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### **Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch partners in the SGR of F2i**

Milan, 28 February 2007. The shareholder base of the SGR (*Società di Gestione del Risparmio*: Savings Management Company) managing F2i – the Fondi Italiani per le Infrastrutture (Italian Infrastructure Fund) – has widened with the participation of the international banks Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch.

The SGR Board of Directors, convening today with the Chairman, Salvatore Rebecchini, and the Managing Director, Vito Gamberale, presiding, examined the expressions of interest.

A General Meeting to modify the Articles of Association was called to raise the number of Members of the Board from 9 to 11.

With today's formalisation of an agreement with the two international banks, a perfect balance is achieved between the two major Italian banks - Unicredit and Intesa SanPaolo - already present with a 14.3% stake, and the new international sponsors.

The fact that the shareholding now has an international dimension will also boost the Fund on foreign markets, and this will help it reach the initial fundraising objective of 2 billion euros.

The Board also examined the procedure for obtaining the necessary authorisations to be sent to the Banca d'Italia.

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