

PRESS RELEASE

Unipol Group - Half-yearly results considerably up

Consolidated premiums reached $\[\] 43.4\%$), $\[\] 2,976m$ of which was for Life business (+67%) and $\[\] 1,217m$ for non-Life business (+6.6%). The consolidated net profit as at 30 June 2003 was $\[\] 80m$ ($\[\] 67m$ of which related to the Unipol Group), a rate of growth of 56% over June 2002. Particularly positive was the technical result for non-Life and Life business, which rose to $\[\] 93m$ (+128%).

Premium income for the Parent Company Unipol Assicurazioni was ϵ 1,327.6m (+44.5%) and the net half-yearly profit was ϵ 90.5m (+70.4%).

The increase in the share capital was fully subscribed (total takings $\[\in \] 1,054.3m$) as were the subordinated callable notes reserved for institutional investors ($\[\in \] 300m$), referred to in the resolutions passed on 21 June 2003 and intended to finance the acquisition of the Italian companies Winterthur Assicurazioni and Winterthur Vita (which will be implemented as soon as the necessary authorizations have been obtained).

At its meeting held today in Bologna the Board of Directors of Unipol Assicurazioni, under the chairmanship of Giovanni Consorte, approved the **Parent Company's half-yearly report and the consolidated half-yearly report as at 30 June 2003**. The results of the first part of the financial year were very positive: growth, technical results and investment income meant a sustained increase in profits for the period.

Parent Company: Unipol Assicurazioni

Premium income for the Parent Company amounted to $\in 1,327.6$ m (+44.5%), $\in 673.2$ m of which was for non-Life business (+7.5%) and $\in 654.5$ m for Life business (+123.7%). Part of this was due to major policies in the corporate sector, but policies of this size are unlikely to be repeated. Premiums written for direct business amounted to $\in 1,291.6$ m (+48.8%).

The result for technical insurance business showed further improvement, with a positive balance of €95.5m compared with €65.5m as at 30 June 2002. This increase was determined by the increase in the balance for Life business and by the continuing positive trend in non-Life business. The combined ratio (cost of claims plus operating expenses for earned premiums) was 94.7%.

Investment income and capital gains from sales and trading, net of the relevant charges, grew by 66.5% during the half year.

The half-year result for ordinary business rose to €142.4m (+92.5%); the total gross profit amounted to €146.9m (+74.3%) and the **net profit for the period to €90.5m (+70.4%)**.







Half-yearly results for the Group

In **insurance business** premium income reached $\in 4,193$ m, a rate of growth over the first half year of 2002 of 43.4% (+44.3% for direct business), $\in 2,976.5$ m of which was for Life business (+67.1%) and $\in 1,216.7$ m for non-Life business (+6.6%).

The companies operating in bancassurance (BNL Vita, Noricum Vita and Quadrifoglio Vita) closed the half year with premium income of €2,041m, up 48.1%. The net profit achieved by the three Companies was €19.7m (+367.7% on 30/6/2002). Meieaurora achieved direct premium income of €692m (+33.3%), making a profit of €21.3m (+96.1% compared with the same period of 2002). The specialist companies Linear, Unisalute and Navale recorded growth of 17.5% and premium income of €143m, a net profit of €5.8m (+93.8% over 30/6/2002).

The technical result for **insurance business** (positive to the tune of $\notin 93$ m) was a considerable improvement compared with the previous financial year ($\notin 41$ m) owing to a loss ratio for non-Life business of 75.1% (76.7% as at 30/6/2002), with a combined ratio (incidence of losses and expenses on the net earned premiums) of 95.8% (96.9% as at 30/6/2002) and a positive technical balance for Life business rising to $\notin 52$ m (from $\notin 12$ m as at 30/6/2002).

Net operating expenses recorded an incidence on net earned premiums of 7.5% (9.5% as at 30/6/2002), helped by strong growth in Life business (though a growth of this size is unlikely to be repeated).

The amount of technical provisions reached €18,767m (+8.1% compared with 31/12/2002).

The volume of investments and available cash was \in 19,098m, an increase of \in 1,412m over 31/12/2002.

Net ordinary and extraordinary income (excluding net income in class D) amounted to €325m (compared with €305m as at 30 June 2002) and net value adjustments on investments were considerably less (€13m as against €109m as at 30/6/2002) as a result of a slight recovery in share markets.

