

PRESS RELEASE

UNIPOL GRUPPO FINANZIARIO PROTECTS ITS POLICYHOLDERS FROM ANY RISK CONNECTED WITH LEHMAN

The Group Insurance Companies will give right to the underwriters of Inde-Linked policies having 'Lehman' underlying assets to be repaid the originally undersigned capital upon termination of the insurance contract.

Given the situation connected with Lehman Brothers being filed for Chapter 11 under the American bankruptcy law ('Bankruptcy Code'), Unipol Gruppo Finanziario has given instructions to its Insurance Companies, Unipol Assicurazioni and Aurora Assicurazioni, to assess and define the most appropriate technicalities - pursuant to the regulations set forth by the Supervisory Authorities - to allow the policyholders of the Index-Linked policies as listed below the option to obtain the originally undersigned capital upon termination of the contracts, regardless of the outcome of the present procedure involving Lehman Brothers.

This choice testifies how UGF and the Group Insurance Companies pay attention to the protection of their customers, also in the extraordinarily difficult scenario affecting the international financial markets, which has reached an unpredictable size in these last days.

UGF points out that the Group exposure to Lehman Brothers - which is limited in comparison to its entire investment portfolio - will not undermine its capital adequacy and financial soundness, as the recent upgrade in Moody's ratings testifies.

List of Index-Linked policies:

UNIPOL Assicurazioni S.p.A.

UNINVEST INNOVA - tariff 702 UNINVEST INNOVA second issue - tariff 703 UNINVEST2 G4 - tariff 704 UNINVEST2 G4 second issue - tariff 705 UNINVEST2 DIVA - tariff 708 UNINVEST2 DIVA second issue - tariff 709 **UNIPOL EFFICACE - tariff 712**

AURORA ASSICURAZIONI

EquilibrioAurora - tariffs 752-5752 INDEX IV 2007 AURORA SELECTION II series - tariff 743 AURORA ALPHA TARGET - tariff 742

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