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## **The Group extends its airport coverage and opens its first duty-free in Italy**

### **Autogrill to operate in Bari and Brindisi airports**

- Accumulated sales of around € 15 million over the duration of the contracts
- With Bari and Brindisi, Autogrill now have operations in 12 Italian airports
- 60 local people hired

Milan, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006 – In its expansion of airport business in Europe, Autogrill (Milan: AGL IM) is to start up new operations in the Bari's Karol Wojtyla International Airport and Brindisi's Papola Casale Airport, both run by Aeroporti di Puglia S.p.A. The two new concessions are expected to generate overall accumulated sales of around €15m over the 4-5 year contracts.

Only a few months after taking in Florence and Catania, this latest expansion brings the number of Autogrill's Italian airport locations to 12.

#### **Karol Wojtyla International Airport, Bari**

Autogrill will operate three food&beverage locations in Bari's new airport, opened in 2005, which covers some 31,000 square metres, on five floors, and has 6,000 square metres of commercial space. In the pre-security area, the points of sale will occupy 500 square metres (seating 200) and feature some of the Group's best known house brands: Ciao Ristorante, Acafé and Spizzico. The offering gives customers a wide variety of national and international products to choose from but also has a special focus on local recipes. Autogrill thus confirms its commitment to local food and wine production by enabling travellers to get to know the local territory while still in the airport.

The new operations will be staffed by around 30 people selected and hired locally.

Bari's new international airport looks like becoming a key player in the development of one of the most dynamic local economies in southern Italy. In addition to infrastructure implementation and qualification, Bari Airport has seen constant growth of passenger traffic over recent years thanks to the upgrading of the national transport network and above all the introduction of services linking Bari to major cities in Europe (London, Paris, Munich, Stuttgart, Cologne) and future EU members (Romania and Albania).

Between January and June 2006 Bari moved over 914,000 passengers, 17.2% up on the 780,000 recorded in the same period in 2005 (source: Assaeroporti).



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### **Papola Casale Airport, Brindisi**

Autogrill also secured a concession to operate all the f&b and duty-free services in Brindisi airport. In an overall area of 330 square metres it will open two bars (an Acafé and a Spizzico corner) in the pre-security area and a Time Café in the departures lounge.

Autogrill will also be opening a duty-free&travel retail outlet (shop?), the Group's first operation of this kind in an Italian airport. This development also reflects the new retail and duty free competencies brought into the Group by Aldeasa and the professional expertise of an integrated team.

The Group will be taking on around 30 new employees from the local labour market to run the new locations.

In the first six months of 2006, Brindisi's airport saw an increase in traffic of around 5% on the same period in 2005 (source: Assaeroporti). Because of its geographical position, Brindisi Airport is a major gateway for tourism in Puglia.