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JANUS APPOINTS MARCO GRASSI AS SALES DIRECTOR FOR ITALY

MILAN – Janus Capital Group Inc. (NYSE: JNS) today named Marco Grassi as Sales Director for Italy.

In this role, Grassi will focus on managing and expanding the firm’s Italian institutional client base. He will also help in further developing third-party distribution channels for Janus’ family of 16 Janus World Funds authorized for public distribution in Italy. These are a series of Dublin-based funds offering retail and institutional investors a range of investment disciplines -- from growth, value, core and risk-managed equities to REITs, investment grade bonds, high yield bonds and money markets.

Grassi will be based in the firm’s Milan office and report to **Alex Ricchebuono, Janus Regional Sales Director for Southern Europe**, who heads a team of five London and Milan-based sales and support professionals.

“Marco will be a real asset to Janus and our clients,” **said Ricchebuono**. “With his broad product knowledge, wide range of relationships and experience in institutional sales, he’ll play a key role in helping Janus tap Southern Europe’s growing institutional asset pool.”

Grassi, who is 35, comes to Janus from ING Investment Management Italia SGR in Milan, where he was co-head of institutional sales for Italy. Prior to joining ING in 2000, he was a sales executive with in JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management in Milan. Grassi holds a degree in business administration from Milan’s Bocconi University.

Since 2000, when Janus first began doing business in Southern Europe, the firm's primary focus has been targeting retail investors. With the opening of the Milan office in 2002 to help provide first-rate client service to Italian-based clients, the firm also expanded its focus to the institutional segment of the market. In addition, later that year, Janus broadened its institutional product range to include four additional active, risk-managed separate account investment strategies. Subadvised by Janus Capital Group subsidiary INTECH, the US equity strategies being offered to investors include: Large Cap Core, Large Cap Growth, Large Cap Value and Enhanced Index. Institutional investors also have the option of investing in Janus' actively risk managed portfolio through the institutional share class of its Janus World Funds 'Risk Managed Core' fund. Launched in April 2003 it now holds client assets of approximately \$600 million.

About Janus Capital Group Inc.

Based in Denver, Colorado, Janus Capital Group Inc. (NYSE: JNS) is a leading asset manager offering individual investors and institutional clients complementary asset management disciplines through the firm's global distribution network. Outside the U.S. it has offices in London, Milan, Tokyo, and Hong Kong. As of December 31, 2004, Janus managed approximately \$139 billion in assets for institutional and retail investors worldwide.

Janus Capital Group consists of Janus Capital Management LLC, Enhanced Investment Technologies LLC (INTECH), Bay Isle Financial LLC and JCG Partners. Janus Capital Group also owns 30% of Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company, LLC.

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