

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the period July 26, 2005**

**SANPAOLO IMI S.p.A.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Piazza San Carlo 156**  
**10121 Turin, Italy**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SANPAOLO IMI S.p.A.

By: /s/ James  
Ball

Name: James Ball

Title: International Strategy, SANPAOLO IMI, London Branch

Date: July 26, 2005

**SANPAOLO IMI**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Turin, 26 July 2005** – In relation to rumours published today in a financial newspaper concerning the possible acquisition by the Sanpaolo IMI Group of Milano Assicurazioni from the Fondiaria Group, this news is without any foundation.

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