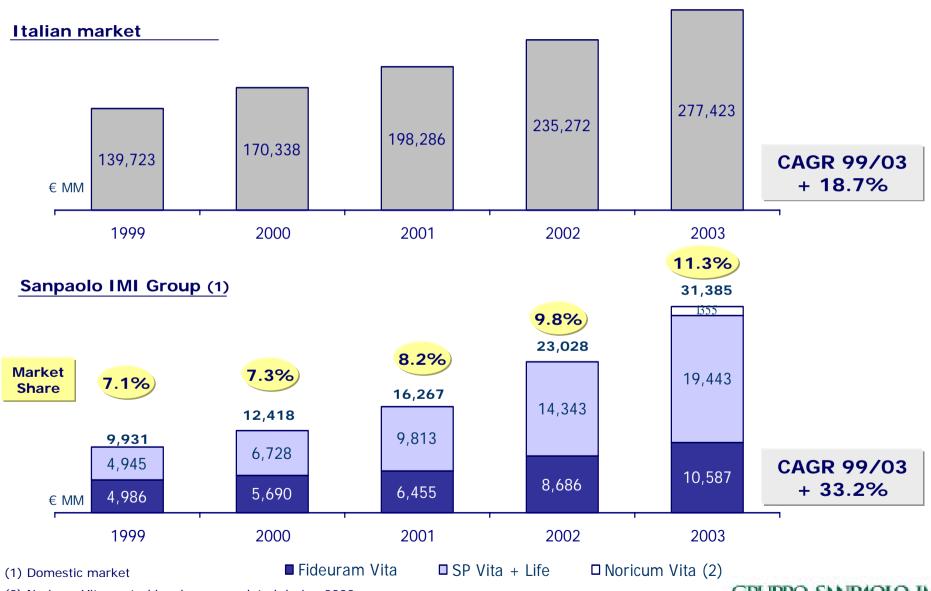
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BUSINESS AREA	FOCUS	RATIONALISATION
Consumer Banking	 Development of consumer banking in Finemiro 	 Sale of 50% stake in Finconsumo to SCH
Retail Banking	 Extension of Sanpaolo internet banking to all retail networks 	 Disposal of IMIWEB
Asset Management	 Strengthening of Wealth Management with Eptaconsors sgr 	 Sale of Eptasim
Foreign Network	 Acquisition of control of Inter- Europa Bank completing the selective presence in Eastern Europe 	 Sale of Banque Sanpaolo to CNCE
Personal Financial Services	 Operational integration of Sanpaolo Invest into Banca Fideuram 	
Insurance business	 Acquisition of minorities in Noricum Vita 	 Sale of stake in Adria Vita

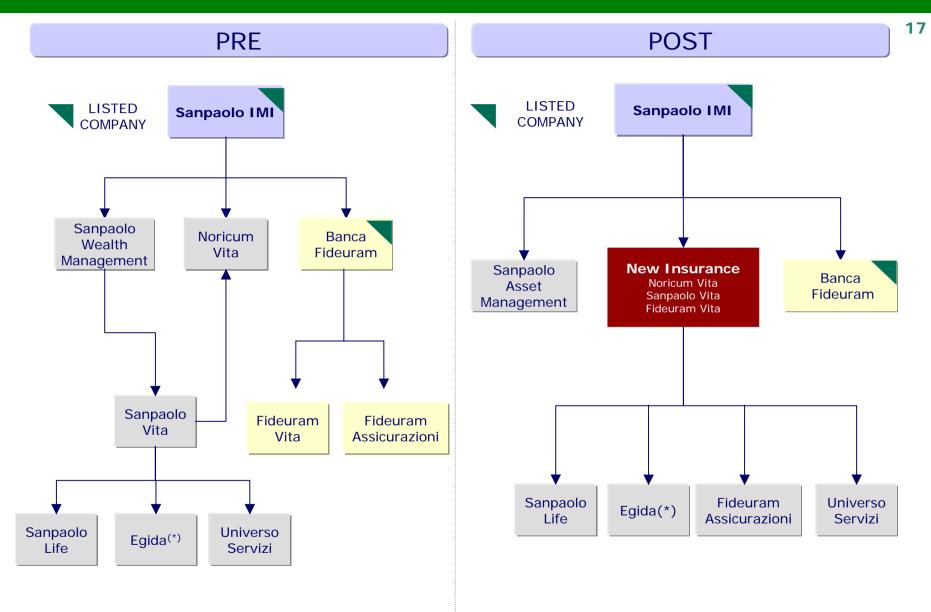
SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIFE BUSINESS

