



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SALE OF THE 'QUADRIFOGLIO VITA' SHAREHOLDING**

#### **The shareholding in Quadrifoglio Vita sold today to Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena**

Unipol Gruppo Finanziario S.p.A. hereby announces that it has sold to Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. the shareholding in Quadrifoglio Vita S.p.A., corresponding to no 15,750,000 shares each having nominal value of €1 and representing 50% of said company's share capital.

Today's transaction, as already communicated to the market, has been carried out in compliance with the existing agreements with the MPS Group, having the buyer obtained the necessary authorizations as provided for by the law.

Quadrifoglio Vita – a bancassurance company operating in Life business – distributed its products through the sales network of Banca Agricola Mantovana S.p.A., a company of the MPS Group, with which it had a distribution agreement terminated on 12 September 2008. In 2007 the company recorded premium income of about €351m.

The transaction price is €92.5m and was set by the company PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory S.r.l., entrusted to this purpose by the two contracting parties as expert for carrying out the evaluation of Quadrifoglio Vita.

The sale of the shareholding in Quadrifoglio Vita does not affect the UGF Group targets of gross direct written premiums to be achieved in 2008 as disclosed on 31 January 2008, since they already excluded Quadrifoglio Vita.

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