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## **Independent auditors' report** pursuant to Article 156 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998 (Translation from the original Italian text)

To the Shareholders of Mediolanum S.p.A.

- We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Mediolanum S.p.A. and its subsidiaries (the "Mediolanum Group") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, comprising the balance sheet, the statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows and the related explanatory notes. The preparation of these financial statements in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and with art. 9 of Legislative Decree No. 38/2005 is the responsibility of the Mediolanum S.p.A.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.
- 2. Our audit was made in accordance with auditing standards and procedures recommended by CONSOB (the Italian Stock Exchange Regulatory Agency). In accordance with such standards and procedures, we planned and performed our audit to obtain the information necessary to determine whether the consolidated financial statements are materially misstated and if such financial statements, taken as a whole, may be relied upon. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, as well as assessing the appropriateness and correct application of the accounting principles and the reasonableness of the estimates made by management. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The consolidated financial statements of the prior year are presented for comparative purposes. As reported in the explanatory notes, management has restated certain comparative data related to the prior year with respect to the data previously presented, on which we issued our auditor's report dated April 6, 2009. We have examined the methods adopted to restate the comparative financial data and the information presented in the explanatory notes in this respect, for the purpose of our opinion as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

3. In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Mediolanum Group at December 31, 2009 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and with art. 9 of Legislative Decree No. 38/2005; accordingly, they present clearly and give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows of the Mediolanum Group for the year then ended.

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4. The management of Mediolanum S.p.A. is responsible for the preparation of the Directors' Report and the Report on Corporate Governance and on the company's ownership structure published in the section "Corporate Governance/Documents of Business Conduct" of the website of Mediolanum S.p.A. in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consistency of the Directors' Report and the information reported in compliance with art. 123-bis of Legislative Decree No. 58/1998, paragraph 1, letters c), d), f), l), m) and paragraph 2, letter b) in the Report on Corporate Governance and on the company's ownership structure, with the financial statements, as required by law. For this purpose, we have performed the procedures required under Auditing Standard 001 issued by the Italian Accounting Profession (CNDCEC) and recommended by CONSOB. In our opinion, the Directors' Report and the information reported in compliance with art. 123-bis of Legislative Decree No. 58/1998, paragraph 1, letters c), d), f), l), m) and paragraph 2), letter b) included in the Report on Corporate Governance and on the company's ownership structure, are consistent with the consolidated financial statements of Mediolanum Group as of December 31, 2009.

Milan, April 6, 2010

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Reconta Ernst & Young S.p.A. signed by: Daniele Zamboni, partner

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