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MILAN STOCK EXCHANGE COMPLETES DRAMATIC ARCHITECTURAL RENOVATION

- *Renewal of a prominent piece of Milanese architectural and cultural heritage*
- *Reaffirms Borsa Italiana's position at the heart of the Italian financial and business community*
- *World leading architect, Dante O'Benini lead the design teams*
- *BorsAperta event sees Borsa Italiana open its doors to the public for the first time*

Today Borsa Italiana celebrates the public opening of its headquarters, Palazzo Mezzanotte in Milan. The occasion marks the end of comprehensive architectural renovation and the opening of a new space bringing together finance, design and culture.

The renovation was undertaken by Dante O'Benini & Partners Architects, who have radically changed the spaces in the building, which are now characterised by function, material and technology, including a focus on highly innovative eco-sustainability. The work has enhanced the efficiency standards of one of the most prestigious buildings in the city. These new elements have been integrated into the internal structure of the building whilst preserving the historical and artistic value of Palazzo Mezzanotte.

On 18 and 19 November Palazzo Mezzanotte will play host to a unique event, BorsAperta, a series of photo and art exhibitions, guided tours and multimedia content. The event will offer an exclusive opportunity to enjoy one of the most iconic and historic buildings in Milan at the heart of Italian financial markets.

Raffaele Jerusalmi, CEO of Borsa Italiana, said:

“We are excited to open the doors of this historic building and to share the result of our stunning renovation works which brings together tradition and innovation.

“Palazzo Mezzanotte has long been an international symbol of Italian finance and we believe that this ambitious project highlights the strength of Milan as both a financial and cultural centre. Palazzo Mezzanotte is not only the headquarters of Borsa Italiana, it is a meeting place for global business and cultural leaders alike, stimulating debate, discussion and attracting national and international investors and personalities”.

The decision to renovate the building, the “home” of the Italian Stock Exchange since 1932, followed the choice to place all Borsa Italiana’s key business areas in the same headquarters, Palazzo Mezzanotte.

The building which has a great historical, cultural and institutional value is owned by the Chamber of Commerce of Milan. The renovation has renewed a crucial part of Milanese heritage, preserving the building for the future, whilst creating an improved and more efficient working environment.

BorsAperta is an initiative sponsored by Comune di Milano and in partnership with Corriere della Sera.

The Corriere della Sera Foundation has staged an exhibition in the Parterre of Borsa that retraces the economic and political events of the last 25 years as reported by the newspaper. Displayed are photos, articles and comment illustrating the key events that have changed the course of history and markets in Italy.

A selection of photos related to the opening event are available on Borsa Italiana's website at www.borsaitaliana.it/borsaperta

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