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PRESS RELEASE

IFI Board of Directors approves the first quarter 2005 results

Highlights			
<i>€ in millions - Criteria used for preparation indicated in attached interim financial statements</i>	I Quarter 2005	I Quarter 2004^(a)	Change
Net income (loss) - Group	49.1	(54.4)	+103.5
	at 3/31/2005	at 12/31/2004^(a)	Change
Net financial position of IFI S.p.A.	(302.9)	(265.7)	-37.2
Consolidated stockholders' equity - Group	2.320	2.166.9	+153.1

(a) Data restated in accordance with IAS/IFRS.

The Board of Directors of IFI – Istituto Finanziario Industriale S.p.A. met today in Turin under the chairmanship of Gianluigi Gabetti to examine the consolidated results for the first three months of 2005, prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS international accounting standards.

The first quarter of 2005 ended with a consolidated net income of the IFI Group of €49.1 million. Compared to the corresponding period of 2004 (in which a loss was reported of €54.4 million), the result shows an improvement of €103.5 million, mainly owing to an improvement in results posted by the IFIL Group, which benefits in turn from better results recorded by the Fiat Group.

The net financial position of IFI S.p.A. at March 31, 2005 shows a net debt position of €302.9 million, an increase of €37.2 million compared to a net debt position at the end of 2004 (-€265.7 million), mainly due to the purchases of IFIL shares in March 2005 (equal to €34.2 million).

Consolidated stockholders' equity of the Group at March 31, 2005 amounts to €2,320 million, up from €2,166.9 million at the end of 2004. The increase of €153.1 million comes from the consolidated net income reported by the Group for the first quarter and other net positive changes.

Business outlook

Taking into account the forecasts formulated by the holdings, IFIL and Exor Group, it is believed that the consolidated result of the IFI Group for 2005 will show a profit.

Moreover, considering the motion for the payment of dividends formulated by the IFIL Board of Directors and the dividends received from Exor Group from the results of the 2004 financial statements, it is believed that the 2005 result of IFI S.p.A. will also show a profit.

Change in the corporate calendar of events

The meeting of the Board of Directors for the approval of the consolidated six month report at June 30, 2005, prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS, originally scheduled for September 13, 2005, will be held on **September 29, 2005.**

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**FI GROUP – CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AT MARCH 31, 2005 - CONDENSED^(*)**

(*) Prepared by accounting for the investments in IFIL and Exor Group by the equity method.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Year 2004 (a) € in millions	I Quarter		Change
	2005	2004 (a)	
134.9	52.7	(50.1)	102.8
0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
(11.5)	(2.8)	(3.1)	0.3
(4.0)	(0.8)	(1.2)	0.4
(1.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
121.8	49.1	(54.4)	103.5

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GROUP'S SHARE OF THE EARNINGS (LOSSES) OF COMPANIES ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE EQUITY METHOD

Year 2004 € in millions	Results of holdings		IFI's share		Change
	I Quarter 2005	I Quarter 2004	I Quarter 2005	I Quarter 2004	
76.9	81.4	(83.3)	50.1	(50.4)	100.5
27.1	2.0	(0.8)	0.6	(0.2)	0.8
104.0			50.7	(50.6)	101.3
30.9			2.0	0.5	1.5
134.9			52.7	(50.1)	102.8

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

€ in millions	Balances at		Change
	3/31/2005	12/31/2004 (a)	
Assets			
Investments in subsidiaries and associates accounted for by the equity method	2,606.1	2,415.5	190.6
Other equity investments	0.5	0.5	0.0
Non-current financial receivables	4.2	4.2	0.0
Current receivables and other assets	18.5	19.1	(0.6)
Cash and cash equivalents	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total assets	2,629.4	2,439.4	190.0
Equity and liabilities			
Capital and reserves	2,390.5	2,237.4	153.1
Treasury stock	(70.5)	(70.5)	0.0
Stockholders' equity - Group	2,320.0	2,166.9	153.1
Provisions	5.2	5.1	0.1
Current and non-current financial payables	303.0	265.8	37.2
Other current and non-current liabilities	1.2	1.6	(0.4)
Total equity and liabilities	2,629.4	2,439.4	190.0

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NET FINANCIAL POSITION OF IFI S.p.A.

€ in millions	3/31/2005			12/31/2004		
	Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	0.1		0.1	0.1		0.1
Payables to the parent company Giovanni Agnelli e C.	(24.8)		(24.8)	(24.2)		(24.2)
Bank debt	(268.2)	(10.0)	(278.2)	(211.6)	(30.0)	(241.6)
Total financial payables	(293.0)	(10.0)	(303.0)	(235.8)	(30.0)	(265.8)
Net financial position of IFI S.p.A.	(292.9)	(10.0)	(302.9)	(235.7)	(30.0)	(265.7)

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