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**RESULTS FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS 2008 APPROVED  
NET PROFIT OF BANCA CARIGE UP +14.6% TO €191 MILLION  
CONSOLIDATED NET PROFIT STABLE ON SEPTEMBER 2007 AT €163 MILLION**

- Consolidated net profit of €163<sup>1</sup> million (€161.4 million in September 2007, +1%)
- Loans to customers €19.6<sup>1</sup> billion (+15.9% yoy)
- Total customer deposits – FIA €42.4<sup>1</sup> billion (+13.9% yoy)
- Interest margin €586.9 million (+22.4%) and gross operating margin €760.5 million (+7.3%)
- Net profit for the Parent Bank of €191 million (+14.6% on €166.7 million in September 2007)
- High levels of liquidity: balance of interbank receivables €171.7 million
- Solid capital ratios: Core Tier 1 Ratio 8.17% and Total Capital Ratio 10.10%

*Genoa, 10 November 2008* – Banca Carige SpA's Board of Directors, chaired by Giovanni Berneschi, has approved the Report for the first nine months of 2008, presented to the Board by General Manager Alfredo Sanguinetto.

The considerable market crisis, which worsened during the third quarter, had significant negative impacts on financial management in the banking sector. These effects were partially mitigated by the sterilisation of loss positions due to the reclassification of part of the bank's owned portfolio.

Though operating in an unfavourable context, the Parent Bank managed to maintain significant levels of profitability, closing the nine months with a net profit up by 14.6%, to €191 million. The Group realised consolidated net profit of €163 million, an increase of 1%.

The consolidated results for the year confirmed the positive trend in volumes traded, with year over year increases of 15.9% in loans to customers and 13.9% in deposits from customers (Financial Assets Intermediated), primarily supported by bond funding (+27.8% yoy) and banking-insurance products (54.9%).

The increase in intermediation operations enabled a significant rise in the interest margin (+22.4%), offsetting the negative effects that the turmoil in the financial markets had on financial management items. The latter were positively affected by the reclassification of part of the securities portfolio pursuant to the recent amendments to the accounting standards IAS 39/IFRS 7 by the IASB Committee, implemented by the European Commission (see the specific paragraph herein). This resulted in the recording of lower capital losses, amounting to approximately € 63 million (around € 43 million after taxes) at consolidated level, and approximately €42 million (around €29 million after taxes) for the Parent Bank.

The recorded or sterilised capital losses on the owned portfolio primarily regard bonds with high ratings, which were purchased below par, and are thus bound to recover their value upon nearing maturity.

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<sup>1</sup> The figures for the first nine months of 2008 include the financial and equity results of the business unit from the Intesa Sanpaolo Group, effective as from 10 March 2008. These results comprised 11.2% of the income statement, 6.9% of loans to customers and 11% of FIA.

The income statement also benefited from the lower amount of taxes due, linked to the non-recurring positive effects of the cancellation of the non-accounting differences carried out pursuant to Law 244/2007. However, this benefit was partially absorbed by the negative effects of the partial non-deductibility of interest expense, introduced by Law 133/2008 (“*Manovra d’estate*”) as well as need to adjust the substitute tax paid at the reduced rate in 2004 to the ordinary rate, for the cancellation of fixed assets which the European Commission subsequently qualified as State aid.

The Group maintains capital ratios considerably higher than those required by supervisory regulations, and has a ratio of shareholders’ equity to assets higher than the sector average. The estimated consolidated capital ratios show a Total Capital Ratio of 10.10% and a Core Tier 1 Ratio of 8.17%.

The Group also demonstrates suitable levels of liquidity, with net interbank receivables of € 171.7 million, primarily as a result of the sharp growth in bond funding, specifically from ordinary customers.

For full year operations, which will continue to feel the effects of developments in the macroeconomic scenario and the lasting volatility and tension on financial markets, results higher than 2007 are confirmed.

The significant operations that the Group conducted during the current year – the purchase of a business unit from the Intesa Sanpaolo Group and the related share capital increase – in conjunction with the upcoming finalisation of the purchase of 41 branches from the Unicredit Group and the significant investments in technology set forth in the Strategic Plan to improve the effectiveness of business activities and operational efficiency lay the foundation for further development and balanced, sustainable growth over the long term.

