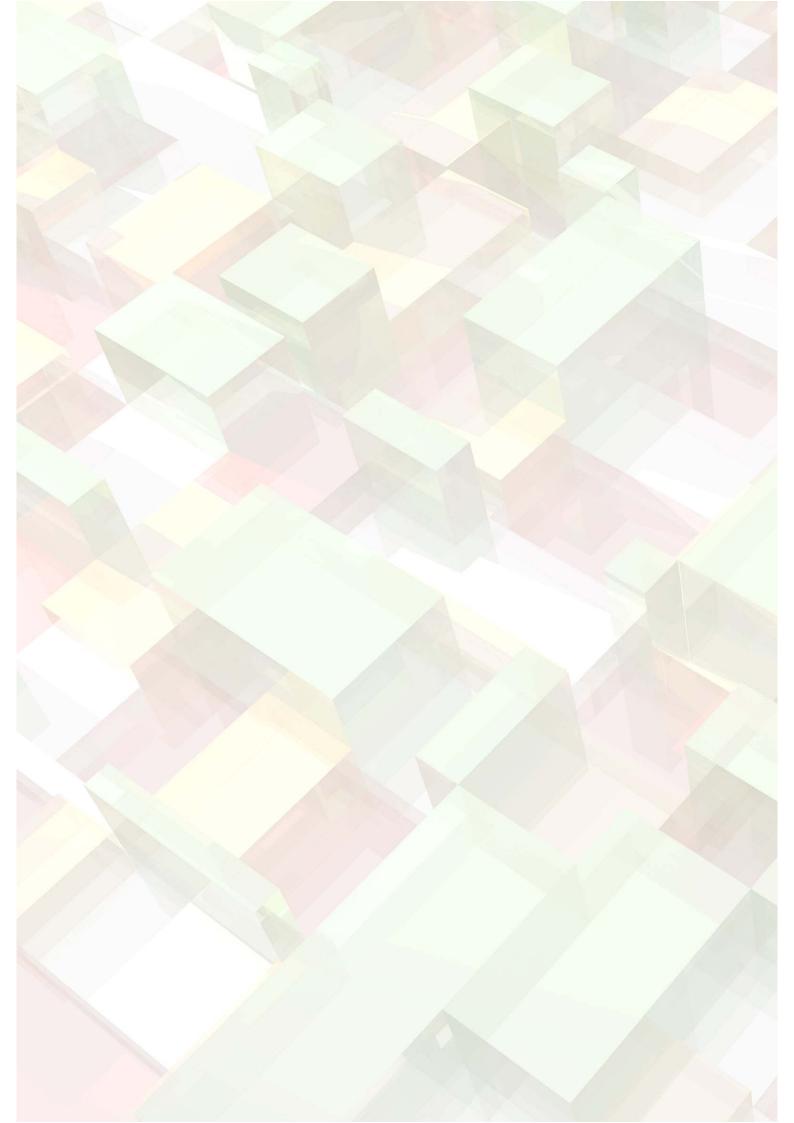


# The Italian Financial Services Conference 2005 Growth Options for Italian Financials



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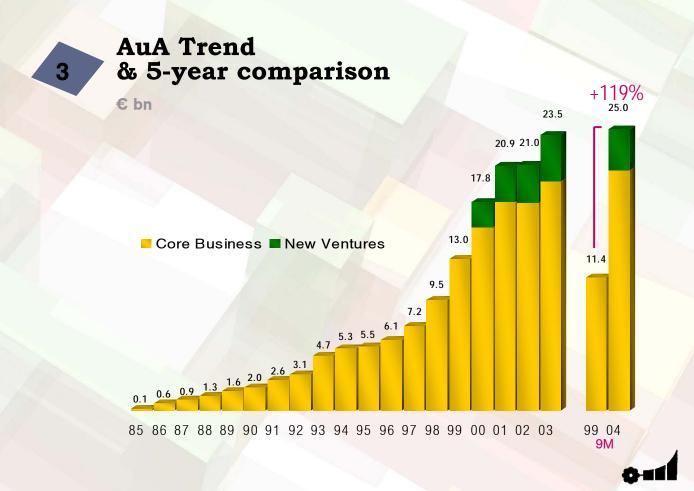




