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**CARIGE GROUP: APPROVAL OF 2010 RESULTS  
NET CONSOLIDATED PROFIT OF €177.2 MILLION  
PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF DIVIDENDS  
CALLING OF ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS**

- Loans to customers<sup>1</sup> € 25.4 billion (+9.8% YoY; +6.8% not including former MPS branches)
- Total customer deposits (FIA)<sup>1</sup> €50.7 billion (+8% YoY; +5.1% not including former MPS branches)
- Consolidated net profit<sup>1</sup> €177.2 million (-13.7%) and of the Parent Company<sup>2</sup> Banca Carige SpA €180.6 million (-10.2%)
- Proposed unit dividend of €0.07 on each ordinary share and €0.09 on each savings share, to be paid in cash from 26 May
- Proposal to be submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting for the purchase and sale of own shares
- Approval of the Report on corporate governance and ownership structures

Genoa, 23 March 2011 – Banca Carige SpA's Board of Directors, chaired by Giovanni Berneschi, reviewed and approved the 2010 financial statements, presented to the Board by General Manager Ennio La Monica.

The 2010 banking and insurance business was managed in a financial context still marked by various critical factors that are accompanying the slow recovery of the economy following the serious recession: interest rates that are still low, highly volatile financial assets in connection with the continuous tensions in the markets due to the European sovereign debt crisis, difficulty in finding liquidity and consequent onerous *funding* conditions.

The Carige Group was however able to develop its traditional intermediation activity peculiar to a commercial bank deeply-rooted throughout the country in this context and closed the year with a significant profit. This was achieved thanks to keeping revenues from services and value adjustments on loans and operating costs under control, which mitigated the negative effects of the fall in the interest margin and result of the trading activities.

<sup>1</sup> The Parent Company and consolidated data as at 31 December 2010 include the income statement and balance sheet results of the business unit acquired by the Banca del Monte dei Paschi di Siena Group (former MPS branches) from 31 May 2010. At consolidated level, the brokered loans of the acquired branches is 2.7% of both loans to customers and of the FIA, whereas the income statement figures referring to the seven months included in the Group perimeter depicts 1.7% of net profit.

<sup>2</sup> Parent Company data as at 31 December 2010 include the effects of the merger by incorporation of Banca Cesare Ponti, which was concluded on 31 December 2010. Compared to the Parent Company, the incorporated company Banca Cesare Ponti had a 1.2% incidence on loans, 4.3% incidence on FIA and 1% incidence on net profit at year-end. Afterwards, and starting on 1 January 2011, the private banking assets and Banca Cesare Ponti brand name and the private banking assets of Banca Carige in Lombardy were separated and awarded to the newly established Nuova Banca Cesare Ponti, which was re-named Banca Cesare Ponti at the same time. In this way the private banking business of the Group was refocused.

The 9.8% growth in loans granted to customers at €25.4 billion (6.8% with constant perimeter or net of the contribution from former MPS branches) confirm the support provided by the Group to both companies<sup>3</sup>, to which €15.1 billion (+6.5%) were granted, and families<sup>3</sup>, to which €7.9 billion (+7.7%) were granted, mostly by way of loans for the purchase and/or restoration of homes (up 8.5%). In 2010 the Group also implemented a significant activity comprising fixing new expiry dates and restructuring regarding companies that is aimed at supporting them during a still difficult economic situation.

In the context outlined, the quality of Group credit (kept under constant control) has been confirmed to be in line with the banking system<sup>4</sup>, with a ratio between non-performing loans and total loans of 4.4%. Total Group exposure to companies operating in countries characterised by political instability is marginal (less than 1% of the securities portfolio).

Overall collection of savings from customers amounts to €50.7 billion, 8% higher (5.1% net of the contribution from the former MPS branches) above all due to the offer of simple products oriented at protecting capital and with a profitability that provides the customer with satisfactory remuneration bearing the interest rate scenario in mind. Of the assets under management products (+18.9%), both social security savings (+23.1%) and mutual investment funds (+14.9%) increased significantly.

Commercial development is further confirmed by the number of current account transactions<sup>5</sup>, equal to roughly 750 thousand units, which rose almost 5% over year-end 2009. Net of the new ones referring to the acquisition of the 22 former MPS branches, a balance between open accounts and closed accounts is however recorded as positive with about 5 thousand accounts.

