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## **Autogrill acquires stake in Italy's Ristop fast-food company**

Milan, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2002 - Autogrill has signed a preliminary agreement to take an equity stake in Ristop Spa, a company that provides fast-food services for people on the move.

The agreement provides an option for Autogrill to gradually acquire 100% of Ristop equity. It will become effective subject to approval by the Antitrust Authority and subject to the rules already laid out by the Authority for the food and beverages sector.

According to an assessment by the company, the equity investment is worth approximately 34 million euro.

Ristop has 606 employees and runs a network of 26 outlets in Italy, located on motorways and in shopping malls and railway stations. It projects revenues totalling approximately 60 million euro for 2002.