#### Mediolanum Model & Strategy...

...provide the flexibility & competitive edge necessary to deliver consistent growth regardless of the state of the market

evidence: past 5-year organic trend in Assets, Profits & EV



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#### Net Profit Trend & 5-year comparison



\* pro forma statement



#### Embedded Value Trend\* & 5-year comparison



\* after excluding residual New Ventures Goodwill

#### Foundation of our Growth

- Flexibility of our model & strategy
- Quality of our relationship with the network
  - Confidence that our customers place in us

Validity of our commercial strategy



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#### **Mediolanum Commercial Strategy**

# To educate our customers on the necessity to stick to our investment strategy

- Diversifying assets across time horizon, countries, sectors & instruments
- Staying away from stock picking & market timing

To convince our customers of the efficacy of a long-term approach

Capitalising on the fundamentals of the economy

Growth

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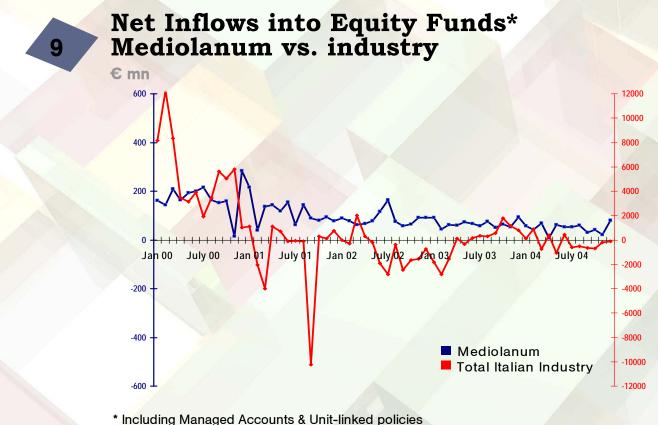
#### Commercial Strategy Logical vs. emotional investing

#### Our advisors are advocates of our strategy & follow the strategy

They are **not** tempted to guess the right time, stock, country, sector

#### Advisors guide customers in managing their emotions (e.g. buying high & selling low)

- Avoid modifications of asset allocation
- 'PAC' instalment plans with automatic payments



Source: Assogestioni



#### Commercial Strategy & customer performance

"Investment return is far more dependent on investment behaviour than on fund performance"

DALBAR Inc.

**Our commercial strategy transfers fund** performance into customer performance

Our customers hold their investments for a much longer length of time than the competition

unbundled products: 6 years

unit-linked: 23 years (17 effective)



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### **Growth-related concerns**

- Our margins on life products are unsustainable over the long-term
- Pension reform will result in a fall in persistency

Mutual funds & managed accounts fees are high

We are vulnerable to regulatory developments

The stall in the network growth will hamper assets & earnings growth

Our international strategy has not been successful to date



**Concern: our margins on life** products are unsustainable over the L-T

This concern stems from the idea that our loadings are higher than those of the competition, which is not true in absolute terms



Long durations & good persistency descend from the way we sell pension products

> Focus on purpose of the investment > retirement savings

Discipline applied over the payment schedule

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	My Pension Twin*	My Pension
	*pricing structure same as peers	
Premiums paid	159,358	159,358
Capital at matu <mark>rity</mark> Annuity	217,778 10,305	230,617 10,912
Loadings (1)	9,561	11,189
Bonuses (2) difference (1)-(2) Avg. loadings Avg. loadings after bonu	n.a. 9,561 6.0% uses 6.0%	16,614 (5,425) 7.0% (3.4%)
Margin for Mediolanum	30 yrs. 162%	143%
	20 <mark>yrs. 89%</mark> 10 yrs. 17%	83% 26%

