

SANPAOLO IMI AND ITALIA ONLINE HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON FINANCIAL INFORMATION SERVICES

15 November 2000 – Sanpaolo IMI SpA and Italia OnLine (Infostrada), ranking as Italy's largest portal by page views, have reached and today signed an agreement of collaboration in the area of financial information services.

On the basis of this agreement, Sanpaolo IMI and Italia OnLine will jointly create informational services sections within the Finance channel of the Italia OnLine portal, with a focus on financial markets and asset management as well as detailed information related to personal financial services issues. The new services will become available on the Italia OnLine portal in the coming month of December.

As a result of this agreement, Sanpaolo IMI, which has most recently redesigned its own internet site (www.sanpaoloimi.com), will achieve full visibility of its own internet banking services through Italia OnLine; the latter, which has recently been upgraded in its graphic and ergonomic features, will in turn see an enrichment of its own content level by financial information services.

The agreement represents a first form of collaboration which is to be extended to other areas of mutual interest for the two partners.

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