

**Professor Luigi Rovati, President of Rottapharm|Madaus, among the new Cavalieri del Lavoro (Knight of Labour) nominated by the President of the Italian Republic**

**Monza, June 2011** - Professor Luigi Rovati, President of Rottapharm|Madaus, one of the most important Italian pharmaceutical companies, has been nominated Cavaliere del Lavoro (Knight of Labour) by the President of the Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano.

Rottapharm|Madaus, founded in 1961 by Prof. Luigi Rovati, is a multinational pharmaceutical group with its Headquarters and research centre situated in Monza. Right from the beginning, Rottapharm has always focussed on research, innovation, development and distribution of innovative, safe and effective medicines on a worldwide scale. The therapeutic areas the company deals with include: rheumatology, gynaecology, cardiology and gastroenterology.

In 2000, with the takeover of the Saugella and Babygella brands, Rottapharm made its entrance into the parapharmaceutical sector and in a short time, it has reached a leadership position within the market of personal hygiene products sold in pharmacies. At the same time, the Group has started to work within the nutraceutic sector by developing products based on natural ingredients for the treatment of menopause symptoms (Estromineral Line), dyslipidemia (Armolidip Line) as well as inflammations (Fortilase Line).

Today, Rottapharm | Madaus is present in approximately 85 Countries worldwide, with more than 2,000 employees. Its headquarters are in Monza where the Group's research and development centre is also situated.

In 2010, the Group has achieved a turnover of approximately 600 million Euros.

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