

PRESS RELEASE**INTESA SANPAOLO LAUNCHES A NEW SUBORDINATED LOWER TIER II OF A MAXIMUM NOMINAL AMOUNT OF 2.5 BILLION EURO**

Torino, Milano, 27 August 2008 – Today, Intesa Sanpaolo published the final terms of a Subordinated Lower Tier II bond issue of a maximum nominal amount of 2.5 billion euro targeted to the domestic market.

It is a seven-year, fixed rate bond, with reimbursement of capital in five subsequent annual instalments starting from 30 September 2011, issued under Intesa Sanpaolo's Programme of Subordinated Lower Tier II Bond Issue with Fixed Rate or Fixed Rate - Step up or Fixed Rate - Step down.

The coupon, payable annually in arrears on 30 September of each year from and including 30 September 2009 up to the maturity date, is equal to 4.00%.

The offer price is 93.50%.

Considering that it was offered below par, the effective gross yield for the investor - calculated at the issue date assuming that the bond is held to maturity - is equal to 5.54% p.a. equivalent to 5 years mid swap rate plus 100 basis points (based on 20 August 2008 market conditions).

Placement is from 1 to 26 September 2008, with settlement date on 30 September 2008.

Minimum denomination of the bond issue is Euro 1,000 and multiple.

The bond is offered to the Italian market, excluding professional clients. It will be listed on the "Sistema Multilaterale di Negoziazione EuroTLX", organised and managed by "TLX S.p.A."

Managers for the placement of the bond are Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio in Bologna S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Venezia S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio del Friuli Venezia Giulia S.p.A., Banca dell'Adriatico S.p.A., Cassa dei Risparmi di Forlì e della Romagna S.p.A., Banco di Napoli S.p.A., Intesa Sanpaolo Private Banking S.p.A., Banca Fideuram S.p.A. (also through its wholly-owned subsidiary Sanpaolo Invest SIM S.p.A.), Banca di Trento e Bolzano S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia di Viterbo S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Ascoli Piceno S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Città di Castello S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Fano S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Foligno S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Rieti S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Spoleto S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Terni e Narni S.p.A., Banca CR Firenze S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio della Spezia S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Civitavecchia S.p.A., Cassa di Risparmio di Pistoia e Pescia S.p.A. and Cassa di Risparmio di Orvieto S.p.A..

The ratings assigned to Intesa Sanpaolo's senior long-term debt are: Aa2 by Moody's, AA- by Standard & Poor's and AA- by Fitch.

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