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Growth Options for Italian Financials

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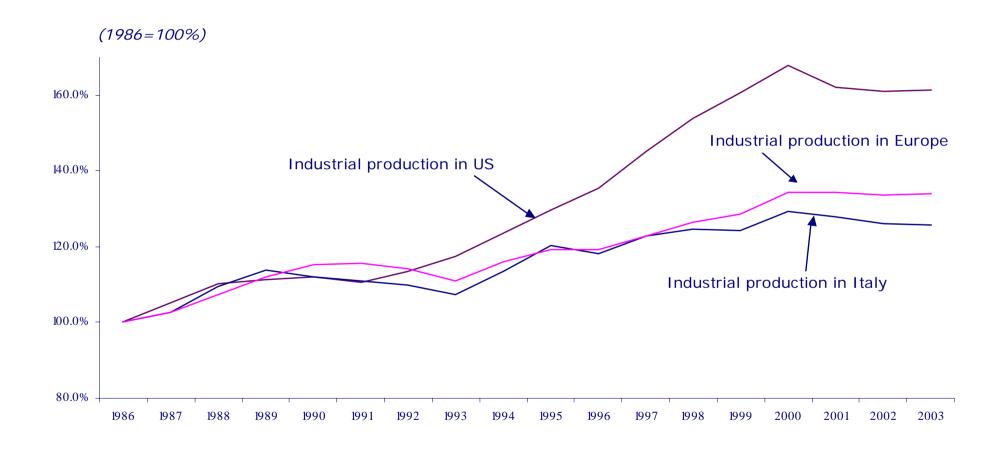
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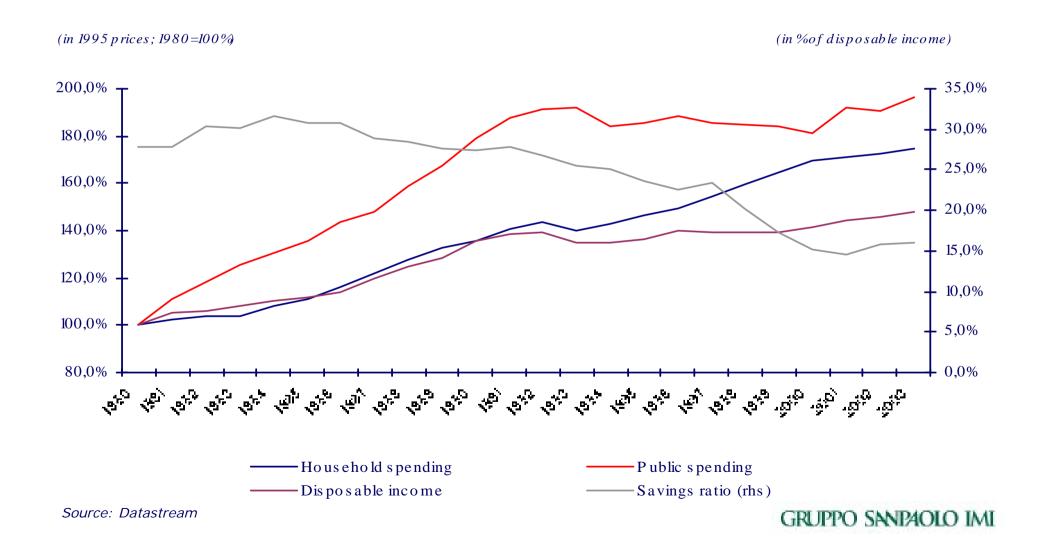
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Greater need of Italian business for access to financial skills and services



OPPORTUNITIES IN A CHALLENGING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

- Opportunity to develop partnerships in the public sector
- Greater propensity to retail indebtedness
- Stable and strong retail savings ratio

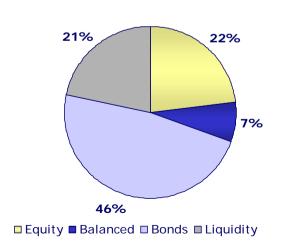


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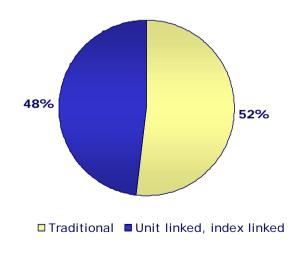
Identifying and meeting customers financial needs

