

The Business we are in



A major concern:

the asset gathering business is volatile as it is too tied to the equity market

The keystone to manage this reality:

to grow much more than in the past & as rapidly as possible



Growth or decline induced by the market becomes a minor element of our performance

Our growth strategy: Modify how we are perceived



Our strategy:

to develop into one of the **largest retail banks** in Italy, clearly being **perceived as a 'full status' bank** rather than a pure asset gatherer

We are not negating our mission of gathering assets



Rather, as a 'full status' bank we are in the strategic position to accelerate the acquiring of assets



Rationale of our strategy (1)



Banks are where people prefer to entrust their savings

People identify with their bank as the one where they keep their current account



Retail banks are our true competitors & hold 94% of Italian household assets



Rationale of our strategy (2)

Our growth Strategy

Bank customers
who use our bank account as their primary one
give us 4 to 6 times more assets
than non-bank customers

	as at March 31, 2006 Avg. AUA € Cross-Selling*	
Non-bank customers	14,516	1.37
Bank customers	47,666	3.80
Bank customers/active users**	57,066	4.83
Non-bank customers > age 55	20,989	1.33
Bank customers/active users > age 55	119,495	4.70

^{*} out of 12 products; bank accounts, credit cards, stock portfolio, mutual funds, managed accounts, index-linked policies, pension plans, other life products, non-life products, home mortgages, direct channels (0-2)

^{** 12} non-automatic transactions/operations per quarter

Asset gathering: Change in approach

Our growth Strategy

Dawn of an entirely new era for our sector

New industry developments with far-reaching ramifications



A big transformation is occurring in the way we approach asset gathering

No longer possible to run our business as we did even 5 years ago, selling managed savings products to investors who are nevertheless customers of other banks

We have the bank: so all profits stay with us



Traditional banks & asset growth



People invest their money where they have a bank account, with assets often distributed among more than one bank

Traditional banks can do very little to address this tendency, if they want to increase customers & assets

Banks are usually chosen on the basis of branch location

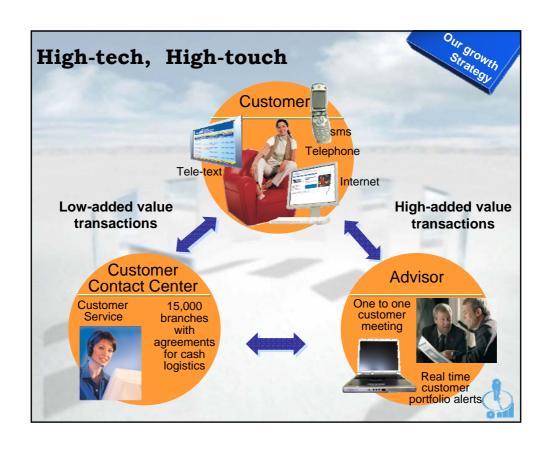


Their only option is to 'reproduce' proximity to the customer by opening new branches





