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**INTESA SANPAOLO, THE LEADING ITALIAN BANKING GROUP,
OPENS A NEW BRANCH IN TURKEY**

The bank is forcefully present in all major financial and growth hubs of the world

Milan, 17 May 2013 – **Intesa Sanpaolo**, the leading Italian banking group with presence in all major centers and financial hubs in Europe, North and Latin America, Asia Pacific, the Middle East and North Africa, has been granted the approval to open a branch in Turkey by **the local Board of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BDDK)**. The Istanbul branch is a tangible sign of Intesa's commitment to the Turkish market.

In the coming months, the branch will be fully operative, **servicing Turkish, European and international corporate clients**, as **part of the international Corporate & Investment Banking network** of the Group. The new branch in **Istanbul will play a crucial role in the region** and will operate leveraging on the already strong presence of the Group in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Casablanca, Cairo and Tunis.

Intesa Sanpaolo is committed to **create bridges between Europe and all growth markets** and financial centers of the world in order to **intercept investments and financial flows and foster foreign trade** and to **support its corporate customers** and promoting their global growth.

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