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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR **SOFIPA EQUITY FUND**

- Total net asset value of the fund: € 64.5 million, € 95.9 million at December 31st 2007
- Unit Value: € 1.535,940 vs. € 2.283,434 at December 31 st 2007
- Management performance: negative by € 776,733 after pro-quota reimbursement and distribution of revenues for a total of € 30,618,000

Rome, July 28th 2008: The Board of Directors of Sofipa SGR S.p.A, part of the UniCredit Group has today approved the half year Financial report at June 30th 2008 regarding the "SOFIPA EQUITY FUND".

At June 30th 2008 the total net value of the fund amounts to € 64,509,477 compared to € 95,904,210 as of December 31st 2007. The unit value of the 42,000 outstanding units is therefore € 1,535.940 whereas at December 31st 2007 the value stood at € 2,283.434. The decrease in value can be attributed to the pro-quota capital distribution of € 15,540,000 and to the € 15,078,000 distribution of revenues in March 2008 equal to € 729.00 for each unit issued and costs associated with the management of the fund.

The net loss of € 776,733 at June 30th 2008 (net profit by € 15,110,977 at December 31st 2007), is determined by the difference between the net revenues from the investing and trading activity (€ 372,255) and the sum of the operating expenses and taxes net of other revenues (€ 1,148,988). Revenues from investing and trading activities mainly derive from the income generated by liquidity management.

On January 11th 2008 the Fund (co-investment with SEF II Fund) proceeded with a € 737,000 increase in capital of FINTYRE S.p.A. (previously H.GRPS S.p.A) in order to finance the acquisition of the **Pneufin Group**.

At June 30th 2008 the fund is composed of 10 equity investments for a total amount of € 54,267,083 and an investment in convertible bonds (cPEC) issued by Colony Sardegna Sarl for a total amount of € 595,388.

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A further € 2.8 million is also being used for a proposed investment in one of the current equity investment of the fund (Fashion Luxury Fasteners S.p.A.).

At June 30^{th} 2008 available liquidity not yet used for typical investments of the Fund amounts to \in 10,024,268 (\in 2.8 million of which is destined for the aforementioned investment) compared to \in 43,223,951 at December 31^{st} 2007. The liquidity is managed by Pioneer Investment Management SGRpA and invested in short-term financial instruments.

Relevant facts after reference date

- 1) On July 1st 2008 H.GRPS S.p.A., following the merger with the held companies on June 18th 2008, changed its name to FINTYRE S.p.A.
- 2) On July 10th 2008 the Swiss NewCo, FLF Group SA, was founded (co-investment with SEF II fund) as investment vehicle for the acquisition of the **RIRI Group** by the FLF S.p.A. This operation represents an add-on to the investment in FLF S.p.A. as, following the constitution of the aforementioned vehicle, the two groups will be merged into one single holding controlled by the Funds managed by the SGR. On July 22nd 2008 € 2,428,046 was deposited on behalf of the SEF Fund in order to increase capital once the operation has been carried out.

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BALANCE SHEET

		Amounts	as at	Amounts as at			
		30/06/2008		31/12/2007			
	ASSETS	Total	%	Total	%		
		value	on assets	value	on assets		
A.	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	64.607.390		94.915.544			
Not	Not listed financial instruments						
A1.	Controlling interests	45.642.983	69,45	44.913.353	45,79		
A2.	Non controlling interests	8.624.100	13,12	8.624.100	8,80		
A4.	Debt securities	595.388	0,91	595.388	0,61		
Listed financial instruments							
A7.	Debt securities	9.744.919	14,83	40.782.703	41,58		
C.	DEBTORS	30.667		41.573			
C2.	Other	30.667	0,05	41.573	0,04		
F.	NET LIQUIDITY	106.978		1.577.299			
F1.	Available liquidity	106.978	0.16	1.577.299	1.61		
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G.	OTHER ASSETS	974.414		1.544.372			
G2.	Accrued income and prepaid assets	173.890	0,26	863.949	0,88		
G4.	Other	800.524	1,22	680. 4 23	0,69		
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TOTAL ASSETS		65.719.449	100,00	98.078.788	100,00		

	LIABILITY AND NAV	Amounts as at 30/06/2008	Amounts as at 31/12/2007
l. <i>1</i> 2.	DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS Options, premiums, or other non listed derivative financial instruments	75.754 75.754	75.754 75.754
M. <i>M</i> 2. <i>M</i> 3. <i>M</i> 4.	OTHER LIABILITIES Tax liabilities Accrued costs and deferred assets Other	1.134.218 660.217 365 473.636	2.098.824 1.757.280 0 341.544
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1.209.972	2.174.578
NET ASSET VALUE		64.509.477	95.904.210
NUN	IBER OF UNITS OUTSTANDING	42.000	42.000
UNI	Γ VALUE	1.535,940	2.283,434
PRO-QUOTA CAPITAL OR PROFIT DISTRIBUTIONS		1.249,00	520