GRUPPO SANPAOLO IMI

PRESS RELEASE

Carlo Corradini will resign on 30 September as

Managing Director of Banca Imi

Turin, 9 September 2005 - SANPAOLO IMI communicates, as agreed, that

Carlo Corradini will resign as Managing Director of Banca Imi. This decision is

a result of his desire to pursue a personal professional project and will become

effective on 30 September 2005.

Carlo Corradini remains on the Board of Directors of Banca IMI and will act as

a Senior Advisor of Sanpaolo Imi Group.