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## FACTS OF BORSA ITALIANA

- 17 January** First trading day of the EuroMOT, the new regulated market organised and managed by Borsa Italiana specifically designed for Eurobonds, foreign bonds and Asset Backed Securities (ABS).
- 10 February** Borsa Italiana removes, for the year 2000, listing fees for companies listed on the Nuovo Mercato.
- 29 February** The Borsa Italiana's Board of Directors approves the adoption of the Corporate Governance Code of conduct in the listing requirements to the regulated markets.
- 28 March** Start of the T+3 settlement cycle for trades executed on the Stock Exchange, the Nuovo Mercato and the Mercato Ristretto.  
In similar way, in the case of early or at maturity exercise of options, trades are settled the third day after the exercise. The same settlement cycle is applied for operations on capital and payment of dividends.
- 12 April** Borsa Italiana acquires the 55% of the share capital of the Cassa di Compensazione e Garanzia (the Italian Clearing House).
- 19 April** The Borsa Italiana's shareholders' meeting designates the new Board of Directors for the three-year period 2000-2001 and confirms Massimo Capuano as President and Chief Executive Officer and Stefano Preda as Chairman.  
Massimo Capuano maintains all the powers for the ordinary business of the company and for the management of the markets organised and managed by Borsa Italiana.
- 20 April** First meeting of the shareholders' meeting of the Cassa di Compensazione e Garanzia (the Italian Clearing House) after the acquisition of the majority of its share capital by Borsa Italiana. The shareholders' meeting designates the new Board of Directors.
- 5 May** The Cassa di Compensazione e Garanzia's Board of Directors confirms Marcello Tacci as President and designates Massimo Capuano, the Borsa Italiana's President and CEO, as Deputy Chairman with full power for the international activity.
- 11 May** Borsa Italiana and Standard & Poor's announce that are collaborating in a project to review the set of domestic Italian indices and to facilitate the creation of new investment products based on these indices for both Italian and international investors.  
With this partnership, Borsa Italiana intends to enhance its ability to offer more opportunities to investors in Italian equities especially in the growing market for index-linked products.
- 15 May** First trading day for the Borsa Italiana's Trading After Hours, the first European regulated market aimed to satisfy the demand for trading after the usual closing of the daily market. Between 5:50pm and 8:30pm it is possible to trade MIB30 and MIBEX shares, Nuovo Mercato shares and covered warrants (on issuers' request).
- 17 May** Amsterdam Exchanges, Bolsa de Madrid, Borsa Italiana, Brussels Exchanges, Deutsche Börse, London Stock Exchange, Parisbourse<sup>SBF</sup> and Swiss Exchange, with the aim to harmonise European trading systems, sign the document containing the Market Model Description for European blue chips.
- 19 June** First trading day for the stock option on Tiscali, the first option contract on individual shares listed on the Nuovo Mercato.
- 22 June** Professor Stefano Preda takes up the position of President and CEO for a new constituted bank targeted to private banking and resigns from the chairmanship of Borsa Italiana.
- 3 July** First trading day for the mini-FIB, the new derivatives contract on the MIB30 index designed for retail investors. This new derivatives contract allows to take on futures positions on the MIB30 in cheaper way than investing in the usual MIB30 futures: the size of the mini-FIB is one on fifth compared to the existing MIB30 futures.
- 20 July** The Board of Directors coopts Professor Angelo Tantazzi as member of the Board and nominates him as Chairman ad interim of the company.
- 21 July** Starting up of the new trading platform for the covered warrants market (MCW).
- 26 July** The shareholders' meeting approves Professor Angelo Tantazzi as new member of the Board and the Board of Directors confirms his appointment as Chairman of Borsa Italiana.
- 9 August** Borsa Italiana reaches its new all-time high in the number of companies listed: 239 companies on the Stock Exchange, 27 on the Nuovo Mercato and 17 on the Mercato Ristretto, for a total of 283 companies.
- 21 September** The general assembly of the Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE) elects Massimo Capuano, President and Chief Executive Officer of Borsa Italiana, as Deputy Chairman.
- 11 October** Borsa Italiana extends the listing on the Nuovo Mercato to convertible bonds and warrants on Nuovo Mercato shares and, on the MOT, it allows the listing of bonds issued by companies listed on the Nuovo Mercato.
- 9 November** Borsa Italiana introduces STAR, the new market segment dedicated to medium and small companies that undertake to respect additional quality and quantitative listing requirements.
- 30 November** First Italian road-show for the Nuovo Mercato sponsored by Borsa Italiana targeted, on the one hand, to bring out listed companies giving them the opportunity to highlight their performance and, on the other hand, to outline the potential Italian and international evolution of high growth markets.
- 20 December** Borsa Italiana informs that, starting from 2 January 2001, will calculate and disseminate NUMEX and NUMTEL indices representing Nuovo Mercato shares on the basis of the same methodology applied for the calculation of the other equity market general indices. The weighting structure updating will be performed on a quarterly (instead of annually) base, in order to consider the impact on market capitalisation of the price volatility and of the higher admission rate of the Nuovo Mercato.
- 29 December** Borsa Italiana closes the year 2000 achieving its all time high in new admissions (49), listed companies (297), equity turnover (869 bn euro), covered warrant turnover (31 bn euro) and equity derivatives turnover (13.3 mn standard contracts and 1,384 bn euro of notional turnover).
- 31 December** Amsterdam Exchanges, Borsa Italiana, Brussels Exchanges, Deutsche Börse and ParisBourse<sup>SBF</sup> close the EURO.NM agreement that joined their new markets dedicated to high growth companies.
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## FIGURES OF BORSA ITALIANA

