

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.3067 — Intesa/Capitalia/IMI Investimenti/Unicredito/Fidis Retail)**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 11 March 2003, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the Italian banks Banca Intesa SpA ('Intesa'), Capitalia SpA ('Capitalia'), IMI Investimenti SpA ('IMI') and Unicredito Italiano SpA ('Unicredito') acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of that Regulation, joint control of Fidis Retail Italia SpA ('FRI') by way of purchase of shares through a newly created vehicle company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Intesa: banking and insurance, financial brokerage, assets management, leasing and factoring,
- Capitalia: holding of a group active in the banking and financial sectors,
- IMI: banking and financial sectors, insurance, financial brokerage and leasing,
- Unicredito: holding of a group active in the banking sector (national and local), investment banking and assets management, factoring, leasing, consumer financing, bank assurance,
- for FRI: car purchase financing for consumers.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.3067 — Intesa/Capitalia/IMI Investimenti/Unicredito/Fidis Retail, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.