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## **CONAFI PRESTITÒ: the Conafi Group acquires 51% of UNIPRESTIT S.p.A.**

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CONAFI PRESTITO' S.p.A., a company listed on the Expandi market, specialised in the provision of loans with repayment through direct salary or pension deductions and extended repayment terms, today acquired 51% of UNIPRESTIT S.p.A., a company based in Milan, through the wholly owned subsidiary HOLDING PARTECIPAZIONI BUSINESS S.p.A.

UNIPRESTIT S.p.A., a company founded in 2005 and specialised in loan brokerage, is present throughout Italy with 3 direct brokers, an administration office and 87 brokers in franchising as of June 30, 2008. The acquisition will permit the CONAFI Group to expand its reach and commercial activity.

In the year 2007, UNIPRESTIT S.p.A. recorded a breakeven result, placing Loans repaid via salary/pensions, Personal Loans and Mortgages for a total loan value of Euro 23.3 million (growth of 46% on 2006). In relation to the Loans repaid via salary/pensions, Uniprestit S.p.A. placed loans for a total value of Euro 0.82 million in the first 5 months of 2008 (Euro 0.80 million in all of 2007).

The acquisition of 51% of the share capital is for a consideration by Holding Partecipazioni Business S.p.A. of Euro 245,000, of which Euro 125,000 share capital and the remainder share premium.

The Shareholders' Meeting confirmed Mr. Mario Scandura as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

*"This acquisition will guarantee Conafi a greater and wider commercial reach throughout Italy and strengthen the distribution network"* stated Nunzio Chiolo, Chairman and CEO of Conafi Prestito.

Mr. Mario Scandura, Chairman of Uniprestit S.p.A., underlined: *"Our entry into a finance group with such strong growth prospects will drive our growth plans and allow us to make a significant commercial contribution to the Group"*.



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