- During the year 2000, thanks to the record of 49 new admissions (16 on the Stock Exchange and 33 on the Nuovo Mercato, to which add up the transfer of a company from the Stock Exchange to the Nuovo Mercato) Borsa Italiana reached its new all time high of 297 listed companies (242 on the Stock Exchange, 40 on the Nuovo Mercato and 15 on the Mercato Ristretto). At the end of December the total market capitalisation achieved 818.4 bn euro (726.6 in 1999), corresponding to 70.5% of GDP (66.1% in 1999).
- The equity market experienced alternative phases: after the sharp drop of the first days in January, prices grew up during the first quarter (+20% for the Stock Exchange and +186% for the Nuovo Mercato), then a decreasing phase, mainly affecting the Nuovo Mercato, followed. Compared to the end of 1999, the year 2000 closed with a positive performance for the MIB (+5.4%) and negative for the NUMEX, the index calculated for the Nuovo Mercato (-25.5%).
- All main financial instruments signed all-time highs in terms of volume and trades. Compared to 1999:
  - share turnover increased by 70%, taking the daily average from 2.0 to 3.4 bn euro and from 126,000 to 258,000 contracts (+104%);
  - covered warrant turnover rose from 14.6 to 31.2 bn euro, with a daily average of 31,800 contracts (+224.5%) and 122 mn euro (+117.9%), on a total of 3,107 listed instruments (1,565 in 1999).
  - equity derivatives reached a total of 13.3 mn standard contracts and a turnover of 1,384 bn euro. The positive trend was led by stock options that, tripled as standard contracts and doubled as notional value, now represent 44% of the whole derivatives market in terms of standard contracts.
- The investment flow channelled through the stock market totalled 31 capital increases (3.8 bn euro) and 48 public offers for sale and subscription (13.0 bn euro). The 45 operations targeted to listing (historical record) gathered 6.8 bn euro, of which 5.1 bn euro directed to finance listed companies by subscription of new shares.
- The 30 public offers for purchase returned 12.2 bn euro to the market.