Despite the negative situation the banking system is experiencing, the positive performance of intermediation activities led to a net profit of €177.2 million, which decreased since last year as a result of the extremely low interest rates that reduced the differences between interest income and interest expense, credit risk and the high volatility of the financial markets, meaning write-downs of the trading securities portfolio. The latter particularly involved government bonds whose recovery is reasonably expected to take place before the maturity of said bonds.

These phenomena, which reduced the interest margin (-3%) and financial items (-42.8%) and caused adjustments on the securities portfolio (14.7%) to rise, were partially compensated by growth in net commissions (7.9%), by containment of operating costs (+0.5% and -1.3% net of the operating costs of the former MPS branches) and the profit of €13.4 million deriving from sale of the custodian bank activity.

The Parent Company recorded a profit of €180.6 million, which makes it possible to submit the proposal to distribute dividends in cash of €0.07 for ordinary shares and €0.09 for savings shares to the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting called for 29 April 2011. The proposed ex dividend rate is 23 May 2011, with payment starting from 26 May 2011.

The results reported by the other Group companies are also positive, with profits equal to: €6.7 million for Carige AM SGR, €5.5 million for Creditis (consumer credit company) and €19.8 million total (IAS-based) for the insurance companies Carige Assicurazioni and Carige Vita Nuova.

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<sup>3</sup> Management data.

<sup>4</sup> Banking system bad loans/loans ratio: 4.6%. Source: Bank of Italy.

<sup>5</sup> Management parameter.

Attention also continued to be focused on the liquidity profile chiefly through the issue of approximately 2 billion in bonds placed with customers and €0.9 billion in *covered bonds*.

The supervisory ratios<sup>6</sup> remain at adequate levels - Core Tier 1 ratio 6%, Tier 1 ratio 6.7% and Total Capital ratio 9.2% - also in consideration of the fact that full conversion of the “Banca Carige 4.75% 2010 – 2015 convertible loan with option of reimbursement in shares” at the current values of the share on the stock market would cause it to increase to 7.1%, 7.9% and 10.5%, respectively.

Management of the year in progress will be carried out in a macroeconomic context that will still suffer some difficulties that the economy is encountering in getting past the lengthy and profound recession stage and new possible strains on the financial markets. In addition to the financial effects of these phenomena, banking management will have to confront adaptation to the regulatory and normative sector restrictions that are increasingly pressing, even if it could benefit from the gradual improvement of the interest rates announced by the monetary authorities to oppose the inflationary pressure created in the leading world economies.

In this context the Carige Group is confident it will continue to grow by increasing revenues in the traditional intermediation activity, through recoveries of efficiency coming from the significant investments in technology in the business processes and the constant attention paid to the profiles of risk, liquidity and solid equity position.

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### ***Consolidated results in detail***

During the year, net interest income decreased (-3%) to €705.6 million because of the reduced *spreads*, while net commissions marked a 7.9% increase to €297.3 million. Financial management, net of dividends totalling €8.6 million and losses from disposal of loans amounting to €2.2 million, shows a result of €65 million compared with €113.7 million in 2009.

The operating margin is therefore equal to €1,607.9 million, -4.4%). Taking the net value adjustments due to impaired losses on loans and other financial assets into consideration (€116.3 million; -11.1%) along with the income from insurance management, the net result from financial and insurance operations stands at €895.7 million (-4.7%). After stable operating costs (+0.5%) equal to €640.1 million, profits from ordinary activities, before tax, was therefore down 15.8%, at €261.7 million.

After account provisions for income taxes equal to €98 million with a tax rate rising from 33.2% to 37.4%, and considering the profit attributable to minority interests, equal to €2.4 million, net profit comes to €177.2 million (-13.7% compared to 2009).

Aggregate deposits from customers (FIA) stand at €50,674.1 million, up by 8%, with direct deposits recorded at €26,583.5 (+3.5%) and indirect deposits at €24,090.6 million, showing a 13.5% increase. Within the indirect deposits, assets under management, equal to €10,341.6 million, increased 18.9% due to growth in bank-insurance products (23.1%), mutual funds (14.9%) and portfolio management (27.7%); assets in custody, equal to €13,748.9 million, also rose (9.8%).

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<sup>6</sup> Estimated figures.

