

TG1 INTERVIEW WITH GROUP CEO GIOVANNI PERISSINOTTO

(Studio): The Generali Group has reported excellent results for the first quarter of 2010. The Trieste company has quintupled its earnings to 527 million euro, and its premium income has grown as well, rising by more than 16% to almost 21 billion euro.

Enrico Castelli spoke to the CEO Giovanni Perissinotto, let's hear what he said:

Mr Perissinotto, after a difficult 2009 the general situation seemed to be improving slightly, and then the Greek crisis exploded. What's your take on this?

Perissinotto: My feeling is that there are still major problems in the economy, but solutions are being found. The mood on the financial markets is very nervous, there's too much speculation, but I think the important measures taken by the EC are a step in the right direction and the problems will be resolved.

Despite the economic situation you reported very healthy figures for the first quarter. What were the factors driving this growth?

Perissinotto: At times of instability like the present – economic instability and financial instability – the client needs to feel secure. I believe we have managed to give our clients a sense of security.

You talked about clients and consumers at your recent shareholders' meeting, what guidelines will you be following?

Perissinotto: We have always had a constructive and increasingly positive relationship with our clients for a great many years. We want to enhance transparency, to illustrate clearly our costs and the services we can offer, and I believe the client is increasingly appreciative of the approach we are following.