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### **Banca Intesa won three prestigious recognitions**

**Belgrade (5 June 2007)** – According to the ranking of the London finance magazine “Finance Central Europe” and foreign consulting houses, Banca Intesa was awarded three prestigious international recognitions for 2007.

In the competition of domestic and foreign banks from the southeastern Europe region and based on the achieved business results, Banca Intesa was appraised as:

- **the best middle–size bank in Southeastern Europe**
- **the best bank in Serbia**
- **the best banker of the year: Ms Draginja Đurić, President of the EB of Banca Intesa**

The magazine “Finance Central Europe” performed the ranking according to the analyses of the annual results of the banks operating in Southeastern Europe region including: Albania, Bosnia and Hertzegovina, Croatia, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldavia, Romania, FYR Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey and Slovenia.

“We are pleased to receive important international recognitions for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. They represent the confirmation of our dynamic development and business success, that are reflected in high growth rates recorded in all segments of business operations, strong increase of total assets and consolidation of the market position in the conditions of intense competition”, said Ms Draginja Đurić.

In the previous year, Banca Intesa increased its total placements by 43% to almost EUR 770 million, and also its deposit potential by 43% to EUR 1.3 billion and its total assets by 65% to EUR 1.66 billion. As a result of such dynamic growth, the bank consolidated its market position with market share of 10.7% and kept its first position in the banking sector in terms of total income that was by 9% higher in relation to the previous year.