Loans to customers (gross of presumed losses) reached 25,373.3 million, up 9.8%, with a re-composition in favour of the short term, which rose 14%.

The Group's sales network numbered 667 bank branches and 432 insurance agencies at the end of 2010. Staff equals 6,003 units, of which 5,536 units are bank staff (respectively 5,912 and 5,500 in December 2009).

### ***Results of Banca Carige S.p.A. in details***

The trend of the Parent Company broadly follows that of the consolidated. The gross operating margin increased to €829.3 million (-3.7%). Net of the value adjustments due to impairment of loans and other financial items, equal to €95.5 million, the net result of financial management is recorded at €733.7 million (-4.3%). Operating costs, equal to €502.8 million, remain substantially in line (+1.5%). Profits from ordinary activities, before tax, were therefore at €230.9 million (-14.8%). After provisions for income taxes totalling 66.1 million, net profit stands at 180.6 million (-10.2%).

Aggregate deposits from customers stand at €46,399.4 million, up 12.4% over the end of 2009. Direct deposits (€24,798.3 million) contribute with a 6.8% increase.

Indirect deposits, equal to 21,601.1 million, rose 19.7%. These include assets under management amounting to 9,149.9 million (+23.2%) and assets in custody that, equal to 12,451.2 million, increased 17.3%.

Loans to customers (before expected losses) reached 21,861.2 million, showing an 11.3% increase.

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The Board of Directors also resolved to submit the proposal to the ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, already called for 29 April, concerning authorising the Board to carry out purchase and sale of own shares transactions for 18 months, starting from the date of the shareholders' meeting resolution.

Purchase can be made on the regulated markets with the procedures provided by art. 144-bis, par. 1, sub-par. b) and c) of the Consob's Regulations on Issuers up to a maximum countervalue equal to the balance available in the Reserve for purchasing own shares of €77 million and to a total number of shares that may be held in aggregate equal to no. 71,612,348 shares in Banca CARIGE S.p.A. of the nominal value of €1, of which up to no. 64,639,960 ordinary shares and up to no. 6,972,388 convertible savings shares, respectively corresponding to one twenty-fifth of the ordinary and savings capital.

Purchases may be effected at a minimum price of not less than the par value of €1, and at a maximum price equal to the average of official prices quoted on MTA in the last ten trading days prior to the day of the transaction, increased by 10%.

All or part of own shares held by the Bank may be sold in all the forms and methods permitted by the current regulations of reference at a minimum price no lower than the average of official prices quoted on MTA in the last ten trading days prior to the day of transaction, decreased by 10%, with the agreement that the consideration be recorded back to "reserve for purchasing of own shares: amount available".

The reasons behind the request for a new delegation are in line with the aims allowed under applicable laws and, specifically, aim at obtaining an instrument for strategic and operational flexibility.

As regards the previous authorisation issued by the Shareholders' Meeting on this subject of purchasing own shares, it should be noted that from the date of the relevant resolution (29 April 2010) to date, the Bank has effected purchases and sales of no. 4,195,001 ordinary shares, which have been duly notified to Consob in monthly reports pursuant to articles 87 and 87-bis of the Consob's Regulations on Issuers.

The shares purchased on the market were used in July 2010 as partial consideration against the purchase of additional shares of Banca Cesare Ponti S.p.A. aimed at holding 100% of the Subsidiary, in line with the goal of obtaining an instrument for strategic and operational flexibility that would make it possible to have own shares acquired as consideration in extraordinary transactions, even purchase and/or exchange of investments with other parties within the framework of operations of the Bank's interest.

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With reference to the provisions of art. 123-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance and art. 89-bis of Consob's Regulations on Issuers, the Board of Directors also resolved to approve the Annual Corporate Governance Report and the ownership structures concerning 2010, in which - among other things - analytical information about the status of compliance with the Code of Conduct of listed companies promoted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.

Said Report will be made available to the public on 7 April 2011 at the registered office of the Bank (in Genoa, Via Cassa di Risparmio 15, General Secretary), at the market management company (Borsa Italiana S.p.A. with registered office in Milan, Piazza degli Affari 6) and on the website [www.gruppocarige.it](http://www.gruppocarige.it).