TECHNICAL RESERVES



(2) Noricum Vita control has been completed during 2003.

2004 INSURANCE POLE PROJECT



FIDEURAM VITA TRANSACTION



New distribution agreements

Ensuring full remuneration of capital invested in insurance business

NO IMPACT ON BANCA FIDEURAM BUSINESS MODEL

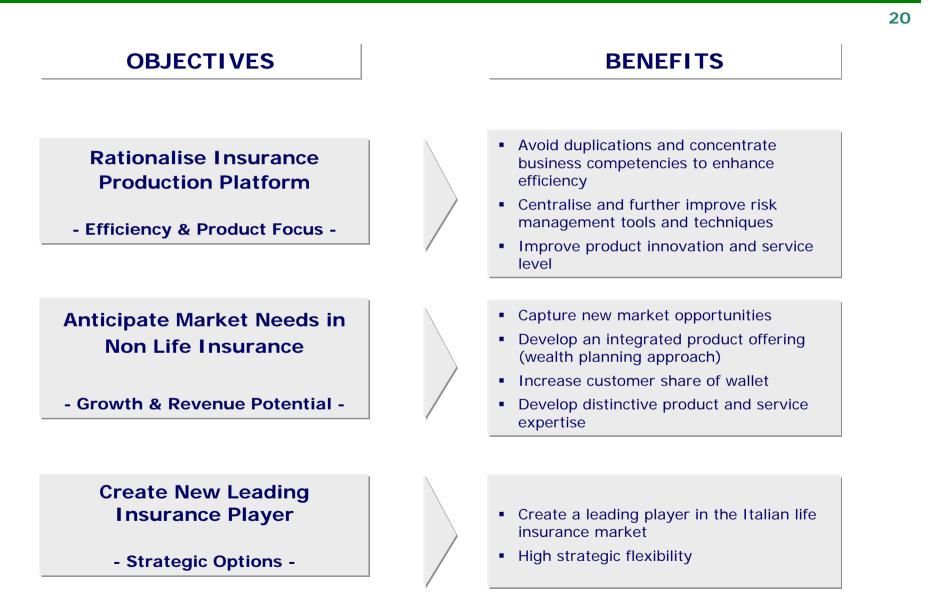
Unaltered Business Model

- Preservation of business model integrity
 - Strong PB networks focused on financial advisory
 - Vertical integration that allows the full control of the business levers
 - Lean and efficient asset management factory the covers the whole value chain
- Confirmation of Banca
 Fideuram traditional mission as independent financial advisor

The de-merger does not alter Banca Fideuram operating strengths and presents value creation opportunities

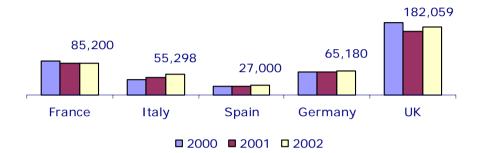
Value Creation upside

- Increased focus on the core business of financial advisory, asset management and private banking
 - Lower exposure to financial, demographic and operational risks
 - No capital requirements needed to develop the insurance business, more demanding after Basel 2
 - Enlarged insurance product portfolio following the distribution agreement with the new insurance pole



FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN ITALIAN LIFE BUSINESS

Life premia (€ MM)