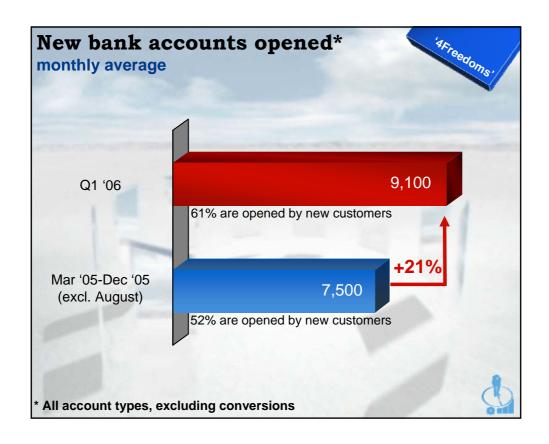


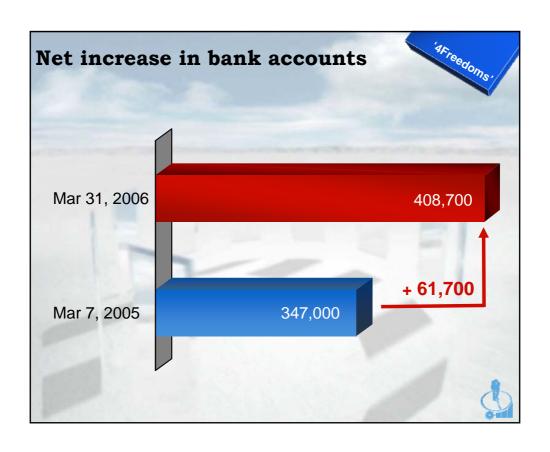


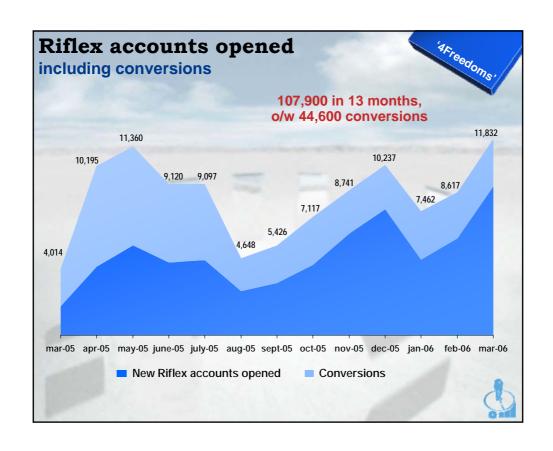


** Objective: significantly increase bank customers via opening of bank accounts **New competitive product: Riflex account & Riflex card **Clear promise: simplicity, full transparency & great convenience at no cost. No asterisks **Memorable & convincing Advertising Campaign, run on all media **Thousands of Collective Sales Efforts **Promotional Events at a grass-root level held in towns all over Italy