Lastly, the Board verified the existence of the independence requirements of the Directors in connection with the provisions of art. 3 of the Code of Conduct of listed companies. The outcome of this check, also carried out in keeping with the requirements pursuant to art. 148, par. 3, of the Consolidated Law on Finance and art. 18, par. 4, of the Articles of Association, showed the following six Directors to be independent:

- Piero Guido Alpa
- Luca Bonsignore
- Cesare Castelbarco Albani
- Bruno Cordazzo
- Gabriele Galateri di Genola
- Mario Venturino

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In conformity with the requirements of art. 154-ter of the Consolidated Law on Finance, the annual report, including the financial statements, consolidated financial statements, report on operations and the statement of the delegated administrative bodies and of the Manager responsible for preparing the company's financial reports, together with the reports of the Audit Firm and of the Board of Statutory Auditors, will be made available to the public at the registered office of the Bank (in Genoa, Via Cassa di Risparmio 15, General Secretary), at the market management company (Borsa Italiana S.p.A. with registered office in Milan, Piazza degli Affari 6) and on the website [www.gruppocarige.it](http://www.gruppocarige.it).

The prospectuses summarising the essential figures of the latest financial statements of the subsidiaries and associated companies will be made available with in 14 April 2011 if not already included in the aforesaid documentation.

A special notice will be published in the financial newspaper “Il Sole 24 Ore” on 7 April 2011 and will be made available on the same date on the website [www.gruppocarige.it](http://www.gruppocarige.it).

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***Declaration of the manager responsible for preparing the company’s financial reports pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 154-bis of the Italian Legislative Decree no. 58/1998 (Consolidated Law on Finance)***

*The manager responsible for preparing the company’s financial reports, Ms. Daria Bagnasco, 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 %	
	31/12/2010	30/9/2010	31/12/2009	31/12/2008	12/10 9/10	12/10 12/09
<b>BALANCE SHEET (1)</b>						
Total assets	40,009,957	39,798,253	36,299,374	31,986,445	0.5	10.2
Funding	29,545,550	28,711,049	26,355,057	22,965,533	2.9	12.1
- Direct deposits (a)	26,583,549	26,458,750	25,695,779	22,164,080	0.5	3.5
* Amounts owed to customers	15,592,197	15,654,192	15,061,675	12,005,439	-0.4	3.5
* Securities in issue	9,659,630	9,522,561	10,019,877	9,578,795	1.4	-3.6
* Liabilities at fair value (2)	1,331,722	1,281,997	614,227	579,846	3.9	...
- Amounts owed to banks	2,962,001	2,252,299	659,278	801,453	31.5	...
Indirect deposits (b)	24,090,570	23,803,602	21,225,627	20,960,268	1.2	13.5
- Assets under management	10,341,649	10,190,506	8,701,235	7,930,228	1.5	18.9
- Assets in custody	13,748,921	13,613,096	12,524,392	13,030,040	1.0	9.8
Financial Intermediation Activities (FIA) (a+b)	50,674,119	50,262,352	46,921,406	43,124,348	0.8	8.0
Investments	36,022,114	35,566,645	32,387,413	27,450,047	1.3	11.2
- Loans to customers (3)	25,373,267	24,152,707	23,116,726	21,119,889	5.1	9.8
- Loans to banks (3)	1,242,861	1,806,763	1,074,538	986,953	-31.2	15.7
- Securities portfolio	9,405,986	9,607,175	8,196,149	5,343,205	-2.1	14.8
Capital and reserves	3,516,943	3,523,259	3,605,708	3,336,250	-0.2	-2.5

	Situation as at				Change %	
	31/12/2010	30/9/2010	31/12/2009	31/12/2008	12/10 9/10	12/10 12/09
<b>INCOME STATEMENT (1)</b>						
Gross operating income	1,067,914	764,982	1,116,848	1,030,590	-4.4	
Net income from financial and insurance management	895,735	641,669	939,972	910,675	-4.7	
Operating income from ordinary activities before taxes	261,655	168,683	310,632	308,747	-15.8	
Profit for the period	177,241	100,120	205,381	205,504	-13.7	

<b>RESOURCES (4)</b>						
Number of branches	667	667	643	643	-	3.7
Insurance agencies	432	428	394	378	0.9	9.6
Number of bank employees	5,536	5,544	5,500	5,523	-0.1	0.7
Number of bank and insurance employees	6,003	6,008	5,912	5,906	-0.1	1.5