	Germany	Spain	France	UK	Italy
Mutual funds as a % of TFA	11.8	12.5	17.2	4.4	12.2
Life assurance as a % of GDP	3.2	2.4	6.0	8.6	4.9
Non-life assurance as a % of GDP	3.8	3.2	3.2	4.8	2.6

Breakdown of Italian mutual funds stock



Breakdown of Italian life insurance stock



Breakdown of main nonlife classes in italy (%)



Source: Ania, 2003



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BRANCH BANKING NETWORK NOW FULLY INTEGRATED

2003	2004
IT migration of Banco di Napoli (June) Full acquisition of Banca Popolare dell'Adriatico (June) Integration of Cerea Bank in Cariparo (June)	Migration of Cassa di Risparmio di Venezia onto SPIMI IT platform (March) Migration of Cassa di Risparmio in Bologna onto SPIMI IT platform (April)
Integration and rationalisation of Banco di Napoli : 624 Banco di Napoli branches conferred to Sanpaolo (July), 121 Sanpaolo branches conferred to new Sanpaolo Banco di Napoli (September) Merger of Crup and Carigo in Friulcassa (November)	Migration of Friulcassa onto SPIMI IT platform (June) Migration of Cariparo onto SPIMI IT platform (July) IT merger of Banca Popolare dell'Adriatico (October) Rationalisation of the branch network:
Advertising campaign following rebranding of all networks banks (November) Merger of Cardine Finanziaria (December)	113 Sanpaolo branches to be conferred to the North East banks 30 Carisbo and Cariparo branches to be conferred to Sanpaolo network (November 04-January 05)

Local brands national coverage

Retail Headquarters

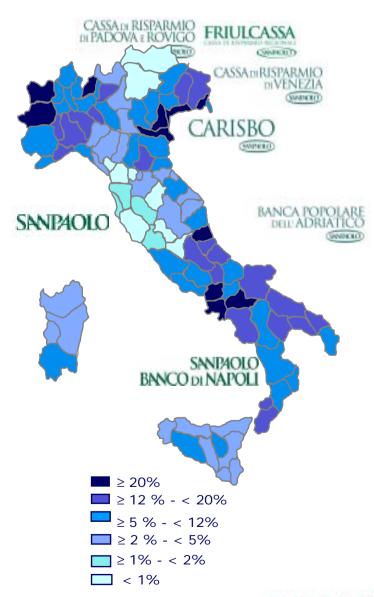
- Single head office on single operating and back office platform
- Divisional model to meet needs of customer segments and ensure necessary co-ordination

Area Management

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

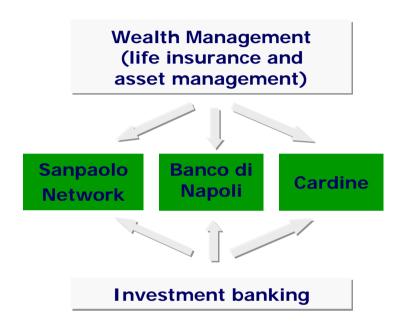
Branch network

- 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



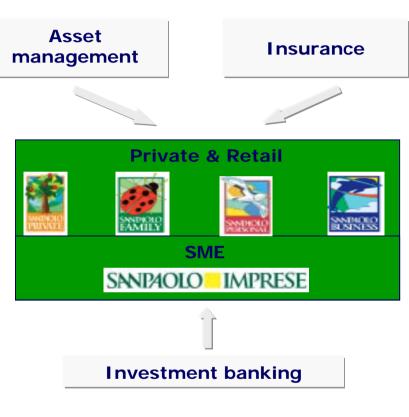
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BRANCH BANKING INTEGRATION AND SPECIALISATION