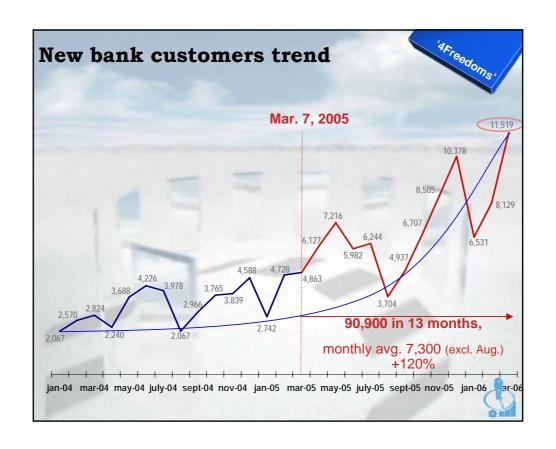


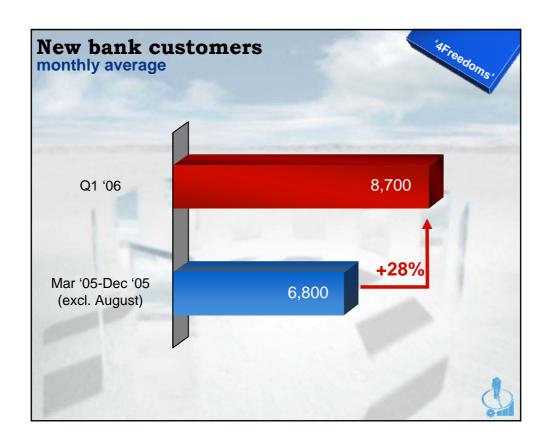


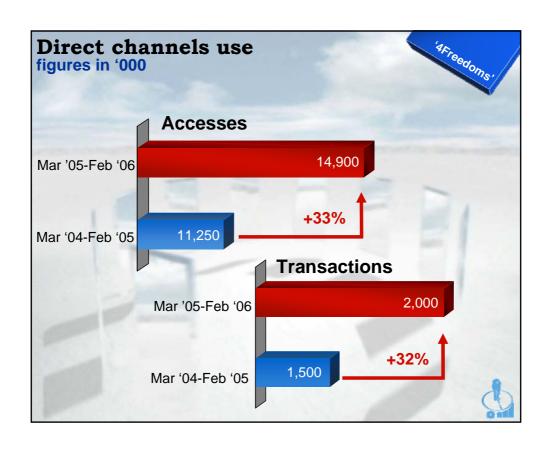






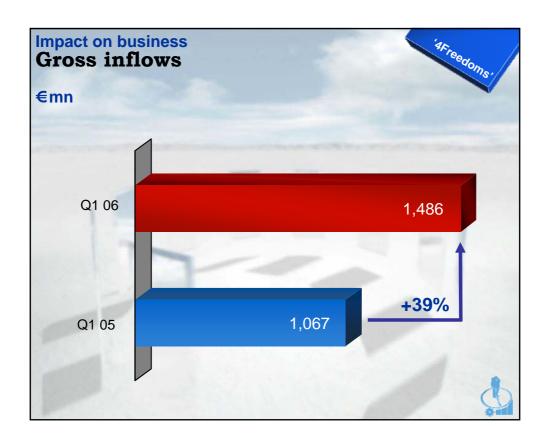


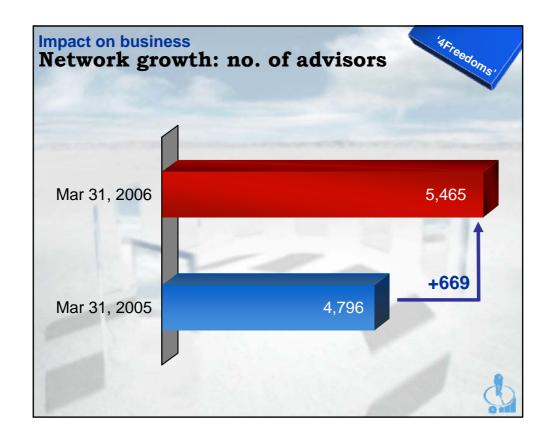


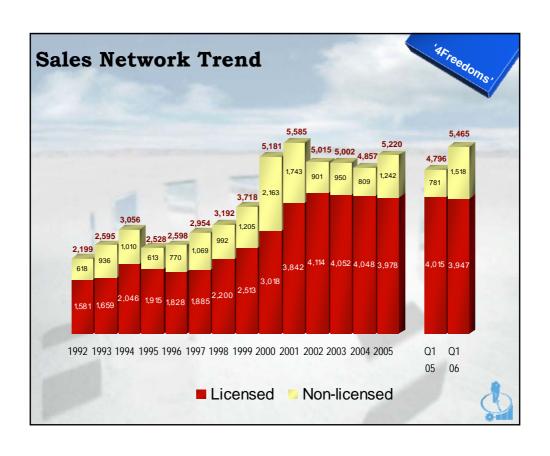




Increase in Assets New Bank Customers acquired in May '05 €avg.				
eavy.	31/03/06	31/05/05	Change	
Total no. customers: 3,304				
Bank account	5,635	5,384	+5%	
Securities	1,933	892		
Managed savings products	13,118	2,047	+541%	
Total assets per customer	20,686	8,322	+149%	
Active no. customers*: 1,444			7444	
Bank account	7,889	4,573	+73%	
Securities	2,079	152		
Managed savings products	11,619	936	+1141%	
Total assets per customers	21,587	5,661	+281%	
Non-active no. customers*: 1,8	60		***************************************	
Bank account	3,886	6,013	-35%	
Securities	1,820	1,466	+24%	
Managed savings products	14,281	2,909	+391%	
Total assets per customer	19,987	10,388	+92%	







An appealing strategic opportunity.

& Growth

...a very demanding objective:

to accelerate our already fast growth via the creation of a large bank



Capable of responding to the demands of today & tomorrow's customers, who look for freedom from operational constraints & excessive pricing

An instrument to facilitate & foster the gathering of assets



The Mediolanum model

& Growth

Our model is set to be the killer application of the banking sector



Our growth in the banking business will result in a great leap in our assets



Our attributes for growth

"We believe we possess the attributes & the determination required to achieve our goal of becoming a large bank"

- Consistent execution
 We excel at execution.
 Our skill base is to do a lot of little, right things
- Constant learning
 We need good crisis management & expertise in learning.
 Our effort is to never make the same mistake twice
- High flexibility

 We use our intellectual assets to act quickly to exploit competitive opportunities & capitalise on our strenghts
- Special motivation
 Regardless of age, our people are the type to believe in a cause, not just collect a pay check.

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