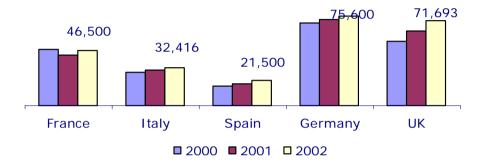


Life insurance penetration levels



- Penetration of life products in line with European average
- Concentration of life in financial, Pillar III products
- Further opportunities for growth in life business through traditional and pension products
- Proven ability to develop insurance distribution potential

Non life premia (€MM)

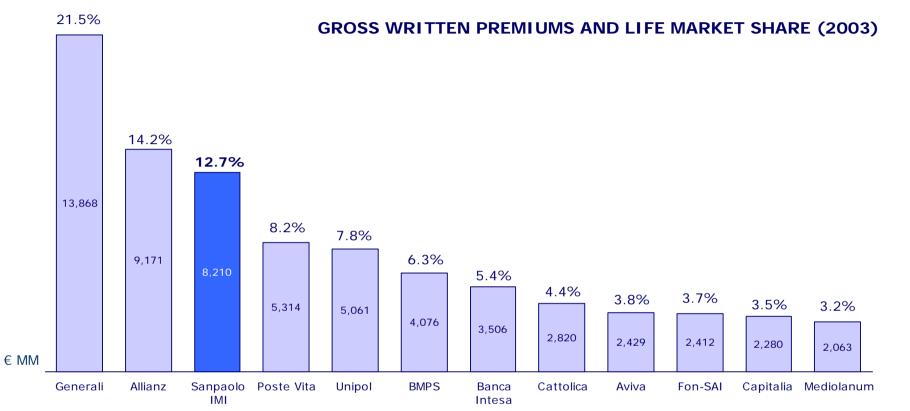


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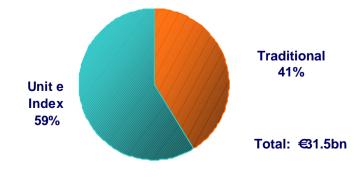


- Underpenetrated market in non life
- Market is particularly concentrated in car insurance
- Almost all distribution of non life through insurance agents

CREATION OF LEADING PLAYER IN ITALIAN LIFE MARKET



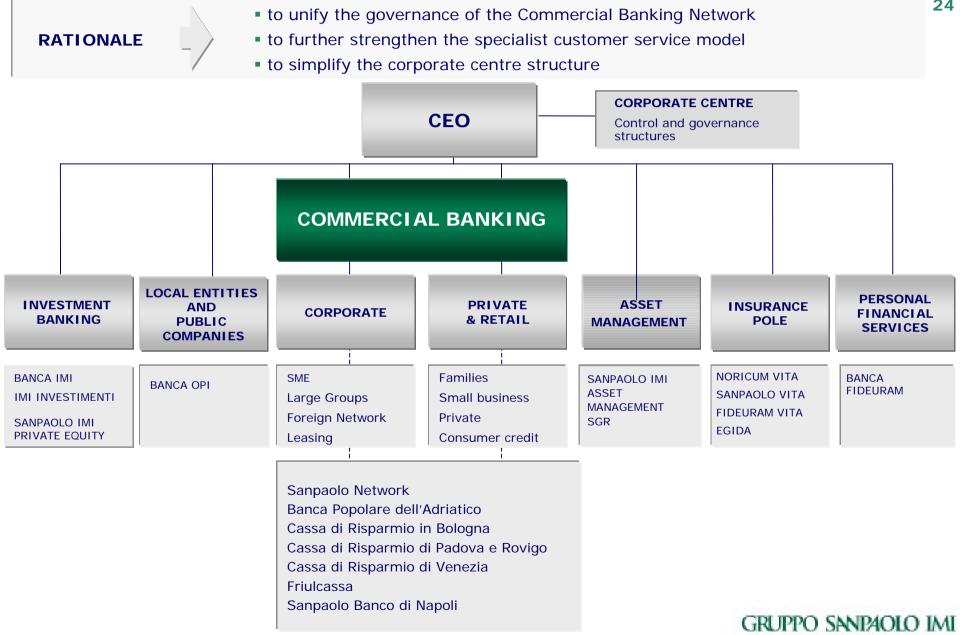
Source: Annual Reports and press releases; ANIA for the total market, included estimates of premia of the Italian Companies' foreign subsidiaries