<b>FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>						
Operating costs						
Gross operating income	59.9%	62.2%	57.0%	58.9%		
Operating profit from ordinary activities before taxes						
/ Capital and reserves	7.4%	4.8%	8.6%	9.3%		
ROE	5.0%	2.8%	5.7%	6.2%		
ROE (5)	6.5%	3.6%	7.2%	7.7%		
ROAE (6)	5.0%	2.8%	5.9%	6.9%		
ROAE (5) (6)	6.3%	3.6%	7.4%	8.8%		
Earnings per share (in €)						
- basic	0.097	0.054	0.113	0.118		
- diluted	0.097	0.054	0.113	0.118		

<b>RISK ASSETS AND REGULATORY RATIOS (7)</b>						
Total Risk-Weighted Assets (1) (8)	21,852,465	20,679,651	19,812,888	19,096,988	6.6	11.3
Tier 1 core/Total weight assets (10)	6.0%	6.1%	7.1%	7.1%		
Tier 1 capital / RWA (9)	6.7%	6.8%	7.9%	7.9%		
Regulatory capital including Tier 3 capital/Total weighted assets (9)	9.2%	9.3%	10.0%	10.6%		

- (1) Figures in thousands of €
- (2) Carige Vita Nuova liabilities, designated at fair value and relating to products for which risk is borne by insureds, are not included in this table.
- (3) Before value adjustments and net of debt securities classified as L&R.
- (4) Statistics of the end of period.
- (5) Net of the AFS reserve established against the revaluation of the equity investment in the Bank of Italy.
- (6) Net profit on average shareholders' equity (Return On Average Equity).
- (7) The figures regarding 30/09/2010 result from accounting and management estimates since the official consolidated figures (Information form "1") are provided only half-yearly (June and December).
- (8) Pending official figures to be disclosed, figures relating to capital requirements result from accounting and management estimates.
- (9) As at 31/12/2009 capital ratios incorporate the update dated 18/11/2009 to Bank of Italy Circular no. 262 of 22/12/2005 on the measurement of risk-weighted assets in separate financial statements of the Group banks. Figures as at 31/12/2008 have been reclassified to allow a homogeneous comparison with the historic statistics.
- (10) Indicator comprising savings shares, awaiting that the statutory amendments submitted to the next Shareholders' Meeting of 29 April 2011 make them calculable in the Tier 1 core.
- (11) The figures as at 31/12/2009 were reclassified in order to highlight the components of the liabilities pertaining to the groups of discontinued assets and liabilities (in particular the business unit regarding the custodian bank of the Parent Company).

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

	31/12/10	31/12/09
10 - Cash and cash equivalents	300,103	294,937
20 - Financial assets held for trading	325,819	695,323
30 - Financial assets designated at <i>fair value</i>	641,522	680,400
40 - Available-for-sale financial assets	8,109,848	6,412,790
50 - Financial assets held to maturity	-	-
60 - Loans to banks	1,431,781	1,312,196
70 - Loans to customers	24,899,599	22,786,425
80 - Hedging derivatives	108,296	78,180
100 - Equity investments	54,994	55,601
110 - Technical reserves charged on reinsurers	163,930	184,412
120 - Tangible assets	1,130,288	1,118,215
130 - Intangible assets	1,858,779	1,723,767
including:		
- goodwill	1,779,504	1,644,822
140 - Tax assets	489,253	323,030
a) current	129,453	92,274
b) advanced	359,800	230,756
160 - Other assets	495,745	630,671
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>40,009,957</b>	<b>36,299,374</b>

Amounts stated in thousands of €

### LIABILITIES

	31/12/10	31/12/09
10 - Amounts owed to banks	2,962,001	659,278
20 - Amounts owed to customers	15,592,197	15,061,675
30 - Debt securities in issue	9,659,630	10,019,877
40 - Financial liabilities from trading	69,345	95,950
50 - Financial liabilities designated at fair value	1,998,959	1,303,966
60 - Hedging derivatives	580,434	317,741
80 - Tax liabilities	301,138	278,100
a) current	17,334	50,449
b) deferred	283,804	227,651
100 - Other liabilities	872,415	1,063,404
110 - Staff termination indemnity	89,417	96,924
120 - Provisions for risks and charges:	324,382	345,561
a) pensions and similar obligations	292,717	308,101
b) other provisions	31,665	37,460
130 - Technical reserves	3,823,093	3,203,897
140 - Valuation reserves	415,850	587,238
160 - Capital instruments	15,784	1,178
170 - Reserves	281,836	214,250
180 - Additional paid-in capital	1,013,164	1,012,742
190 - Capital	1,790,309	1,790,300
210 - Minority interests (+/-)	42,762	41,912
220 - Profit (Loss) for the year (+/-)	177,241	205,381
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>40,009,957</b>	<b>36,299,374</b>