Mediolanum Pension Plan Loadings

Yearly premium €2,200; yield 5.4%; duration 30 yrs



#### Mediolanum Life New Business Margins & Duration

		Margins		Duration		
		H104	FY03	H104	FY03	
Annual Prem	nium policies					
My Pension	U-L pension plan	115.8%	108.1%	23.1	22.4	
Europension	U-L pension plan	91.8%	80.5%	21.6	20.6	
Life Funds	U-L investment policy	41.1%	37.6%	12.5	12.1	
Single Prem	ium policies					
Dipiù	I-L investment policy	2.3%	2.2%	5.7	6.0	
Life Funds	U-L investment policy	6.9%	6.5%	10.0	10.0	



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#### Concern: pension reform will result in a rapid fall in persistency

#### Portability presents no threat

Our product distinctiveness protects persistancy

- Product caracterised by added-value & personalisation
- Second Se

Portability is a tailor-made opportunity to capture the customers of the competition

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#### **Concern: mutual funds & managed accounts fees are high**

**Not** by Italian market standards (but perhaps compared to some of our European peers)

Pricing must always be aligned with that of competition > strong risk of entering into an unsustainable price war

If market evolves towards lower pricing, we will adjust accordingly, recovering margins through product changes

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#### Concern: we are vulnerable to new regulatory developments

#### No further changes foreseen in regulations

- Performance fees: an adjustment to the calculation on the Irish funds, similar to the Italian funds, will be made when Bank of Ireland defines the rules
- Management fees are set to be increased in conjunction with this change & in proportion to the historical avg contribution of performance fees

Higher Embedded Value **Stability** of economic results



**Concern: stalled growth in network** will hamper assets & earnings growth

- Stalled growth in Banca Mediolanum advisors is symptomatic of wider industry trends
  - No network in Italy has obtained any organic growth in this period
  - Cautious toward acquisition opportunities > high risk of inflating the pay-out level & harming our values & culture within the network
- Network growth weakness is a temporary phenomenon

Meanwhile we concentrated on developing our existing customers with very good results





# Concern: international strategy has not been successful to date

#### An incorrect statement

Spain has been very successful:

- in 2005 it will deliver a solid profit without any contributions from capital gains
- will reach a network of close to 700 advisors

Germany is still in the start-up phase:

- pace is dictated by the necessarily slow growth of the network, developed in-house
- will reach break-even at the end of 2007

#### J Banca Esperia...

a brilliant case of a new business start-up

## Short-term growth strategy

Major effort to generate a solid increase in the number of customers and advisors

Project aimed at substantially increasing the number of Current Accounts

Customers with current account & who use it as their primary account > 5 times the assets of customers who are not account holders



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#### Sho<mark>rt-term</mark> growth strategy breakdown

- Product new current account: simple, transparent, competitive cost
  - Media Communication TV Advertising focused on current account & advisor recruitment
- Mediolanum Tour to spread brand awareness at a grass-roots level
- **Direct marketing** to new & existing customers focus on making them bank customers

**Co-marketing** – sharing of customer bases & commercial ventures

Collective sales efforts – at advisor level - to present current account & FA career opportunities

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### Growth opportunity: pension reform

Reform might bring a strong improvement in the fiscal advantages

- Increase in the yearly deductions: no longer the lower between € 5,165 or the 12% of the taxable income, but the higher of the two
- Elimination of the discrimination not allowing employees to take advantage of the fiscal deduction unless they have already invested in a closed pension fund
- Transfer of TFR flows from corporate balance sheets to supplementary pensions plans, including IPPs



#### Growth opportunity: new products

#### Irish 'funds of funds'

- 💊 set for launch this summer
- more sophisticated investment product offering all the advantages of wrap funds
- involve a more efficient way of operating
- 🖌 somewhat lower fee structure

#### New mutual funds that invest in special sectors

- real estate, commodities, and currency swapped equity markets
- 🖌 available for investments only via unit linked policies

#### New index-linked policies

continuously innovating to provide the best products that the interest rate conditions allow

### Growth opportunity: productivity

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Working with Call Centre and back office to smooth demand & achieve higher productivity

Our commitment to technology will allow us to absorb expected increase in assets without significant increase in manpower

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