Investments relating to benefits linked to investment funds, market indices and pension funds (class D) achieved a positive net result of \in 259m, compared with a negative result of \in 127m as at 30/6/2002.

In **banking business**, Unipol Banca's network continued to expand, with 179 branches by the end of the half year (173 at the end of 2002), and continued to develop commercial links and services in synergy with the Group's insurance sector. Direct customer deposits reached epsilon1,828m (+68% on 30/6/2002) and loans to clients rose to epsilon1,620m (+73%). Customer funds reached a total of epsilon9,245m (+35.5%). Unipol Banca made a net profit of more than epsilon4 (+406% over the same period of 2002).

Overall the aggregate net result for the companies in the Group – excluding the Parent Company – was €58.3m (+120% over 30/6/2002).







The consolidated result, before taxation and after the deduction of depreciation and goodwill, was $\in 144.3 \text{m}$ ($\in 90.4 \text{m}$ as at 30/6/2002; +59%). Net of taxation the **Group profit was \in 80 \text{m} compared with \in 51 \text{m} as at 30/6/2002 (+56%). The net profit for the Group was \in 67 \text{m} (\in 47 \text{m} as at 30/6/2002; +41.9%).**

Subsequent events

Since the end of the half year the Group's business has continued to grow both in insurance and in banking. The income expectations for the current financial year are positive given the solid foundations on which operating activities are based and the care with which investment activities are managed. Provided there are no exceptional or anomalous events the forecast is for results that are well up on the previous financial year.

On 2 July Unipol Assicurazioni signed an agreement to sell its entire holding (of 51%) in Noricum Vita to the Sanpaolo IMI Group at a total price of €40.3m. The sale, for which legal authorization is awaited, will bring in net capital gains of approximately €20m.

The increase in the share capital, which was resolved on 21 June 2003 by Unipol Assicurazioni and the rights issue for which began on 14 July, was fully subscribed with total takings of €1,054.3m. The subordinated callable notes reserved for institutional investors (for a face value of €300m) were fully subscribed by institutional investors on 28 July and as from 1 August 2003 began to be quoted on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

As previously stated these operations are intended to finance the acquisition, resolved on 21 June 2003, of the controlling interest in the Italian insurance companies Winterthur Assicurazioni and Winterthur Vita (Unipol Assicurazioni will acquire 90% and Finsoe 10%), which will be implemented as soon as the authorizations required by law are obtained. In 2002 the two companies had premium income of $\{0.042\text{m}, 0.042\text{m}\}$ for non-Life business and $\{0.042\text{m}, 0.042\text{m}\}$ for Life business) and made a consolidated net profit of $\{0.042\text{m}, 0.042\text{m}\}$ The trend in the companies' business in the first half of 2003 and in the first few months of the second half continued to be positive, in line with the results achieved in 2002.

With this acquisition the Group's market share, taking account of the expected divestment of Noricum Vita, should rise to around 9%, confirming Unipol as the fourth largest of the major insurance groups operating in Italy.

Bologna, 12 September 2003

Compagnia Assicuratrice Unipol S.p.A.

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The forms and the summary of consolidated Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account in millions of Euro are attached.





ASSETS	As at 30 June 2003	As at 30 June 2002	As at 31 December 2002
A. Subscribed share capital unpaid	1 0	77 0	153 0
B. Intangible assets	67	(2)	C1
1. Deferred acquisition costs	2 67 3 22	~~	
2. Other assets	3 22 4 380		
3. Differences arising from consolidation			
Total	5 470	81 494	157 479
C. Investments			
I - Land and buildings	6 491	82 628	158 521
II - Investments in Group undertakings and other participating interests			
1. Stocks and shares	7 1.167	83 855	159 921
2. Debt securities	8 33		
3. Corporate financing	9 0	85 0	161 0
Total	10 1.199	882	162 954
III - Other financial investments			
1. Stocks and shares	11 409	87 345	163 317
2. Units and shares in investment funds	12 122		
3. Bonds and other fixed-income securities	13 10.771		
4. Loans	14 72		
5. Other financial investments	15 362	91 229	
Total	16 11.737		
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IV - Deposits with ceding undertakings	17 28		
Total	18 13.455	94 11.031	170 11.707
D. Investments for the benefit of Life assurance policyholders who bear			
the risk thereof and arising out of pension fund management	19 5.097	95 4.537	171 5.162
D. bis Technical provisions - reinsurers' share			
I - Technical provisions - Non-Life business	20 430	96 442	172 452
II - Technical provisions - Life business (except those at item III)	21 293		
III - Technical provisions of Life business where investment risk is	21 273	77 410	173 310
borne by policyholders, and pension fund management provisions	22 0	98 0	174
Total			
	23 723	99 652	175 /01
E. Debtors			
I - Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	24 502		
II - Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations	25 129	101 191	177 144
III - Other debtors	26 373	102 206	178 236
Total	27 1.004	103 890	179 900
F. Other assets			
I - Tangible assets and stocks	28 22	104 15	180 16
II - Cash at bank and in hand	29 546		
III - Own shares			182 7
IV - Other assets	31 51		
Total	32 620		
G. Prepayments and accrued income	33 130		
	21 400		
TOTAL ASSETS	34 21.499	10.41/	180 20.013