### ***Reclassification of the securities portfolio in accordance with the amendments to IAS 39***

In October 2008 amendments to the IAS 39 “Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement” and IFRS 7: “Financial Instruments: Disclosures” were implemented. These amendments partially closed the gap existing between reclassification rules set forth in IAS 39 and those provided by US GAAP. In addition to the option previously granted by the IAS 39 in force (reclassification of instruments from AFS to HTM and vice versa if specific conditions are met), these amendments also permit the following further types of reclassification of non-derivative financial instruments:

- in very rare circumstances, reclassification from the category “held for trading” (HFT) to the categories “available for sale” (AFS), “loans and receivables” (L&R) or “held to maturity” (HTM). The current financial crisis is considered as one of the circumstances which may justify companies implementing this option;
- for instruments which are “loans and receivables” (L&R) that are no longer held for sale in the short term, and which the company intends and is able to hold for a predictable period of time or until maturity, reclassification from the categories “held for trading” (HFT) and “available for sale” (AFS) to the category “loans and receivables” (L&R).

The amendments to IAS 39 permit the use of the new types of reclassifications from the effective date of 1 July 2008, to be applied to the quarterly report for the third quarter.

As at 30 September 2008 the Group reclassified securities for which it changed its original intent of short-term trading or considered that the related fair value did not suitably represent the intrinsic value of the securities, as a result of the worsening of the financial crisis, moving said securities out of the HFT and AFS categories.

The Group reclassified total securities amounting to almost one billion euro (€997.4 million) at market prices at the date of reclassification.

Instrument type	Previous category	Current category	Value at date of reclassification
Shares	HFT	AFS	14.8
CIS quotas	HFT	AFS	103.1
Debt securities	HFT	L&R	201.1
	HFT	AFS	264.6
	HFT	HTM	91.6
	AFS	L&R	317.2
	AFS	HTM	5.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>997.4</b>

Amounts in millions of €.

The positive effects of these reclassifications on the income statement amounted to approximately €63 million before taxes (approximately €43 million after taxes) and the benefit to Regulatory Capital can be measured at approximately €13 million after taxes, based on the prices and information available at 30 September 2008.

### ***Consolidated Results in detail***

The growth in volumes intermediated, increase in interest rates and the inclusion of the new business unit within the scope of consolidation resulted in growth of +22.4 in the interest margin compared to 2007 (to €586.9 million). Despite the negative trend in the market for assets under management, net commissions remained substantially stable (€184.4 million; -1.1% compared to September 2007). Management of financial items presented a loss of €10.7 million compared to a profit of €43 million in the same period of 2007, due to the unfavourable performance of financial markets, which resulted in capital losses on owned portfolios.

The reclassifications carried out pursuant to the amendments to IAS 39 (see the previous paragraph) had positive effects of approximately €63 million on the income statement before taxes, and positive effects of €13 million on regulatory capital after taxes.

The gross operating margin increased to €760.5 million (+7.3% compared to September 2007). Net of impairment losses on loans and other financial items, amounting to €80.3 million, and taking into account the insurance revenues, the net result from financial and insurance operations stood at €659 million (+1.3%). Operating costs, amounting to €426.5 million, demonstrate an increase of 16.9%, linked to the integration of the branches purchased from the Intesa Sanpaolo Group and the strategic development projects mainly focused on updating the branch model. Within operating costs, net provisions for risks and charges, including write-backs, were positive, amounting to €3.3 million.

The profit from ordinary activities before taxes amounted to €235.2 million (-19.3%). Income tax provisions amount to €67.1 million, down compared to €124.8 million in September 2007, due to approximately €20 million in net positive effects. These are mainly attributable to the application of the substitute tax on non-accounting differences (non-recurring positive effect for approximately €30 million) as provided by Law 244/2007 which permitted the realignment of statutory and tax values (of amortisation and depreciation, value adjustments, and allocations) through the payment of substitute tax. These positive effects were in part absorbed by the recurring negative effects (approximately €7 million) of the partial non-deductibility of interest expense introduced by the law known as the “*Manovra d’estate*” and the non-recurring negative

effects (approximately €3 million) regarding the adjustment of the substitute tax paid at the reduced rate in 2004 to the ordinary rate, for the cancellation of fixed assets which the European Commission subsequently qualified as State aid.

Taking into account the profit attributable to minority interests, equal to €5.1 million (substantially unchanged compared to September 2007), net profit stood at €163 million, compared to €161.4 million in September 2007 (+1%).

Total assets deposited by customers (FAI) stood at €42,381.1 million, rising by 12.7% in the first nine months of 2008 and by 13.9% compared to September 2007. The year over year increase derives from growth in direct deposits (€20,475.9 million; +21.9% in twelve months) and indirect deposits (€21,905.1 million; +7.3%), in which assets in custody show slightly more dynamic performance (+8.5%) compared to assets under management, which grew by 6.2%.

Loans to customer (before expected losses) reached €19,558.9 million, up 11.9% in the first nine months and by 15.9% over twelve months, specifically as regards the medium/long-term component (+14.9% in the first nine months, and +17.7% over twelve months).