BALANCED PORTFOLIO (TECHNICAL RESERVES)

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NEW GROUP STRUCTURE REFLECTS RATIONALISED BUSINESS MODEL





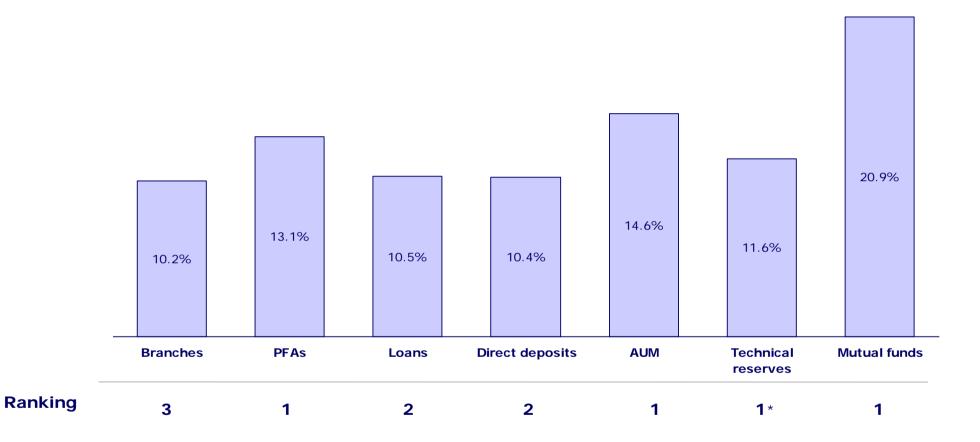
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THE SCENARIO REMAINS CHALLENGING

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Weakening consensus view for Italian GDP growth	Strong growth in retail and public sector lending
Average Euribor rates lower than 2003 with risk of further policy cut	Structural repricing of liabilities
Export driven business hit by strong euro	Development of new markets in emerging economies
High corporate leverage	Structurally lower level of corporate indebtedness to GDP than EU average
Low risk adjusted return in corporate lending	Development of premium pricing for brand quality and service levels
Uncompetitive businesses in mature sectors	Leading businesses in high value added sectors
Slow introduction of structural reform	Resilience in corporate sector to difficult macro scenario
Negative customer sentiment as a result of Italian corporate scandals	Opportunity to develop asset management business
Low levels of customer satisfaction	Higher customer turnover levels create opportunities
More demanding customers	Greater propensity to pay for quality services

BUT THE GROUP IS WELL POSITIONED



* Classification referred to banking groups

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WITH REAL ORGANIC GROWTH POTENTIAL

Through the new franchises

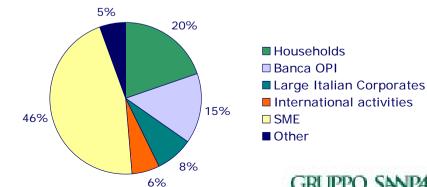




 By leveraging on specialist customer service models

Portfolio details	Risk analys	is Analysis of customer and risk p	needs	Rebalancing using product matrix	Flows management
Key Figures as of 31/12/03		Sanpaolo (from April '03)	Sanpaolo Banco di Napoli (from end '03)		P&R Division
• assets involved		41 BN €	5.2 BN €		46.2 BN €
 assets rebalanced 		3.6 BN €	328 MM €		3.9 BN €
 economic impact 		55 MM €	4.9 MM €		60 MM €
 average profitability 		+13.5 bsp	+9 bsp		+13 bsp

 Through a diversified loan portfolio



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The Group's improving performance and business objectives are based on:

- A consistent and coherent business strategy
- A clear focus on risk adjusted return enabling the creation of shareholder value
- A commitment to high service levels and the asset quality of the Group and customer portfolios
- A strong competitive positioning in core businesses
- A sustainable approach to business growth