(Amounts in €						
LIABILITIES	As at 30 June 2003	As at 30 June 2002	As at 31 December 2002			
A. Capital and reserves						
I - Capital and reserves - Group						
Subscribed share capital or equivalent funds	35 509	111 504	187 506			
2. Free reserves	36 830	112 773	188 770			
3. Consolidation reserve	37 -48	113 -46	189 -46			
4. Reserve for valuation differences						
on unconsolidated shareholdings	38 1		190 -1			
5. Exchange risk reserve		115 0				
6. Reserve for own shares and holding company's shares			192 7			
7. Profit (loss) for the period	41 67					
Total - Group	42 1.357	1.277	194 1.339			
II - Capital and reserves - minority interests	1.40	1.10	144			
1. Capital and reserves - minority interests	43 140					
2. Profit (loss) for the period - minority interests	44 13 153	120 4	196 19			
Total - minority interests	45 153					
Grand total	46 1.511	1.424	1.502			
B. Subordinated liabilities	47 332	123 300	199 337			
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C. Technical provisions						
I - Non-Life business	001	021	0.50			
1. Provision for unearned premiums	48 891					
2. Provision for claims outstanding	49 3.083					
3. Equalization provisions			202 8			
4. Other provisions	51 1					
Total - Non-Life business II - Life business	52 3.984	128 3./09	204 3.856			
	53 9.400	129 7.298	205 8.059			
Mathematical provisions Provision for amounts payable	53 9.400 54 120		205 8.039			
3. Other technical provisions	55 176					
Total - Life business	56 9.696					
Grand total	57 13.679	133 11.298	209 12.193			
D. Technical provisions where investment risk is borne by						
policyholders and pension fund management provisions	58 5.088	134 4.539	210 5.160			
E. Provisions for other risks and charges	59 44	135 47	211 42			
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F. Deposits received from reinsurers	60 314	136 329	212 342			
G. Creditors and other liabilities						
I - Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations	61 42	137 37	213 46			
II - Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations	62 55		214 41			
III - Debenture loans			215			
IV - Amounts owed to credit institutions			216			
V - Sundry borrowings and creditors	65 197					
VI - Staff leaving indemnity	66 41		218 41			
VII - Other liabilities	67 175	143 157	219 127			
Total	68 510	144 453	220 400			
H. Accruals and deferred income	69 22	145 27	221 37			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	70 21.499	146 18.417	222 20.013			
GUARANTEES, COMMITMENTS AND O	THER MEMORAN	DUM ACCOUNT	<u> </u>			
I - Guarantees issued by the Company	71 1.004	147 25	223 32			
II - Guarantees issued by third parties, including in favour of the Company	72 1.436					
III - Commitments	73 5.834					
IV - Pension fund assets managed on behalf of third parties	74 2.14					