The Group's sales network numbered 603 bank branches and 375 insurance agencies at the end of September. The increase of 81 branches compared to December 2007 is linked to the opening of two new branches and the inclusion of the 79 branches purchased from the Intesa Sanpaolo Group in the scope of consolidation. Personnel totalled 5,635 staff, of which 5,264 are bank staff (5,069 and 4,706 respectively as at December 2007).

### ***Banca Carige S.p.A. Results in detail***

The performance of Banca Carige generally mirrors that set forth for the Group. As at 30 September 2008, the interest margin amounted to €428.2 million (+22.6% on September 2007), net commissions increased to €150 million (+3.4%) and management of financial items showed a profit of €54.6 million, down compared to September 2007 (-36.5%). The gross operating margin thus amounted to €632.9 million (+9.1%). Net of impairment losses on loans and other financial items (€64.4 million; +34.5%), the net result from financial operations stood at €568.5 million (+6.8%). Operating costs amounted to €328 million, up by 18% compared to September 2007. The profit from ordinary activities before taxes amounted to €240.5 million (-7.1%).

Income tax provisions amounted to €49.5 million compared to €92.1 million in September 2007, as a result of the aforementioned non-recurring positive effects which were only partially offset by the recurring negative effects. Net profit thus amounted to €191 million, an increase of 14.6% compared to €166.7 million in September 2007.

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As regards the key balance sheet figures. FAI reached €36,474.1 million, up by 16.9% in the twelve month period and by 15.5% from the beginning of the year. Direct deposits (€18,041.1 million) contributed a year over year increase of 26% and indirect deposits (€18,433 million) grew by 9.1% in the twelve month period, as a result of the trend in both assets under management (€9,491 million; +7.6%), and assets in custody (€8,942 million; +10.8%). Loans to customers (€16,387.9 million before expected losses) confirmed their growth, increasing by 17.2% in the twelve month period and 13.6% in the first nine months of the year, respectively.

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The Report for the First Nine Months as at 30 September 2008 will be available on the website [www.gruppocarige.it](http://www.gruppocarige.it).

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The manager responsible for preparing the company's financial reports Ennio La Monica, Deputy General Manager (Governance and Control) of Banca CARIGE S.p.A., declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 154 bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the document results, books and accounting records.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF THE BANCA CARIGE GROUP**

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Situation as at				% Change	
	30/9/2008	30/6/2008	31/12/2007	30/9/2007	9/08 12/07	9/08 9/07
<b>BALANCE SHEET (1)</b>						
Total assets	30,328,603	30,636,241	27,463,676	26,506,255	10.4	14.4
Funding	21,562,315	21,640,715	19,773,044	19,191,788	9.0	12.4
- Direct Deposits (a)	20,475,929	20,042,020	17,386,168	16,792,002	17.8	21.9
* Amounts owed to customers	10,766,712	11,060,836	9,571,945	9,036,660	12.5	19.1
* Securities in issue	9,142,064	8,468,366	7,281,050	7,211,768	25.6	26.8
* Liabilities at fair value	567,153	512,818	533,173	543,574	6.4	4.3
- Amounts owed to banks	1,086,386	1,598,695	2,386,876	2,399,786	(54.5)	(54.7)
Indirect deposits (b)	21,905,132	22,168,928	20,235,447	20,409,720	8.3	7.3
- Assets under management (2)	10,947,485	11,165,189	10,330,790	10,310,987	6.0	6.2
- Assets in custody	10,957,647	11,003,739	9,904,657	10,098,733	10.6	8.5
Financial Assets Intermediated (FAI) (a+b)	42,381,061	42,210,948	37,621,615	37,201,722	12.7	13.9
Investments (3)	26,251,790	26,366,953	24,288,649	23,800,315	8.1	10.3
- Loans to customers (3)	19,558,913	19,361,980	17,478,165	16,879,765	11.9	15.9
- Loans to banks (3)	1,258,780	1,809,792	1,511,092	1,449,097	(16.7)	(13.1)
- Securities portfolio (3)	5,434,097	5,195,181	5,299,392	5,471,453	2.5	(0.7)
Capital and reserves	3,487,217	3,545,494	2,622,990	2,652,415	32.9	31.5
<b>INCOME STATEMENT (1)</b>						
Gross operating income	760,521	484,339	968,403	708,918		7.3
Net income from financial and insurance management	658,995	419,025	875,618	650,331		1.3
Operating costs	426,527	278,352	515,318	364,874		16.9
Profit for the period	163,048	110,972	204,813	161,420		1.0
<b>RESOURCES (4)</b>						
Number of branches	603	603	522	517	15.5	16.6
Insurance agencies	375	375	376	381	(0.3)	(1.6)
Number of bank employees	5,264	5,261	4,706	4,676	11.9	12.6
Number of bank and insurance employees	5,635	5,626	5,069	5,036	11.2	11.9
<b>FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>						
Operating costs						
/Gross operating margin (5)	56.08%	57.47%	53.21%	51.47%		
ROE	4.68%	3.13%	7.81%	6.09%		
ROE (6)	5.75%	3.83%	10.28%	8.01%		
ROAE (7)	5.34%	3.60%	7.91%	6.20%		
ROAE (6) (7)	6.75%	4.54%	10.42%	8.17%		
Earnings per share (in €)						
- basic	0.094	0.065	0.145	0.114		
- diluted	0.094	0.065	0.145	0.113		
<b>RISK ASSETS AND REGULATORY RATIOS (8)</b>						
Total Risk-Weighted Assets (1)	18,315,138	18,336,613	17,976,625	17,227,688	1.9	6.3
Tier 1 capital/RWA	8.17%	8.16%	7.81%	8.14%		
Regulatory capital including Tier 3 capital/Total weighted assets	10.10%	10.22%	9.19%	9.60%		

