GRUPPO SANPAOLO IMI

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Alfonso Iozzo lascia la carica di Amministratore Delegato di Sanpaolo Imi

Torino, 12 dicembre 2006 - Il SANPAOLO IMI comunica, d'intesa con

l'interessato, che il dottor Alfonso Iozzo ha rassegnato le dimissioni dalla

carica di Amministratore Delegato della Banca. Le dimissioni, motivate dalla

prossima assunzione della carica di Presidente della Cassa Depositi e Prestiti,

avranno decorrenza dal prossimo 13 dicembre.

Il Consiglio di Amministrazione ha espresso il più vivo ringraziamento al

Dottor Iozzo per il lavoro svolto per il Gruppo nel corso della sua permanenza

al SANPAOLO IMI.

Il dottor Iozzo manterrà la carica di Consigliere di Amministrazione di

SANPAOLO IMI.

Il Consiglio di Amministrazione ha inoltre incaricato il Presidente Enrico Salza

di adottare gli opportuni provvedimenti organizzativi al fine di consentire al

Direttore Generale Pietro Modiano di assumere la gestione unitaria del

Gruppo.

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