Ι.	Guarantees issued by the Company	71	1.004	147	25	223	32
II	- Guarantees issued by third parties, including in favour of the Company	72	1.436	148	90	224	115
III	- Commitments	73	5.834	149	2.946	225	3.561
IV	 Pension fund assets managed on behalf of third parties 	74	214	150	137	226	180
V	- Other memorandum accounts	75	18.288	151	16.241	227	16.796
	TOTAL MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS	76	26.776	152	19.440	228	20.684
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		As at 30 June 2003	As at 30 June 2002	As at 31 December 2002
I. TECHNICAL ACCOUNT - NO	N-LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS			
1. Earned premiums, net of reinsurance		1.058	49 994	97 2.038
2. Other technical income, net of reinsur	rance	2 2	50 2	98 4
3. Claims incurred, net of sums recovera	able and			
reinsurance		3 794	51 763	99 1.542
4. Changes in other technical provisions net of reinsurance	,	4 0	52 0	100 0
5. Bonuses and rebates, net of reinsurance		5 0	53 0	101 1
Operating expenses:	commissions	6 150 7 69	55 64	103 116
Total		8 219		104 407
7. Other technical charges, net of reinsu	rance	9 6		105 7
8. Change in the equalization provision		10 0		
9. Balance on the technical account for I	Non-Life insurance business	11 41	59 29	107 84
II. TECHNICAL ACCOUNT - LIF	TE ASSURANCE BUSINESS			
1. Written premiums, net of reinsurance		12 2.951	60 1.761	108 3.679
2. (+) Allocated investment returns trans non-technical account (item III.5)	sferred from the	13 224	61 112	109 269
3. Investment income and unrealized gar Investments for the benefit of Life ass and arising out of pension fund mana	surance policyholders who bear	14 292	62 61	110 185
4. Other technical income, net of reinsur	rance	15 21	63 17	111 49
5. Claims incurred, net of reinsurance		16 838	64 602	1.251
Changes in mathematical provisions a net of reinsurance Mathematical provisions, supplement premiums and other technical provi	ntary risks-provision for unearned	17 1.959	65 511	113 1.281
b) Technical provisions where investm	ent risk is borne by			
policyholders and pension fund man	agement provisions	18 515	66 570	1.190
Total		19 2.474	67 1.080	115 2.471
7. Bonuses and rebates, net of reinsurance		20 1	68 2	116 2
Operating expenses: a) Acquisition costs, net of reinsurance and profit sharing	commissions	21 62	69 41	117 97
b) Administrative expenses		22 19	70 19	118 38
Total		23 82	71 59	119 135

(Amounts in €n)

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	As at 30 June 2003	As at 30 June 2002	As at 31 December 2002		
9. Investment charges and unrealized losses on investments for Life assurance policies where investment risk is borne by policyholders and arising out of pension fund management	24 33	72 188	120 259		
10. Other technical charges, net of reinsurance	25 8	73 8	121 27		
11. Balance on the technical account for Life assurance business	26 52	74 12	122 37		
III. NON-TECHNICAL ACCOUNT					
1. Balance on the technical account for Non-Life business (item I.9)	27 41	75 29	123 84		
2. Balance on the technical account for Life business (item II.11)	28 52	76 12	124 37		
3. Investment income					
a) Income from investments	29 266		125 540		
b) Value re-adjustments on investments			126 3		
c) Realized gains on investments	31 108		127 96		
Total	32 389	80 346	128 639		
4. Investment charges	26	27	67		
a) Investment management charges, including interest payable	33 28				
b) Value adjustments on investmentsc) Realized losses on investments	40	82 116 83 6	130 153 131 32		
Total	35 43 36 99				
5. (-) Allocated investment returns transferred to Life assurance technical account (item II. 2)	37 224	85 112	133 269		
6. Other income	38 30	86 27	134 65		
7. Other charges	39 58	8 87 62	135 111		
8. Balance on ordinary activities	40 132	80	136 192		
9. Extraordinary income	41 21	89 12	137 50		
10. Extraordinary charges	42 8	90 2	138 14		
11. Balance on extraordinary activities	43 13	91 10	139 36		
12. Profit before taxation	44 14 4	92 90	140 229		
13. Tax on profit	45 64	93 39	141 108		
14. Consolidated profit (loss)	46 80				
15. Profit (loss) for the period - minority interests	47 13		143 19		
16. Profit (loss) for the period - Group		96 47			

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - SUMMARY

(€ million)