Amounts in thousands of €

## INCOME STATEMENT

	2010	2009
10 - INTEREST INCOME AND SIMILAR REVENUES	1,102,708	1,160,721
20 - INTEREST EXPENSES AND SIMILAR CHARGES	-397,072	-433,066
<b>30 - NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>705,636</b>	<b>727,655</b>
40 - COMMISSION INCOME	332,126	311,741
50 - COMMISSION EXPENSES	- 34,811	-36,199
<b>60 - NET COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>297,315</b>	<b>275,542</b>
70 - DIVIDENDS AND OTHER SIMILAR REVENUES	8,607	12,948
80 - NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES	-6,629	15,160
90 - NET INCOME FROM HEDGING ACTIVITIES	1,059	2,565
100 - PROFIT (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REPURCHASE OF:	58,632	83,628
<i>a) loans</i>	2,176	2,034
<i>b) available for sale financial assets</i>	38,914	63,493
<i>c) financial assets held to maturity</i>	-	2,627
<i>d) financial liabilities</i>	17,542	15,474
110 - NET VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON FINANCIAL ASSETS DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE	3,294	-650
<b>120 - GROSS OPERATING MARGIN</b>	<b>1,067,914</b>	<b>1,116,848</b>
130 - NET VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON:	-116,317	-130,913
<i>a) loans</i>	-114,219	-99,539
<i>b) available for sale financial assets</i>	-1,704	-30,888
<i>d) other financial assets</i>	-394	-486
<b>140 - NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>951,597</b>	<b>985,935</b>
150 - NET PREMIUMS	1,416,805	1,449,133
160 - BALANCE OF OTHER EXPENSES/REVENUES FROM INSURANCE MANAGEMENT	-1,472,667	-1,495,096
<b>170 - NET INCOME FROM FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>895,735</b>	<b>939,972</b>
180 - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:	-655,535	-653,993
<i>a) staff costs</i>	-392,386	-385,358
<i>b) other administrative costs</i>	-263,149	-268,635
190 - NET PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES	-3,206	-5,079
200 - DEPRECIATION OF TANGIBLE ASSETS	-25,250	-24,047
210 - AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS	-27,550	-22,302
220 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND REVENUES	71,467	68,835
<b>230 - OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>-640,074</b>	<b>-636,586</b>
240 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	5,801	7,257
270 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTS	193	-11
<b>280 - OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXES</b>	<b>261,655</b>	<b>310,632</b>
290 - INCOME TAXES FOR THE PERIOD	-97,954	-103,280
<b>300 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXES</b>	<b>163,701</b>	<b>207,352</b>
310 - PROFIT (LOSS) FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AFTER TAXES	15,935	1,667
<b>320 - PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>179,636</b>	<b>209,019</b>
330 - MINORITY INTERESTS	2,395	3,638
<b>340 - PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PARENT BANK</b>	<b>177,241</b>	<b>205,381</b>

(1) The figures as at 31 December 2009 were reclassified in order to highlight the income statement components pertaining to the groups of assets held for sale (in particular the business unit of the custodian bank of the Parent Company)