(1) Figures in thousands of €

(2) The figure as at 30/6/2008 has been adjusted in order to implement several changes relating to the business unit recently acquired, which were announced following the end of the first half.

(3) Gross of value adjustments and, for loans to customers, net of debt securities classified as L&R.

(4) Statistics of the end of period.

(5) Ratio calculated gross of provisions for risks and charges. The amount as at 30/9/2007 differs from the figure reported in the Quarterly Report for the third quarter 2007, which was calculated net of said provisions.

(6) Net of the AFS reserve established against the revaluation of the equity investment in the Bank of Italy.

(7) Net profit on average shareholders' equity (Return On Average Equity).

(8) The amounts as at 30/9/2008 take into account the estimates following the reclassification of securities, performed in accordance with IAS 39. The amounts as at 30/9/2008 and 30/9/2007, as these are not subject to disclosure to the Bank of Italy, are estimated based on management data. The amounts as at 31/12/2007 are those reported to the Bank of Italy. They differ from the management data shown in the Half-Yearly Report as at 30/6/2008 and the 2007 financial statements. The ratios are calculated on the basis of supervisory regulations in force from time to time.

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS (figures in thousands of €)

	30/9/08	30/6/08	31/12/07	30/09/07	% Change	
					09/08 12/07	09/08 09/07
10- CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	220,058	237,032	243,720	172,061	(9.7)	27.9
20- FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD FOR TRADING	1,524,600	2,004,438	2,306,484	2,678,513	(33.9)	(43.1)
30- FINANCIAL ASSETS DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	687,644	707,016	716,367	708,629	(4.0)	(3.0)
40- AVAILABLE FOR SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS	2,652,616	2,563,939	2,385,535	2,239,779	11.2	18.4
50- FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD TO MATURITY	99,509	2,380	2,458	2,533	...	...
60- LOANS TO BANKS	1,536,157	1,809,145	1,510,445	1,448,450	1.7	6.1
70- LOANS TO CUSTOMERS	19,311,234	18,870,084	17,017,381	16,424,373	13.5	17.6
80- HEDGING DERIVATIVES	22,665	42,652	23,936	20,298	(5.3)	11.7
100- EQUITY INVESTMENTS	56,680	56,674	56,256	59,493	0.8	(4.7)
110- TECHNICAL RESERVES CHARGED ON REINSURERS	159,497	159,256	160,533	159,880	(0.6)	(0.2)
120- TANGIBLE ASSETS	1,130,080	1,126,466	1,194,747	1,178,993	(5.4)	(4.1)
130- INTANGIBLE ASSETS	1,582,025	1,579,555	708,280	698,199	...	...
including:						
- goodwill	1,524,106	1,527,530	659,972	659,850	...	...
140- TAX ASSETS	313,496	309,388	259,698	260,907	20.7	20.2
a) current	91,639	104,915	83,533	69,824	9.7	31.2
b) advanced	221,857	204,473	176,165	191,083	25.9	16.1
160- OTHER ASSETS	1,032,342	1,168,216	877,836	454,152	17.6	...
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>30,328,603</b>	<b>30,636,241</b>	<b>27,463,676</b>	<b>26,506,255</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>