	30 June 2003	30 June 2002	31 December 2002
ASSETS			
Subscribed share capital unpaid			
Intangible assets	469,9	494,2	479,4
Investments			
Land and buildings	490,9	627,6	521,0
Investments in Group undertakings and other participating interests	1.199,3	882,2	953,9
Other financial investments	11.736,7	9.495,7	10.204,5
Deposits with ceding undertakings	28,2	25,1	27,4
Total investments	13.455,0	11.030,5	11.706,8
Investments for the benefit of Life assurance policyholders who bear the risk thereof and investments arising out of pension fund management	5.096,6	4.537,2	5.161,7
Technical provisions - reinsurers' share		·	
Non-Life insurance business	429,8	441,7	451,6
Life assurance business	293,1	410,4	309,8
Total technical provisions - reinsurers' share	722,8	852,1	761,4
Debtors	1.004,4	889,9	900,1
Other assets	619,7	482,6	882,7
Prepayments and accrued income	130,4	130,9	120,9
TOTAL ASSETS	21.498,7	18.417,4	20.013,0
LIABILITIES			
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	508,8	503,6	505,7
Free reserves	829,6	773,0	777,7
Consolidation reserve	(48,4)	(46,5)	(46,4)
Reserve for valuation differences on unconsolidated shareholdings	0,8	(0,5)	(0,5)
Profit (loss) for the financial year	66,7	47,0	102,1
Capital and reserves - minority interests	153,3	147,4	163,3
Total capital and reserves	1.510,8	1.424,0	1.501,8
Subordinated liabilities	332,0	300,0	337,0
Technical provisions			
Non-Life insurance business	3.983,5	3.768,9	3.855,9
Life assurance business	9.695,6	7.529,0	8.337,4
Total technical provisions	13.679,2	11.297,9	12.193,3
Technical provisions where investment risk is borne by policyholders and			
provisions arising out of pension fund management	5.087,7	4.539,3	5.159,8
Provisions for other risks and charges	43,7	47,4	42,0
Deposits received from reinsurers	313,6	328,9	342,5
Creditors and other liabilities	509,8	452,7	400,1
Accruals and deferred income	21,9	27,1	36,6
TOTAL LIABILITIES	21.498,7	18.417,4	20.013,0

Figures as at 30 June 2003 shall be certified by our independent Auditors and checked by the Company's Board of Statutory Auditors.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - SUMMARY

 $(\notin million)$

	30 June 2003		30 June 2002			31 December 2002			
	Life	Non-Life	Total	Life	Non-Life	Total	Life	Non-Life	Total
TECHNICAL ACCOUNT									
net of reinsurance									
Life written premiums and Non-Life earned									
premiums	2.950,7	1.057,7	4.008,4	1.761,4	994,5	2.755,9	3.678,6	2.037,8	5.716,4
Claims and sums paid and changes in Life									
mathematical provisions and Non-Life provision									
for outstanding claims	(3.312,0)	(794,0)	(4.106,0)	(1.682,4)	(763,2)	(2.445,6)	(3.722,0)	(1.542,1)	(5.264,1)
Operating expenses	(81,6)	(219,0)	(300,6)	(59,4)	(201,1)	(260,5)	(135,1)	(407,0)	(542,1)
Other technical income and charges	11,7	(4,0)	7,7	7,2	(1,2)	6,1	20,1	(4,9)	15,2
Net income (charges) from Class D investments									
(1)	259,3		259,3	(126,9)		(126,9)	(73,8)		(73,8)
Net investment income allocated to the technical									
account of Life business	224,3		224,3	111,9		111,9	269,0		269,0
Balance on the technical account	52,4	40,7 (2)	93,1	11,8	29,0 (2)	40,8	36,8	83,8 (2)	120,6
NON-TECHNICAL ACCOUNT									
Net investment income (3)			78,8			184,2			266,9
Balance on other income/other charges			(27,2)			(35,6)			(45,5)
Net value adjustments			(13,0)			(109,0)			(149,6)
Balance on ordinary activities			131,6			80,4			192,4
Extraordinary income			20,9			12,2			50,3
Extraordinary charges			(8,2)			(2,3)			(14,1)
Profit before taxation			144,3			90,4			228,6
Tax on profit			(64,3)			(39,2)			(107,6)
Profit (loss) for the year - minority interests			13,2			4,2			18,9
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR - GROUP			66,7			47,0			102,1

⁽¹⁾ Income from investments the risk of which is borne by policyholders, matched by a corresponding variation in technical provisions. The economic result is consequently not affected.

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⁽²⁾ As regards Non-Life business, no allocation of investment returns from the non-technical account is made in the consolidated profit and loss account.

⁽³⁾ Net of investment returns allocated to the Life assurance technical account.