



Gruppo Bancario
"CREDITO EMILIANO – CREDEM"

PRESS RELEASE

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FITCH AFFIRMS CREDEM'S RATINGS

Fitch Ratings has today affirmed Credito Emiliano's ("Credem") ratings

- **Long term IDR* "A"**
- **Short term "F1"**
- **Outlook "stable"**
- **Individual "B"**
- **Support "3"**
- **Support Rating Floor "BB"**

* (Issuer Default Rating)

Find here attached, the original Fitch press release.

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FITCH AFFIRMS ITALY'S CREDEM AT 'A'; OUTLOOK STABLE

Fitch Ratings-London/Milan-18 December 2007: Fitch Ratings has today affirmed Italy-based Credem - Credito Emiliano (Credem)'s Long- and Short-term Issuer Default ratings (IDRs) at 'A' with Stable Outlook and 'F1', respectively. Fitch has also affirmed Credem's Individual rating at 'B', Support rating at '3' and Support Rating Floor at 'BB'.

The ratings reflect a well managed, profitable bank with a generally prudent attitude toward risk. Credem's asset quality is healthy, capitalisation is satisfactory and liquidity is well managed. However, the bank's cost structure remains heavy for a bank of its size, particularly in view of its small franchise in a fast consolidating, highly competitive environment.

Credem was one of the 15 largest banks in Italy at end-September 2007, with around 1% market share of loans and customer funds. Through its subsidiaries Euromobiliare SGR and Abaxbank, it is active in investment and private banking, capital markets, stock brokerage and asset management. Around 72% of Credem's shares are held by Credito Emiliano Holding, which in turn is effectively controlled by 200 shareholders.

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