### LIABILITIES (figures in thousands of €)

	30/9/08	30/6/08	31/12/07	30/09/07	% Change	
					09/08 12/07	09/08 09/07
10- AMOUNTS OWED TO BANKS:	1,086,386	1,598,695	2,386,876	2,399,786	(54.5)	(54.7)
20- AMOUNTS OWED TO CUSTOMERS:	10,766,712	11,060,836	9,571,945	9,036,660	12.5	19.1
30- DEBT SECURITIES IN ISSUE	9,142,064	8,468,366	7,281,050	7,211,768	25.6	26.8
40- FINANCIAL LIABILITIES FROM TRADING	77,683	126,978	127,539	145,974	(39.1)	(46.8)
50- FINANCIAL LIABILITIES DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	1,270,743	1,244,197	1,290,689	1,309,489	(1.5)	(3.0)
60- HEDGING DERIVATIVES	25,541	40,331	20,163	25,567	26.7	(0.1)
80- TAX LIABILITIES	308,041	263,654	265,449	345,894	16.0	(10.9)
(a) current	81,069	51,566	38,572	79,767	...	1.6
(b) deferred	226,972	212,088	226,877	266,127	0.0	(14.7)
100- OTHER LIABILITIES	1,351,101	1,533,044	1,228,704	828,333	10.0	63.1
110- STAFF TERMINATION INDEMNITY	96,835	97,157	92,871	92,109	4.3	5.1
120- PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES:	366,735	391,265	380,078	366,688	(3.5)	0.0
a) pensions and similar obligations	322,248	322,292	322,955	320,676	(0.2)	0.5
b) other provisions	44,487	68,973	57,123	46,012	(22.1)	(3.3)
130- TECHNICAL RESERVES	2,139,553	2,110,108	1,955,936	1,900,956	9.4	12.6
140- VALUATION RESERVES	523,019	581,593	660,973	691,936	(20.9)	(24.4)
160- CAPITAL INSTRUMENTS	1,264	1,265	1,219	1,463	3.7	(13.6)
170- RESERVES	159,579	159,314	109,652	108,109	45.5	47.6
180- ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	1,013,376	1,013,349	461,064	460,916	...	...
190- CAPITAL	1,789,979	1,789,973	1,390,082	1,389,991	28.8	28.8
210- MINORITY INTERESTS (+/-)	46,944	45,144	34,573	29,196	35.8	60.8
220- PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD (+/-)	163,048	110,972	204,813	161,420	(20.4)	1.0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>30,328,603</b>	<b>30,636,241</b>	<b>27,463,676</b>	<b>26,506,255</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>



# INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME STATEMENT (figures in thousands of €)

	30/9/08	30/6/08	31/12/07	30/09/07	% Change 9/08 9/07
10 - INTEREST INCOME AND SIMILAR REVENUES	1,087,723	703,081	1,249,351	899,516	20.9
20 - INTEREST EXPENSES AND SIMILAR CHARGES	(500,837)	(320,354)	(590,469)	(419,995)	19.2
<b>30 - INTEREST MARGIN</b>	<b>586,886</b>	<b>382,727</b>	<b>658,882</b>	<b>479,521</b>	<b>22.4</b>
40 - COMMISSION INCOME	213,106	140,977	288,578	213,974	(0.4)
50 - COMMISSION EXPENSES	(28,724)	(18,376)	(38,396)	(27,585)	4.1
<b>60 - NET COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>184,382</b>	<b>122,601</b>	<b>250,182</b>	<b>186,389</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>
70 - DIVIDENDS AND OTHER SIMILAR REVENUES	12,445	11,885	24,036	12,089	2.9
80 - NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES	(54,924)	(46,165)	(20,478)	5,375	...
90 - NET INCOME FROM HEDGING ACTIVITIES	382	(173)	(49)	395	(3.3)
100 - PROFIT (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REPURCHASE OF:	15,879	13,343	55,847	23,757	(33.2)
a) loans	2,425	1,971	5,005	1,351	79.5
b) available for sale financial assets	10,266	8,976	48,444	21,073	(51.3)
d) financial liabilities	3,188	2,396	2,398	1,333	...
110 - NET VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	15,471	121	(17)	1,392	...
<b>120 - GROSS OPERATING MARGIN</b>	<b>760,521</b>	<b>484,339</b>	<b>968,403</b>	<b>708,918</b>	<b>7.3</b>
130 - NET VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON:	(80,294)	(53,261)	(82,448)	(52,955)	51.6
a) loans	(75,336)	(51,033)	(75,152)	(54,334)	38.7
b) available for sale financial assets	(4,205)	(1,684)	(7,212)	-	...
d) other financial assets	(753)	(544)	(84)	1,379	...
<b>140 - NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>680,227</b>	<b>431,078</b>	<b>885,955</b>	<b>655,963</b>	<b>3.7</b>
150 - NET PREMIUMS	626,910	414,864	684,094	493,545	27.0
160 - BALANCE OF OTHER EXPENSES/REVENUES FROM INSURANCE MANAGEMENT	(648,142)	(426,917)	(694,431)	(499,177)	29.8
<b>170 - NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>658,995</b>	<b>419,025</b>	<b>875,618</b>	<b>650,331</b>	<b>1.3</b>
180 - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:	(450,142)	(293,612)	(541,024)	(387,067)	16.3
a) staff costs	(265,976)	(176,621)	(326,644)	(225,775)	17.8
b) other administrative costs	(184,166)	(116,991)	(214,380)	(161,292)	14.2
190 - NET PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES	3,322	390	(3,105)	(1,724)	...
200 - DEPRECIATION OF TANGIBLE ASSETS	(14,904)	(9,634)	(19,068)	(13,432)	11.0
210 - AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS	(12,209)	(7,608)	(14,061)	(9,318)	31.0
220 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND REVENUES	47,406	32,112	61,940	46,667	1.6
<b>230 - OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>(426,527)</b>	<b>(278,352)</b>	<b>(515,318)</b>	<b>(364,874)</b>	<b>16.9</b>
240 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	2,686	2,686	8,413	4,578	(41.3)
270 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTS	22	(3)	875	1,206	(98.2)
<b>280 - OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXES</b>	<b>235,176</b>	<b>143,356</b>	<b>369,588</b>	<b>291,241</b>	<b>(19.3)</b>
290 - INCOME TAXES FOR THE PERIOD	(67,060)	(29,289)	(157,283)	(124,823)	(46.3)
<b>300 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXES</b>	<b>168,116</b>	<b>114,067</b>	<b>212,305</b>	<b>166,418</b>	<b>1.0</b>
310 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AFTER TAXES	-	-	-	-	...
<b>320 - PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>168,116</b>	<b>114,067</b>	<b>212,305</b>	<b>166,418</b>	<b>1.0</b>
330 - MINORITY INTERESTS	5,068	3,095	7,492	4,998	1.4
<b>340 - PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PARENT BANK</b>	<b>163,048</b>	<b>110,972</b>	<b>204,813</b>	<b>161,420</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF BANCA CARIGE**

