

**Press release**

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**Sopra Group reinforces its presence in the  
Italian banking sector**

Sopra Group, a leader in the European consulting and IT services market, announces the acquisition of the Italian company Methosystem, thus reinforcing its presence in the Italian banking sector.

Methosystem designs and implements traditional systems integration projects, developing software solutions that streamline the migration and fusion of data between financial institutions.

Methosystem, which employs 80 staff in Parma and Milan, generated revenue above €5 million in 2006.

As a longstanding partner of the banking sector in Europe, Sopra Group generates 30% of its revenue in this field and proposes a range of dedicated solutions for loans, smartcards and financial reporting. The Group's Financial Services division provides support for banks both in their European business development and with regard to regulatory changes. Sopra Group's revenue was €897.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2006, with Italy contributing €20.5 million to this figure.

Jean-Paul Bourbon, Director of Sopra Group's Financial Services division commented: *"This acquisition dovetails with the Group's strategy: it bolsters Sopra Group's European presence in the banking sector, while also enhancing its capacity to support its clients' business development in Italy"*.

Mauro Fiorilli, Director of Sopra Group in Italy added: *"This project will help us achieve our ambition of becoming one of the foremost partners of Italian banks, with a high value-added range of services and total solutions"*.

Methosystem will be consolidated as of 1 July 2007.

**About Sopra Group**

A leader in the European consulting and IT services market, Sopra Group generated revenue of €897.7 million in 2006 and has a human and intellectual resource potential of over 10,000 people. Thanks to a longstanding culture of excellence and strong sector-specific, functional and technological know-how, the Group offers its clients an end to end approach based on a well-honed business model. Sopra Group's ambition is to allow its clients to focus on transformation projects that will give them a competitive edge and help them drive growth. Sopra Group's savoir-faire encompasses prior strategic reflection through to the supervision and implementation of major systems integration and application outsourcing projects. The Group also pursues the worldwide deployment of its activities in both application integration and business process management through its subsidiary Axway, the world's leading provider of Collaborative Business Solutions, with a complete range of solutions and services. For more information, please visit our website [www.sopragroup.com](http://www.sopragroup.com).

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