

PRESS RELEASE

Milan, January 16, 2009 – The Banca Popolare di Milano Group was selected to enter into exclusive negotiations with Intesa Sanpaolo for the purchase of 100% of IntesaTRADE S.I.M. S.p.A., a company engaged in the online trading segment.

The proposed acquisition is in line with the strategy of the BPM Group to develop a presence online by providing services through the Webank channel.

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