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# New board of directors appointed Shareholders' meeting approves financial statements for 2007

- Approved dividend of €0.30 per share: payable on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008, "coupon detachment" on 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Approved proposal to buy back 12,720,000 of Company's own shares, representing 5% of share capital

Milan, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 – The shareholders of Autogrill S.p.A. (Milan: AGL IM) meeting today under the chairmanship of Gilberto Benetton approved the financial statements for 2007, which closed with net profits for the Group of €158.7 million.

## Dividend pay-out

The shareholders' meeting approved a dividend of €0.30 per share, representing 48.1% of Group profits. The dividend will be payable from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008, "coupon detachment" date will be 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### Appointment of directors

Due to the Board of directors' term expiring, the Shareholders resolved that the new Board will consist of 12 members, whose mandate will last for three years (ie.. until the approval of the financial statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010). The Shareholders appointed the following directors on the basis of the only list submitted by the majority shareholder Schematrentaquattro S.r.l.:

Alessandro Benetton	Francesco Giavazzi (independent)
Gilberto Benetton	Javier Gomez-Navarro
Giorgio Brunetti (independent)	Alfredo Malguzzi (independent)
Antonio Bulgheroni (independent)	Gianni Mion
Arnaldo Camuffo (independent)	Paolo Roverato
Claudio Costamagna (independent)	Gianmario Tondato Da Ruos

Antonio Bulgheroni, Arnaldo Camuffo, Claudio Costamagna, Francesco Giavazzi, Giorgio Brunetti and Alfredo Malguzzi declared that they meet the conditions required by the Listed Companies Code of Self-Discipline for eligibility as independent directors. The first four also meet the independence requirements indicated in the Consolidated Finance Act.

The directors' CVs are available on the Company's website (<u>www.autogrill.com</u>).

### Authorization of share buy-back

The Shareholders also authorized the purchase and possible subsequent disposal of up to 12,720,000 of the Company's ordinary shares, representing 5% of the share capital, subject to revocation of the resolution voted on the matter by the Shareholders on 24th April 2007. The purpose of such authorization is to be able to intervene in the case of share price fluctuations beyond normal market variations and to fund possible stock option and/or stock grant plans for directors and/or



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employees and/or collaborators of the Company and/or its subsidiaries. As of today, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries hold Autogrill S.p.A. shares. The term of the authorization is 18 months from today.

#### **Board of directors**

After the shareholders' meeting, Autogrill's new Board of directors met to formally define posts, relative powers and delegations.

The Board confirmed Gilberto Benetton as its chairman and Gianmario Tondato Da Ruos as its chief executive officer.

In accordance with the Listed Companies Code of Self-Discipline, the following directors were appointed members of the Internal Control and Corporate Governance Committee: Giorgio Brunetti (chairman), Alfredo Malguzzi and Paolo Roverato; while Alfredo Malguzzi (chairman), Antonio Bulgheroni, Arnaldo Camuffo, Claudio Costamagna and Gianni Mion were appointed members of the Human Resources Committee (former Remuneration Committee).

Pursuant to decree law 231/2001, the board of directors also appointed the following members to the "Supervisory Body": Alfredo Malguzzi (chairman), Diego Salvador (head of Group corporate affairs) and Silvio De Girolamo (head of Internal Audit).

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