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Situation as at				% Change	
	30/9/08	30/6/2008	31/12/07	30/9/07	9/08 12/07	9/08 9/07
<b>BALANCE SHEET (1)</b>						
Total assets	24,911,819	25,069,210	21,924,741	21,176,295	13.6	17.6
Funding	19,438,716	19,326,322	17,353,608	16,886,292	12.0	15.1
- Direct Deposits (a)	18,041,096	17,558,215	14,810,357	14,320,403	21.8	26.0
* Amounts owed to customers	9,340,955	9,638,904	8,237,718	7,818,023	13.4	19.5
* Securities in issue	8,135,189	7,408,805	6,042,171	5,961,445	34.6	36.5
* Liabilities at fair value	564,952	510,506	530,468	540,935	6.5	4.4
- Amounts owed to banks	1,397,620	1,768,107	2,543,251	2,565,889	(45.0)	(45.5)
Indirect deposits (b)	18,433,047	18,758,978	16,763,556	16,891,555	10.0	9.1
- Assets under management (2)	9,491,044	9,773,895	8,851,333	8,819,314	7.2	7.6
- Assets in custody	8,942,003	8,985,083	7,912,223	8,072,241	13.0	10.8
Financial Assets Intermediated (FAI) (a+b)	36,474,143	36,317,193	31,573,913	31,211,958	15.5	16.9
Investments (3)	21,240,525	21,221,466	19,075,220	18,721,089	11.4	13.5
- Loans to customers (3)	16,387,859	16,170,848	14,421,456	13,980,029	13.6	17.2
- Loans to banks (3)	1,504,306	2,294,251	1,820,152	1,706,530	(17.4)	(11.9)
- Securities portfolio (3)	3,348,360	2,756,367	2,833,612	3,034,530	18.2	10.3
Capital and reserves	3,624,103	3,673,374	2,711,615	2,731,905	33.7	32.7

	Situation as at				% Change	
	30/9/08	30/6/2008	31/12/07	30/9/07	9/08 12/07	9/08 9/07
<b>INCOME STATEMENT (1)</b>						
Gross operating margin	632,881	422,180	785,962	580,174		9.1
Net income from financial management	568,458	379,337	717,517	532,276		6.8
Operating costs	328,010	212,849	392,096	277,996		18.0
Profit for the period	190,976	145,637	210,049	166,663		14.6

<b>RESOURCES (4)</b>						
Number of branches	494	494	413	408	19.6	21.1
Staff	4,309	4,302	3,739	3,708	15.2	16.2

<b>FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>						
Operating costs						
/Gross operating margin (5)	51.83%	50.42%	49.89%	47.81%		
ROE	5.27%	3.96%	7.75%	6.10%		
ROAE (6)	6.03%	4.56%	7.91%	6.25%		

<b>RISK ASSETS AND REGULATORY RATIOS (7)</b>						
Total Risk-Weighted Assets (1)	16,162,307	16,151,438	15,906,021	15,248,856	1.6	6.0
Tier 1 capital/RWA	10.41%	10.42%	9.86%	10.64%		
Regulatory capital including Tier 3 capital/Total weighted assets	12.16%	12.29%	10.96%	11.82%		

(1) Figures in thousands of €

(2) The figure as at 30/6/2008 has been adjusted in order to implement several changes relating to the business unit recently acquired, which were announced following the end of the first half.

