

## PRESS RELEASE

<u>The international consolidation plan of the Corporate and Investment</u> Banking Division is making progress

INTESA SANPAOLO: THE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN ABU DHABI IS NOW OPERATIONAL

The new representative office will report to the HUB Branch of Dubai established in April last year

Milan, 4 April 2012 – As evidence of the Group's ever growing commitment to supporting Italian businesses which operate in or are look to expand into foreign markets, **Intesa Sanpaolo** is proceeding with its plans aimed at the **development and consolidation of the Corporate and Investment Banking Division**.

To this end, an authorisation procedure was undertaken to open a **representative office** in **Abu Dhabi.** A few days ago the Bank obtained authorisation from the local authorities.

The new representative office will report to the **HUB Branch of Dubai** – dedicated to the Middle East and North Africa (**EMEA**) – which already coordinates the operations of the **Beirut, Casablanca, Cairo, Istanbul and Tunis** offices.

The **Branch of Dubai**, established in April last year, is one of the four **HUBs of the International Department** of the Corporate and Investment Banking Division and is a new addition to the **HUB Branches of London** (which oversee the Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Madrid, Paris, Athens, Moscow, Stockholm and Warsaw offices), **Hong Kong** (which oversee Shanghai, Singapore, Beijing, Tokyo, Ho Chi Minh City, Mumbai and Seoul) and **New York** (which oversee São Paulo and Santiago de Chile).

For information INTESA SANPAOLO

Media Relations - Corporate and Investment Banking +39 0115555922 +39 0287963851 <a href="mailto:stampa@intesasanpaolo.com">stampa@intesasanpaolo.com</a>