

**INTESA SANPAOLO JOINS THE 'DOW JONES SUSTAINABILITY INDEXES'**

**An acknowledgement at European and world levels of the Group's unwavering commitment to corporate social and environmental responsibility**

*Milan, 14 September 2010* – The **Intesa Sanpaolo** Group is officially one of the 342 global companies most actively committed to social and environmental sustainability, as confirmed by the addition of its shares to the 'Dow Jones Sustainability Index World' and the 'Dow Jones Sustainability Index Europe' – two financial indexes managed by Dow Jones Indexes and SAM (the Swiss investment boutique specialised in sustainable investing), for approximately 8 billion dollars.

Each year, SAM invites some 2,500 of the world's biggest companies, distributed across 57 sectors, to respond to an in-depth questionnaire on the financial, environmental and social areas of their business. For the banking sector, the financial area includes, among other things, corporate governance, anti-corruption policies, customer relations, risk management and stakeholder engagement; the environmental area focuses on products and services for the protection of the environment, the assessment of environmental and social risks in lending, the carbon footprint and environmental reporting; finally, the social area covers initiatives promoting financial inclusion, employee development, health and welfare and philanthropy.

In all areas of the survey, Intesa Sanpaolo scored well above the average, confirming once again the seriousness of the Group and the tangible outcomes of its actions.

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