(3) Gross of value adjustments and, for loans to customers, net of debt securities classified as L&R.

(4) Statistics of the end of period.

(5) Ratio calculated gross of provisions for risks and charges. The amount as at 30/9/2007 differs from the figure reported in the Quarterly Report of September 2007, which included the ratio calculated net of said provisions.

(6) Net profit on average shareholders' equity (Return On Average Equity).

(7) The amounts as at 30/9/2008 take into account the estimates following the reclassification of securities, performed in accordance with the changes to IAS 39. Therefore, they differ from the official figures, reported to the Bank of Italy on 25/10/2008. The amounts as at 30/6/2008 are official and reported to the Bank of Italy. They differ from the figures estimated based on management data, reported in the Half-Yearly Report of June 2008. The ratios are calculated on the basis of supervisory regulations in force from time to time.

## BALANCE SHEET

### BALANCE SHEET (figures in thousands of €)

#### ASSETS

	30/09/08	30/06/08	31/12/07	30/09/07	% Change	
					09/08	09/07
10 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	179,808	191,374	195,250	136,840	(7.9)	31.4
20 - FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD FOR TRADING	1,446,053	1,690,234	1,765,560	2,065,589	(18.1)	(30.0)
30 - FINANCIAL ASSETS DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	-	-	-	-	...	...
40 - AVAILABLE FOR SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS	1,319,503	1,153,133	1,177,632	1,129,450	12.0	16.8
50 - FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD TO MATURITY	66,479				...	...
60 - LOANS TO BANKS	1,973,076	2,293,604	1,819,505	1,705,883	8.4	15.7
70 - LOANS TO CUSTOMERS	16,072,312	15,752,661	14,032,624	13,591,123	14.5	18.3
80 - HEDGING DERIVATIVES	21,722	40,759	22,578	19,368	(3.8)	12.2
100 - EQUITY INVESTMENTS	961,822	961,816	946,094	942,560	1.7	2.0
110 - TANGIBLE ASSETS	573,609	570,446	659,046	645,928	(13.0)	(11.2)
120 - INTANGIBLE ASSETS	1,347,732	1,344,799	482,966	476,448	...	...
including:						
- goodwill	1,300,402	1,303,825	446,642	446,642	...	...
130 - TAX ASSETS	182,632	194,588	168,761	166,356	8.2	9.8
a) current	54,445	67,168	46,503	31,512	17.1	72.8
b) advanced	128,187	127,420	122,258	134,844	4.8	(4.9)
150 - OTHER ASSETS	767,071	875,796	654,725	296,750	17.2	...
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,911,819</b>	<b>25,069,210</b>	<b>21,924,741</b>	<b>21,176,295</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>17.6</b>

#### LIABILITIES

	30/09/08	30/06/08	31/12/07	30/09/07	% Change	
					09/08	09/07
10 - AMOUNTS OWED TO BANKS	1,397,620	1,768,107	2,543,251	2,565,889	(45.0)	(45.5)
20 - AMOUNTS OWED TO CUSTOMERS	9,340,955	9,638,904	8,237,718	7,818,023	13.4	19.5
30 - SECURITIES IN ISSUE	8,135,189	7,408,805	6,042,171	5,961,445	34.6	36.5
40 - FINANCIAL LIABILITIES FROM TRADING	99,424	157,296	171,830	199,807	(42.1)	(50.2)
50 - FINANCIAL LIABILITIES DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	564,952	510,506	530,468	540,935	6.5	4.4
60 - HEDGING DERIVATIVES	20,971	36,294	17,831	22,364	17.6	(6.2)
80 - TAX LIABILITIES	225,049	201,043	212,710	276,489	5.8	(18.6)
(a) current	59,741	32,830	25,090	56,048	...	6.6
(b) deferred	165,308	168,213	187,620	220,441	(11.9)	(25.0)
100 - OTHER LIABILITIES	909,307	1,101,081	839,057	498,450	8.4	82.4
110 - STAFF TERMINATION INDEMNITY	67,203	67,787	61,530	60,916	9.2	10.3
120 - PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES:	336,070	360,376	346,513	333,409	(3.0)	0.8
a) pensions and similar obligations	300,854	300,860	300,918	297,641	(0.0)	1.1
b) other provisions	35,216	59,516	45,595	35,768	(22.8)	(1.5)
130 - VALUATION RESERVES	574,335	623,669	663,455	683,801	(13.4)	(16.0)
150 - CAPITAL INSTRUMENTS	1,264	1,265	1,219	1,463	3.7	(13.6)
160 - RESERVES	245,149	245,118	195,795	195,734	25.2	25.2
170 - ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	1,013,376	1,013,349	461,064	460,916	...	...
180 - CAPITAL	1,789,979	1,789,973	1,390,082	1,389,991	28.8	28.8
200 - PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	190,976	145,637	210,049	166,663	(9.1)	14.6
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>24,911,819</b>	<b>25,069,210</b>	<b>21,924,741</b>	<b>21,176,295</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>17.6</b>