## COMPOSITION OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE LIST

|                                  | 31.12.1997 (Flow) | 30.12.1998 (Flow) | 30.12.1999 (Flow)    | 29.12.2000 (Flow)     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Companies</b>                 |                   |                   |                      |                       |
| • Stock Exchange - Italian       | 209 (+14 e -18)   | 219 (+24 e -14)   | 241 (+28 e -6)       | 237 (+16 e -20)       |
| • Stock Exchange - Foreign       | 4 (-)             | 4 (+1 e -1)       | 6 (+3 e -1)          | 5 (-1)                |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Italian        | -                 | -                 | 6 (+6)               | 39 (+33)              |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Foreign        | -                 | -                 | -                    | 1 (+1)                |
| • Mercato Ristretto              | 26 (-5)           | 20 (+1 e -7)      | 17 (+1 e -4)         | 15 (-2)               |
| • <b>Total</b>                   | <b>239</b>        | <b>243</b>        | <b>270</b>           | <b>297</b>            |
| <b>Shares</b>                    |                   |                   |                      |                       |
| • Stock Exchange - Italian       | 297 (+16 e -22)   | 300 (+28 e -25)   | 322 (+32 e -10)      | 300 (+17 e -39)       |
| • Stock Exchange - Foreign       | 4 (-)             | 4 (+1 e -1)       | 6 (+3 e -1)          | 5 (-1)                |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Italian        | -                 | -                 | 6 (+6)               | 39 (+33)              |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Foreign        | -                 | -                 | -                    | 1 (+1)                |
| • Mercato Ristretto              | 27 (-5)           | 21 (+1 e -7)      | 18 (+1 e -4)         | 16 (-2)               |
| • <b>Total</b>                   | <b>328</b>        | <b>325</b>        | <b>352</b>           | <b>361</b>            |
| <b>Covered warrants</b>          | -                 | 122 (+122)        | 1 565 (+1659 e -216) | 3 107 (+3342 e -1800) |
| <b>Warrants - Stock Exchange</b> | 27 (+6 e -14)     | 30 (+11 e -8)     | 26 (+8 e -12)        | 22 (+5 e -9)          |
| <b>Warrants - Nuovo Mercato</b>  | -                 | -                 | -                    | 1 (+1)                |
| <b>Closed-end funds</b>          | -                 | -                 | 3 (+3)               | 4 (+1)                |
| <b>Fixed income securities</b>   |                   |                   |                      |                       |
| • Convertible bonds              |                   |                   |                      |                       |
| ♦ Stock Exchange                 | 22 (+4 e -4)      | 27 (+11 e -6)     | 23 (+5 e -9)         | 16 (+1 e -8)          |
| ♦ Mercato Ristretto              | 8 (+1 e -1)       | 3 (-5)            | 1 (-2)               | 2 (+1)                |
| ♦ <b>Total</b>                   | <b>30</b>         | <b>30</b>         | <b>24</b>            | <b>18</b>             |
| • Bonds                          |                   |                   |                      |                       |
| ♦ MOT                            | 536 (+114 e -184) | 468 (+96 e -164)  | 469 (+113 e -112)    | 466 (+79 e -82)       |
| ♦ EuroMOT                        | -                 | -                 | -                    | 13 (+13)              |
| ♦ <b>Total</b>                   | <b>536</b>        | <b>468</b>        | <b>469</b>           | <b>479</b>            |
| • Government securities          | 190 (+94 e -109)  | 154 (+57 e -93)   | 139 (+54 e -69)      | 128 (+50 e -61)       |