Pre-integration of branch network

Marketing strategies are developed within product factories



Post-integration of branch network

Marketing strategies are developed within the network

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Completed projects Objectives Areas To develop the Investment Policy relationship with **Culture** Communication events customers Training To offer a higher quality service CRM Workstation **Instruments** Market and product information Customer portfolio analysis To improve - Reporting profitability Asset allocation - Model portfolio simulation Management Portfolio benchmarking **Analysis** Commercial analysis **Business process Analysis of customer** Rebalancing using **Flows** Portfolio details Risk analysis needs and risk profile product matrix management

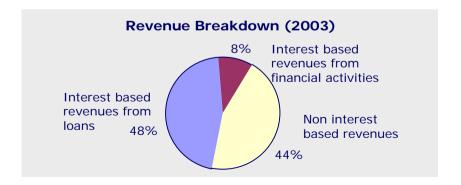
LEVERAGING ON STRONG CORPORATE BANKING COMPETENCES

SANPAOLO IMPRESE

A specialist national network:

- 177 branches
- 81 teams
- Short term loans: Risk adjusted spread

 Counterparty rating



- National market coverage
- Specialist distribution network
- Risk management tools
- Revenue diversification
- Asset quality
- Quality capital and sound ratio

BUILDING ON BRAND VALUE







Main objectives of Sanpaolo's Olympic sponsorship aim at increasing:

- 1. business and customer relationships;
- 2. national and international recognition;
- 3. motivation and sense of corporate identity in employees.

Impact on net interest and other banking income Impact on net interest and other banking income Increase in customer base One-off revenues		↑Cross selling	Cross selling Retail projectCross selling Small Business
	_	↑Average revenues per product	 Olympic credit cards Olympic pre-paid cards Young project (0-18) Car loans (billboard)
		↑Acquisition	Young project (18-30)Sanpaolo RoadshowTicketingSmall Business offers
	Dase	↑Retention	Meeting on sport valuesTorch relayOlympic Events
	One-off revenues		TicketingNetwork TOROCTemporary branchesATM/POS in Olympics sites

Investment, new business processes, and commercial initiatives aim at increasing the number of customers and strengthening the relationship in high-potential customer segments.



The new Sanpaolo IMI brand dedicated to young people from 18 to 30 years old



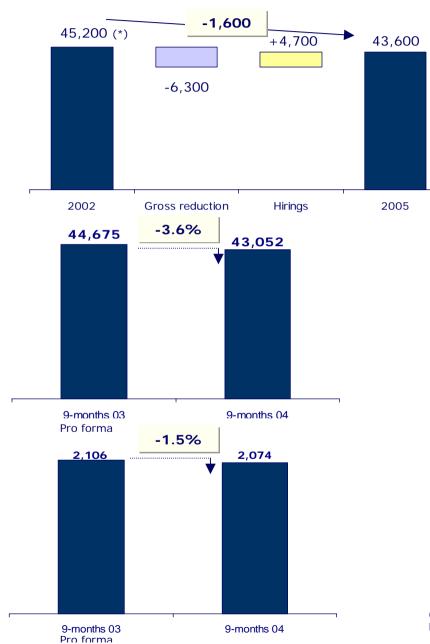
For the increasingly important immigrant communities in Italy



The large, heterogeneous small business segment which characterises the Italian economy

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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

Personnel reduction target already achieved:

- Incentivising early retirement higher than expected
- Usual turn over

Reduction in personnel costs achieved despite:

- Salary inflation
- Accruing assumed pay rise from current CCNL negotiation

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



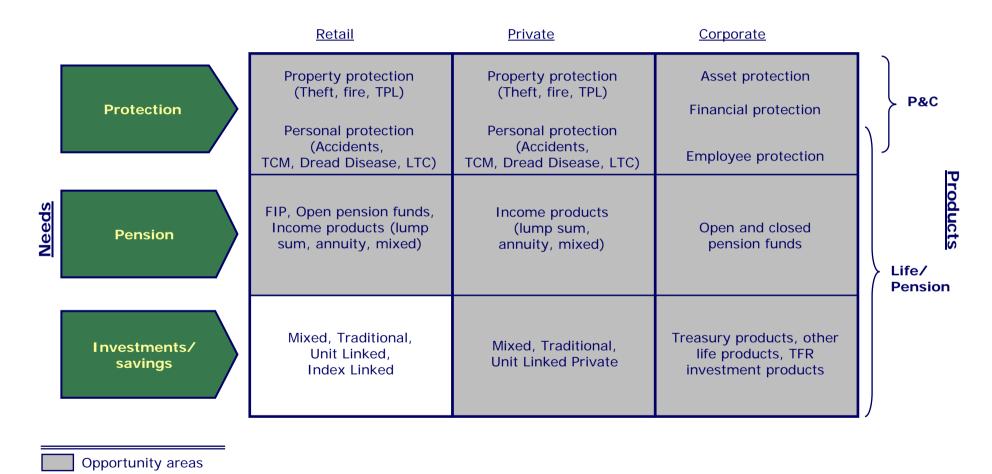
€ MM	9-months 04	9-months 03 pro forma	Ch. 9-months 04/9- months 03 pro forma		
Administrative costs	3,373	3,396	-0.7%		
Personnel expenses	2,074	2,106	-1.5%		
 Other administrative costs 	1,101	1,090	+1.0%		
• IT costs	309	313	-1.3%	Benefit from IT integration	
 Real estate costs 	216	209	+3.3%		
 General costs 	183	191	-4.2%		
 Professional and insurance costs 	187	193	-3.1%		
Utilities	67	65	+3.1%	Inflationary pressure on overheads	
 Advertising and marketing costs 	64	55	+16.4%	Brand building	
 Indirect personnel costs 	75	64	+17.2%	One-off integration charges	
Indirect duties and taxes	198	200	-1.0%		
Depreciation	319	336	-5.1%	Reduction following aggressive write downs in previous years new franchises	

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BUSINESS AREA	FOCUS	RATIONALISATION
Consumer Banking	 Development of consumer banking in Finemiro 	 Sale of 50% stake in Finconsumo to SCH
Asset Management	 Strengthening of mutual fund offer range Merger of all Eptafund funds in Sanpaolo funds Rationalisation of company structure and activities 	 Rationalisation of Eptaconsors Sale of Eptatrading Demerger of Sanpaolo IMI Wealth Management in favour of Sanpaolo IMI Asset Management
Life assurance	 Establishment of Assicurazioni Internazionali di Previdenza 	 Concentration of all life and non-life insurance activities Demerger of Sanpaolo Vita Sale of stake in Adria Vita
Personal Financial Services	 Operational integration of Sanpaolo Invest into Banca Fideuram Strengthening Banca Fideuram core business 	 Demerger of Fideuram Vita in favour of Sanpaolo IMI
International Activities	 Acquisition of control of Inter- Europa Bank completing the selective presence in Eastern Europe Repositioning of the Bank's shareholding in CDC Ixis 	 Sale of Sanpaolo Bank (Austria) Sale of Banque Sanpaolo to CNCE Merger by incorporation of IMI Bank (Lux) in Sanpaolo Bank (Lux)
Investment Banking	 Development of products for commercial bank 	Sale of IMIWeb

INSURANCE & PENSION PRODUCTS







Mission:

to act as consumer credit specialist for the Group developing business both through its own sales network (27,000 point of sales and 2.8 million customers) and through the branch distribution network of the Group.

Marrying branch distribution capacity with specialist competences:

