

## Mediobanca Group to partner with the Italian Paralympic Committee

*Milan, 12 May 2016* - The Mediobanca Group has signed a partnership agreement with the Italian Paralympic Committee (IPC) in order to support the values of Paralympic sport as a vehicle for social integration, meritocratic culture and open and fair competition.

The Mediobanca Group will support the Committee throughout the 2016-20 four-year period. Mediobanca, Compass and CheBanca! will work alongside the IPC at all major events: the next Paralympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro (September 2016), the Winter Paralympics to be held in Pyeongchang (2018), and the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

The Mediobanca Group will also support the Italian Paralympic Awards, the national day of Paralympic sport, and all the national and international events promoted by the Committee dedicated to promoting the Paralympic ethos. These include the Casa Italia Paralimpica project being unveiled today which will host the Italian team for the 2016 Paralympics - athletes, delegates, journalists and commentators - in the Paroquia Imaculada Conceicao in Rio. The reason for choosing such an original location for a training base is to leave a legacy for the most vulnerable groups of society in the local area. This sign of solidarity will enable the dreams and hopes of many to become extraordinary realities.

Francesco Saverio Vinci, General Manager of Mediobanca, expressed his satisfaction at the agreement: “The strength and determination which define Paralympic athletes at all levels and in every discipline are values which we are also very passionate about. This is an important day for us: we are proud to partner with the Italian Paralympic Committee in promoting and developing sport and to stand side by side with the Italian athletes who will be called to compete nationally and internationally in the coming months”.

“I would like to thank the Mediobanca Group”, said Luca Pancalli, Chairman of the Italian Paralympic Committee, “because by embracing the CIP Project they have not only embraced sport, and all the amazing competitive moments it represents, but they have also enabled us to create a partnership in which we can share a common vision and mission, expressed today in the Casa Italia Paralimpica project for the Rio 2016 Paralympics. The Mediobanca Group has shown it believes strongly in the ideals of the Paralympic movement in supporting the choice to base Casa Italia in the

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Paroquia Imaculada Conceçiao. This location is certainly a departure from previous Paralympics, but one that will allow us to showcase the values of social integration and inclusion which are central to the Italian Paralympic movement. I believe this is an excellent way to begin a relationship which I am sure will provide concrete answers through shared projects in the four years we are working together”.



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