## MARKET SIZE (MILLIONS OF EURO)

|                                  | 31.12.1997 (Var. %) | 30.12.1998 (Var. %) | 30.12.1999 (Var. %) | 29.12.2000 (Var. %) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Nominal value outstanding</b> |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| • Stock Exchange                 | 49 981 (-3.2%)      | 57 121 (14.3%)      | 72 568 (27.0%)      | 78 229 (7.8%)       |
| • Nuovo Mercato                  | -                   | -                   | 48                  | 481 (902.0%)        |
| • Mercato Ristretto              | 1 311 (0.6%)        | 809 (-38.3%)        | 636 (-21.4%)        | 773 (21.5%)         |
| • Convertible bonds              | 2 011 (12.0%)       | 2 111 (5.0%)        | 2 185 (3.5%)        | 1 926 (-11.9%)      |
| • Bonds                          |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| ♦ MOT                            | 46 130 (25.2%)      | 52 291 (13.4%)      | 66 054 (26.3%)      | 70 472 (6.7%)       |
| ♦ EuroMOT                        | -                   | -                   | -                   | 18 223              |
| • Government securities          | 926 449 (1.9%)      | 949 887 (2.5%)      | 962 434 (1.3%)      | 976 169 (1.4%)      |
| <b>Capitalisation</b>            |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| • Stock Exchange - Italian       | 309 896 (55.4%)     | 481 065 (55.2%)     | 714 147 (48.5%)     | 790 277 (10.7%)     |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Italian        | -                   | -                   | 6 981               | 22 166 (217.5%)     |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Foreign        | -                   | -                   | -                   | 3 151               |
| • Mercato Ristretto              | 4 824 (46.2%)       | 4 122 (-14.6%)      | 5 438 (31.9%)       | 5 941 (9.2%)        |
| • <b>Total - Italian</b>         | <b>314 720</b>      | <b>485 187</b>      | <b>726 566</b>      | <b>818 384</b>      |
| <b>Capitalisation (% GDP)</b>    |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| • Stock Exchange - Italian       | 30.2%               | 45.0%               | 65.0%               | 68.1%               |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Italian        | -                   | -                   | 0.6%                | 1.9%                |
| • Mercato Ristretto              | 0.5%                | 0.4%                | 0.5%                | 0.5%                |
| • <b>Total - Italian</b>         | <b>30.7%</b>        | <b>45.4%</b>        | <b>66.1%</b>        | <b>70.5%</b>        |

## INVESTMENT FLOWS CHANNELLED THROUGH THE STOCK MARKET

|  | YEAR 1997 | YEAR 1998 | YEAR 1999 | YEAR 2000 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Capital increase</b>                        |           |           |           |           |
| • Stock Exchange                               |           |           |           |           |
| ♦ number                                       | 20        | 39        | 30        | 26        |
| ♦ value (millions of euro)                     | 3 888     | 8 272     | 21 887    | 3 418     |
| • Nuovo Mercato                                |           |           |           |           |
| ♦ number                                       | -         | -         | -         | 5         |
| ♦ value (millions of euro)                     | -         | -         | -         | 375       |
| <b>Public offers for sale and subscription</b> |           |           |           |           |
| • Stock Exchange                               |           |           |           |           |
| ♦ number                                       | 15        | 23        | 24        | 16        |
| ♦ value (millions of euro)                     | 20 336    | 12 114    | 25 532    | 8 590     |
| • Nuovo Mercato                                |           |           |           |           |
| ♦ number                                       | -         | -         | 6         | 32        |
| ♦ value (millions of euro)                     | -         | -         | 260       | 4 377     |
| <b>Public offers for purchase</b>              |           |           |           |           |
| ♦ number                                       | 21        | 15        | 24        | 30        |
| ♦ value (millions of euro)                     | 1 014     | 363       | 55 485    | 12 218    |