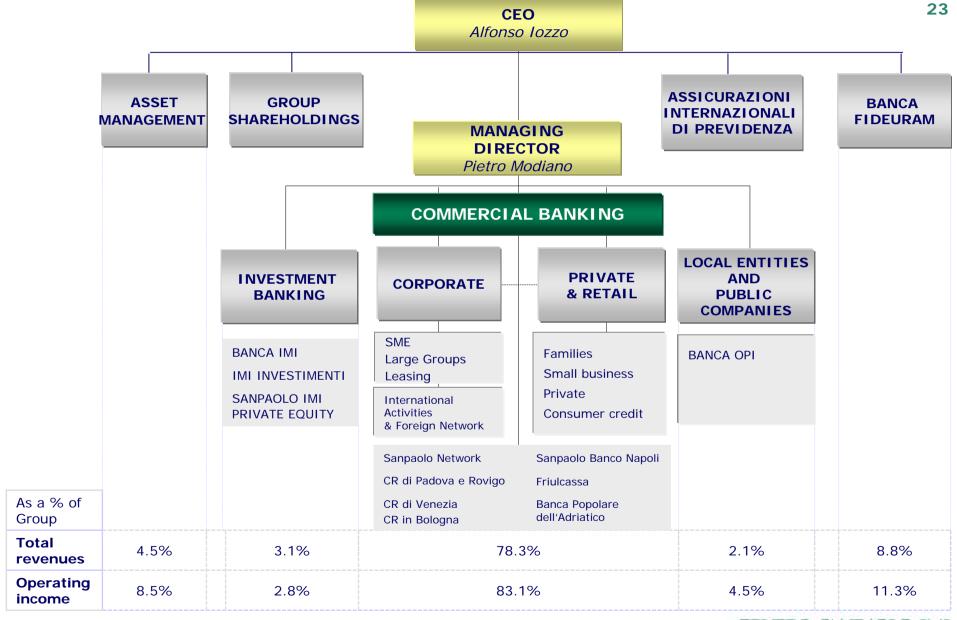
- in credit cards revolving credit cards will be issued to SANPAOLO IMI family segment customers exploiting on one hand the customer base of the Group and on the other the specialist competencies of Finemiro notably in credit scoring and the credit recovery;
- **in POS financing** Finemiro will look to leverage on contacts with retail distribution channels in order to increase its network of POS dealerships. The objective is to have 10,000 new dealers by 2005.

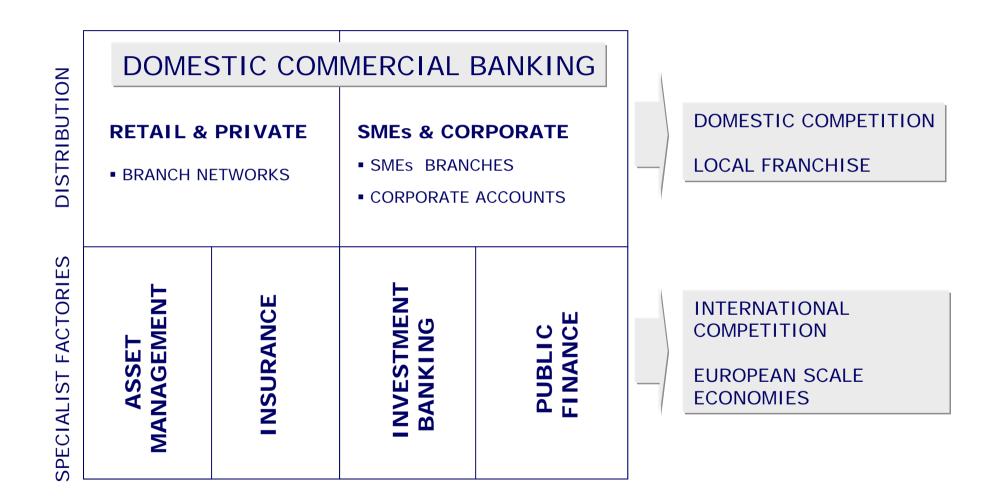
Target: to increase market share

Finemiro expects through business development projects and increased commercial effectiveness, to be able to increase its market share from 5% to 10%.

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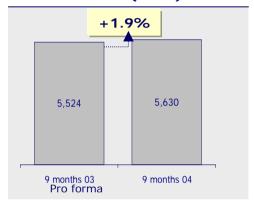
GROUP STRUCTURE REFLECTS RATIONALISED BUSINESS MODEL



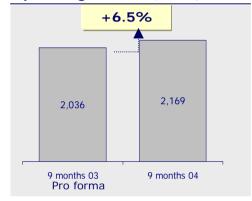


Improving performance

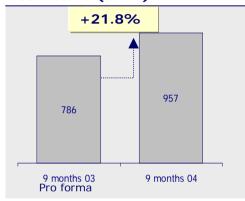
Total Revenues (€ MM)



Operating income (€ MM)



Net income (€ MM)



Based on:

- Consistent and coherent business strategy
- Good competitive positioning
- Healthy business mix
- Strong customer service models
- Real organic growth potential