

### **Mediobanca prize**

The Mediobanca prize consists of a medallion produced by the Italian state mint in March 2007 made out of approx. 600 grams of silver with a fineness of eight hundred thousandths and gold-plated with a layer of pure gold. The medallions have been hand-moulded in wax by engraver Valerio De Seta, and the surface given an antique feel through the use of special chisels.

The medallions have all been hand-crafted, with each individual specimen being cast directly, giving it the value of a one-off. A total of 20 specimens have been cast.

Each individual specimen has been checked and touched up by the engravers to showcase the details of the moulding.

The medals have been numbered to show that it is a limited series.

#### *Description of medallion:*

Front: “MEDIOBANCA • BANCA DI CREDITO FINANZIARIO •”

Mediobanca logo. In the centre in the foreground is the “ambrosino”, a gold coin in currency during the years of the Ambrosinian Republic (1447-50), depicting St Ambrose in the mid-ground, front-facing, with crosier and whip, and a rose with six petals on his breast. Around the picture the phrase “S \* AMBROSIVS \* MEDIOLANI” is written.

Back: “ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO E ZECCA DELLO STATO”

In the centre the Institute logo and specimen number. The name of the engraver Valerio De Seta is reproduced at the bottom.