

SANPAOLO IMI SPA
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

SANPAOLO IMI S.p.A.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Piazza San Carlo 156

10121 Turin, Italy

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes **No**

**Nasce SANPAOLO BANCA DELL ADRIATICO,
the Group's reference point for the Adriatic.**

Turin, June 16, 2006 SANPAOLO IMI today signed the agreement for the completion of the reorganization of the Adriatic business distribution network. This envisages the incorporation of Banca Popolare dell Adriatico into the Parent Bank and the conferral to SANPAOLO BANCA DELL ADRIATICO, the Group's new commercial bank, wholly controlled by Sanpaolo Imi, with banking branches in the Marche, Abruzzo and Molise.

The merger of Banca Popolare dell Adriatico into Sanpaolo IMI, approved by the Board of Directors of the Parent Bank on May 16, will have legal effect from June 17. The conferral by Sanpaolo Imi to SANPAOLO BANCA DELL ADRIATICO of the business, which will have 199 branches (69 Sanpaolo and 130 Banca Popolare dell Adriatico), will take effect from June 18.

SANPAOLO BANCA DELL ADRIATICO, with registered office in Pesaro, obtained authorization from Banca d'Italia at the beginning of June to carry on banking and investment services activities. The conferral of the business, also specifically authorized, will be equal to the accounting value. There will be an increase in capital of Euro 248,000,000 (from Euro 6,300,000 to Euro 254,300,000) through the issue of 248,000,000 ordinary shares of unit nominal value of Euro 1, with a total premium of Euro 138,000,000. KPMG has been mandated to provide the estimates, pursuant to Article 2343 of the Italian Civil Code.

Following the transaction, the new bank will have 199 branches, approximately 1,700 employees and 240,000 customers.

The reorganization is in the context of the Banca Nazionale dei Territori (National/Local) model, which envisages the identification of a single reference brand in each area, so as to strengthen the relationship between the individual branch networks of their regions.

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SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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SANPAOLO IMI S.p.A.

By: /s/ James Ball

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Date: June 16, 2006