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Situation as at				Change %	
	31/12/10	30/9/10	31/12/09	31/12/08	12/10 9/10	12/10 12/09
<b>BALANCE SHEET (1)</b>						
Total assets	33,491,277	32,844,113	29,786,703	26,455,426	2.0	12.4
Funding	27,844,425	26,612,851	24,098,953	20,788,686	4.6	15.5
- Direct deposits (a)	24,798,250	24,207,149	23,224,989	19,705,213	2.4	6.8
* Amounts owed to customers	13,933,214	13,769,720	13,174,643	10,431,018	1.2	5.8
* Securities in issue	9,535,038	9,157,392	9,438,159	8,696,409	4.1	1.0
* Liabilities at fair value	1,329,998	1,280,037	612,187	577,786	3.9	...
- Amounts owed to banks	3,046,175	2,405,702	873,964	1,083,473	26.6	...
- Indirect deposits (b)	21,601,123	19,892,500	18,043,855	17,865,828	8.6	19.7
- Assets under management	9,149,946	8,614,275	7,427,002	6,806,329	6.2	23.2
- Assets in custody	12,451,177	11,278,225	10,616,853	11,059,499	10.4	17.3
Financial Intermediation Activities (FIA) (a+b)	46,399,373	44,099,649	41,268,844	37,571,041	5.2	12.4
Investments	29,598,151	28,707,526	26,010,763	22,345,284	3.1	13.8
- Loans to customers (2)	21,861,238	20,473,597	19,637,247	17,858,363	6.8	11.3
- Loans to banks (2) (3)	1,391,888	1,838,767	1,306,428	1,031,870	-24.3	6.5
- Securities portfolio	6,345,025	6,395,162	5,067,088	3,455,051	-0.8	25.2
Capital and reserves	3,632,626	3,624,602	3,728,496	3,502,342	0.2	-2.6

	Situation as at				Change %	
	31/12/10	30/9/10	31/12/09 (10)	31/12/08	12/10 9/10	12/10 12/09
<b>INCOME STATEMENT (1)</b>						
Gross operating income	829,254	597,941	861,363	837,056		-3.7
Net income from financial management	733,722	529,748	766,621	770,102		-4.3
Operating profit from ordinary activities before taxes	230,850	165,214	271,100	296,769		-14.8
Profit for the period	180,601	120,697	201,103	223,469		-10.2

<b>RESOURCES (4)</b>						
Number of branches	560	554	534	534	1.1	4.9
Staff	4,692	4,601	4,557	4,565	2.0	3.0

<b>FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>						
Operating costs / Gross operating margin	60.6%	61.0%	57.5%	56.6%		
Operating profit from ordinary activities before taxes /Capital and reserves	6.4%	4.6%	7.3%	8.5%		
ROE	5.0%	3.3%	5.4%	6.4%		
ROE (5)						
ROAE (6)	4.9%	3.3%	5.6%	7.2%		
ROAE (5) (6)	6.2%	4.1%	6.9%	9.0%		

<b>RISK ASSETS AND REGULATORY RATIOS (7)</b>						
Total Risk-Weighted Assets (1) (7)	19,542,565	18,178,391	17,366,060	16,825,637	7.5	12.5
Tier 1 core/Total weighted assets (9)	9.7%	10.6%	11.8%	12.1%		
Tier 1 capital / 75% Total weighted assets (8)						
Regulatory capital including Tier 3 capital/ 75% Total weighted assets (8)						

(1) Figures in thousands of €

(2) Before value adjustments.

(3) Before debt securities classified as L&R

(4) Statistics of the end of period.

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

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

(7) Pending official figures to be disclosed, figures relating to capital requirements result from accounting and management estimates.

(8) As at 31/12/2009 capital ratios incorporate the update dated 18/11/2009 to Bank of Italy Circular no. 262 of 22/12/2005 on the measurement of risk-weighted assets in separate financial statements of the Group banks. Figures as at 31/12/2008 have been reclassified to allow a homogeneous comparison with the historic statistics.

(9) Indicator comprising savings shares, awaiting that the statutory amendments submitted to the next Shareholders' Meeting of 29 April 2011 make them calculable in the Tier 1 core.

(10) The figures as at 31 December 2009 were reclassified in order to highlight the components pertaining to the groups of discontinued assets and liabilities (in particular the business unit regarding the custodian bank).

