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**Preliminary estimates for the year to 31 december see 9.9% turnover increase for the subsidiary Host Marriott Services, while sales in Europe rise 9.6%**

## **Autogrill: 1999 consolidated revenues reach 2,660 million euros (5,150 Billion lire)**

Milan, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2000 - 1999 consolidated revenues for the Autogrill Group, the world's leading provider of restaurant services in airports, motorways and railway stations and the leading player on Italy's fast-food pizza market, where it operates with the Spizzico brand, reached 2,660 million euros, equivalent to approximately 5,150 billion lire.

The revenue figure, a preliminary estimate for the year to 31 December, reflects a 9.9% improvement in operations run through Autogrill's US subsidiary, Host Marriott Services, which achieved turnover of 1,419.4 million euros (2,748 billion). Operations in the nine European countries covered by Autogrill boosted revenues by 9.6% to 1,240.6 million euros, equivalent to 2,402.1 billion lire.

The group's higher than expected European growth includes Autogrill Restauration Services, acquired in February 1999, which runs approximately 50 restaurants in 16 French railway stations. It also takes account of the growth of the group's Spizzico and Burger King services in Italy, and improvements to the European motorway network.

**Autogrill** - Autogrill is the leading provider of restaurant services for travellers and the leading player on Italy's fast-food pizza market. As a result of its recent acquisition of Host Marriott Services (USA), it now operates in four continents (North America, Europe, Australia and Asia) and, in terms of revenues, is the third-largest group worldwide in modern retail catering. The Group runs a total of 3,700 outlets in approximately 850 locations.

The applied euro/dollar rate of exchange is 1,066