# INCOME STATEMENT

## INCOME STATEMENT (figures in thousands of €)

	30/09/08	30/06/08	31/12/07	30/09/07	% Change 09/08 09/07
10 - INTEREST INCOME AND SIMILAR REVENUES	892,365	575,887	1,026,747	738,999	20.8
20 - INTEREST EXPENSES AND SIMILAR CHARGES	(464,123)	(296,267)	(547,226)	(389,793)	19.1
<b>30 - INTEREST MARGIN</b>	<b>428,242</b>	<b>279,620</b>	<b>479,520</b>	<b>349,206</b>	<b>22.6</b>
40 - COMMISSION INCOME	173,772	113,347	227,447	167,329	3.9
50 - COMMISSION EXPENSES	(23,724)	(15,161)	(30,478)	(22,273)	6.5
<b>60 - NET COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>150,048</b>	<b>98,186</b>	<b>196,970</b>	<b>145,056</b>	<b>3.4</b>
70 - DIVIDENDS AND OTHER SIMILAR REVENUES	55,919	55,430	57,647	49,565	12.8
80 - NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES	(31,335)	(23,815)	265	12,319	...
90 - NET INCOME FROM HEDGING ACTIVITIES	645	61	(95)	189	...
100 - PROFIT (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REPURCHASE OF:	13,314	12,271	51,086	22,386	(40.5)
a) loans	2,425	1,971	5,008	1,352	79.4
b) available for sale financial assets	8,297	8,417	44,190	20,082	(58.7)
d) financial liabilities	2,592	1,883	1,887	952	...
110 - NET VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	16,048	427	568	1,453	...
<b>120 - GROSS OPERATING MARGIN</b>	<b>632,881</b>	<b>422,180</b>	<b>785,962</b>	<b>580,174</b>	<b>9.1</b>
130 - NET VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON:	(64,423)	(42,843)	(68,445)	(47,898)	34.5
a) loans	(63,617)	(42,218)	(67,423)	(48,590)	30.9
b) available for sale financial assets	-	-	(371)	-	...
d) other financial assets	(806)	(625)	(650)	692	...
<b>140 - NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>568,458</b>	<b>379,337</b>	<b>717,517</b>	<b>532,276</b>	<b>6.8</b>
150 - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:	(360,669)	(233,531)	(426,897)	(305,929)	17.9
a) staff costs	(209,082)	(138,919)	(256,756)	(176,772)	18.3
b) other administrative costs	(151,587)	(94,612)	(170,141)	(129,157)	17.4
160 - NET PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES	3,023	33	(1,764)	(588)	...
170 - DEPRECIATION OF TANGIBLE ASSETS	(8,653)	(5,571)	(10,533)	(7,217)	19.9
180 - AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS	(9,437)	(5,789)	(9,416)	(6,343)	48.8
190 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND REVENUES	47,726	32,009	56,515	42,081	13.4
<b>200 - OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>(328,010)</b>	<b>(212,849)</b>	<b>(392,096)</b>	<b>(277,996)</b>	<b>18.0</b>
210 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	-	-	3,600	3,788	(100.0)
240 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTS	25	-	646	653	(96.2)
<b>250 - OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXES</b>	<b>240,473</b>	<b>166,488</b>	<b>329,667</b>	<b>258,721</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>
260 - INCOME TAXES FOR THE PERIOD	(49,497)	(20,851)	(119,619)	(92,058)	(46.2)
<b>270 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXES</b>	<b>190,976</b>	<b>145,637</b>	<b>210,049</b>	<b>166,663</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>290 - PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>190,976</b>	<b>145,637</b>	<b>210,049</b>	<b>166,663</b>	<b>14.6</b>