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

	31/12/10	31/12/09
10 - Cash and cash equivalents	252,851,724	241,490,336
20 - Financial assets held for trading	372,999,858	725,116,806
40 - Available-for-sale financial assets	4,851,828,355	3,514,449,932
60 - Loans to banks	2,507,445,925	2,129,509,134
70 - Loans to customers	21,373,807,531	19,272,873,269
80 - Hedging derivatives	100,708,054	72,884,582
100 - Equity investments	1,044,349,689	1,061,687,952
110 - Tangible assets	680,027,126	655,056,693
120 - Intangible assets	1,634,042,530	1,483,234,620
including:		
- goodwill	1,564,991,811	1,415,492,663
130 - Tax assets	324,240,748	197,586,784
a) current	84,981,427	48,676,048
b) advanced	239,259,321	148,910,736
150 - Other assets	348,975,050	432,812,140
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>33,491,276,590</b>	<b>29,786,702,248</b>

*Amounts stated in units of euro*

### LIABILITIES

	31/12/10	31/12/09
10 - Amounts owed to banks	3,046,174,522	873,964,042
20 - Amounts owed to customers	13,933,213,889	13,174,642,680
30 - Debt securities in issue	9,535,038,495	9,438,159,039
40 - Financial liabilities from trading	107,250,815	152,261,294
50 - Financial liabilities designated at fair value	1,329,998,448	612,187,322
60 - Hedging derivatives	553,538,496	276,656,947
80 - Tax liabilities	208,366,958	217,874,676
a) current	12,663,525	43,070,911
b) deferred	195,703,433	174,803,765
100 - Other liabilities	604,030,093	726,151,197
110 - Staff termination indemnity	64,265,919	68,317,000
120 - Provisions for risks and charges:	296,172,357	316,888,380
a) pensions and similar obligations	272,143,000	286,734,000
b) other provisions	24,029,357	30,154,380
130 - Valuation reserves	435,492,360	600,977,934
150 - Capital instruments	15,783,852	1,178,232
160 - Reserves	377,877,141	323,298,174
170 - Additional paid-in capital	1,013,163,694	1,012,742,172
180 - Capital	1,790,308,721	1,790,300,405
190 - Own shares (-)	(426)	(426)
200 - Profit (Loss) for the year (+/-)	180,601,256	201,103,180
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>33,491,276,590</b>	<b>29,786,702,248</b>

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## INCOME STATEMENT

Items	2010	2009
10 - Interest income and similar revenues	854,071,089	942,182,081
20 - Interest expenses and similar charges	(368,191,014)	(411,381,997)
30 - Net interest income	485,880,075	530,800,084
40 - Commission income	282,080,911	254,883,931
50 - Commission expenses	(33,017,530)	(31,233,600)
60 - Net commissions	249,063,381	223,650,331
70 - Dividends and other similar revenues	63,663,233	61,430,124
80 - Net income from trading activities	(8,802,306)	8,572,741
90 - Net income from hedging activities	452,074	2,316,032
100 - Profit (loss) from disposal or repurchase of	36,244,598	35,331,955
a) loans	774,832	2,411,710
b) available for sale financial assets	18,119,453	21,307,623
d) financial liabilities	17,350,313	11,612,622
110 - Net value adjustment on financial assets and liabilities designated at f	2,752,434	(738,965)
120 - Gross operating income	829,253,489	861,362,302
130 - Net value adjustments/write-backs due to impairment of:	(95,532,115)	(94,741,931)
a) loans	(95,025,540)	(83,322,739)
b) available-for-sale financial assets	(101,305)	(10,997,411)
d) other financial assets	(405,270)	(421,781)
140 - Net income from financial management	733,721,374	766,620,371
150 - Administrative costs:	(531,938,799)	(525,934,858)
a) staff costs	(320,125,269)	(307,367,630)
b) other administrative costs	(211,813,530)	(218,567,228)
160 - Net provisions for risks and charges	(1,885,464)	(3,301,973)
170 - Depreciation of tangible assets	(17,177,888)	(15,539,321)
180 - Amortization of intangible assets	(23,898,694)	(18,722,748)
190 - Other operating expenses and revenues	72,109,263	68,018,830
200 - Operating costs	(502,791,582)	(495,480,070)
210 - Profit (loss) from equity investments	(83,287)	(52,464)
240 - Profit (loss) from disposal of investments	3,353	12,416
250 - Operating profit from ordinary activities before taxes	230,849,858	271,100,253
260 - Income taxes for the year	(66,073,875)	(71,664,309)
270 - Profit (Loss) from ordinary activities after taxes	164,775,983	199,435,944
280 - Profit (Loss) of groups of operations being discontinued after taxes	15,825,273	1,667,236
290 - Profit (Loss) for the year	180,601,256	201,103,180

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