## TURNOVER (MILLIONS OF EURO)

|                             | 1997           |              | 1998           |                | 1999           |                | 2000           |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                             | Total          | D. avg.      | Total          | D. avg.        | Total          | D. avg.        | Total          | D. avg.        |
| <b>Trading days</b>         | <b>251</b>     |              | <b>253</b>     |                | <b>254</b>     |                | <b>254</b>     |                |
| <b>Shares</b>               |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • Stock Exchange - Italian  | 175 238        | 698.2        | 424 339        | 1 677.2        | 499 635        | 1 967.1        | 814 735        | 3 207.6        |
| • Stock Exchange - Foreign  | 131            | 0.5          | 514            | 2.0            | 3 355          | 13.2           | 23 757         | 93.5           |
| • <b>Total</b>              | <b>175 369</b> | <b>698.7</b> | <b>424 853</b> | <b>1 679.3</b> | <b>502 990</b> | <b>1 980.3</b> | <b>838 492</b> | <b>3 301.1</b> |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Italian   | -              | -            | -              | -              | 3 529          | 25.39          | 29 300         | 115.4          |
| • Nuovo Mercato - Foreign   | -              | -            | -              | -              | -              | -              | 186            | 3.7            |
| • <b>Total</b>              | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>3 529</b>   | <b>25.39</b>   | <b>29 486</b>  | <b>116.1</b>   |
| • Mercato Ristretto         | 662            | 2.6          | 2 204          | 8.7            | 906            | 3.6            | 1 158          | 4.6            |
| • <b>Total</b>              | <b>176 031</b> | <b>701.3</b> | <b>427 057</b> | <b>1 688.0</b> | <b>507 425</b> | <b>1 997.7</b> | <b>869 135</b> | <b>3 421.8</b> |
| Covered warrants            | -              | -            | 2 392          | 16.5           | 14 207         | 55.9           | 31 079         | 122.4          |
| Warrants                    | 4 886          | 19.5         | 9 502          | 37.6           | 3 097          | 12.2           | 2 728          | 10.7           |
| Closed-end funds            | -              | -            | -              | -              | 13             | 0.10           | 24             | 0.10           |
| Convertible bonds           | 1 664          | 6.6          | 3 336          | 13.2           | 1 085          | 4.3            | 1 140          | 4.5            |
| Pre-emptive rights          | 529            | 2.1          | 2 534          | 10.0           | 484            | 1.9            | 354            | 1.4            |
| <b>Bonds</b>                |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • MOT                       | 9 480          | 37.8         | 14 431         | 57.0           | 13 862         | 54.6           | 12 089         | 47.6           |
| • EuroMOT                   | -              | -            | -              | -              | -              | -              | 245            | 1.0            |
| • <b>Total</b>              | <b>9 480</b>   | <b>37.8</b>  | <b>14 431</b>  | <b>57.0</b>    | <b>13 862</b>  | <b>54.6</b>    | <b>12 334</b>  | <b>48.6</b>    |
| Government securities       | 167 103        | 665.7        | 160 707        | 635.2          | 152 047        | 598.6          | 141 885        | 558.6          |
| Blocks - shares             | 7 394          | 29.5         | 18 834         | 74.4           | 28 434         | 111.9          | 46 869         | 184.5          |
| Off-Exchange - shares       | 125            | 0.5          | 460            | 1.8            | 1 446          | 5.7            | 3 354          | 13.2           |
| Other Movements - shares    | ....           | ....         | ....           | ....           | 147 160        | 579.4          | 202 861        | 798.7          |
| <b>MIB30 index futures:</b> |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • No. standard contracts    | 4 463 042      | 17 781.0     | 5 896 316      | 23 305.6       | 5 094 312      | 20 056.3       | 4 259 350      | 16 769.1       |
| • Notional value            | 477 725        | 1 903.3      | 977 751        | 3 864.6        | 905 841        | 3 566.3        | 984 392        | 3 875.6        |
| <b>Mini-FIB</b>             |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • No. standard contracts    | -              | -            | -              | -              | -              | -              | 358 439        | 2 822.4        |
| • Notional value            | -              | -            | -              | -              | -              | -              | 16 786         | 132.2          |
| <b>Midex index futures:</b> |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • No. standard contracts    | -              | -            | 30 070         | 152.6          | 5 144          | 20.3           | 2 044          | 8.0            |
| • Notional value            | -              | -            | 1 818          | 9.2            | 353            | 1.4            | 176            | 0.7            |
| <b>Mib30 index option:</b>  |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • No. standard contracts    | 1 159 040      | 4 617.7      | 1 617 183      | 6 392.0        | 2 236 241      | 8 804.1        | 2 842 081      | 11 189.3       |
| • Notional value            | 125 099        | 498.4        | 267 247        | 1 056.3        | 264 181        | 1 040.1        | 323 166        | 1 272.3        |
| <b>Stock options</b>        |                |              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| • No. standard contracts    | 2 443 819      | 9 736.3      | 1 297 438      | 5 128.2        | 1 947 931      | 7 669.0        | 5 871 013      | 23 114.2       |
| • Notional value            | 12 913         | 51.4         | 27 070         | 107.0          | 28 140         | 110.8          | 59 431         | 234.0          |