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#### **Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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For the month of January, 2010

Brazilian Distribution Company
(Translation of Registrant s Name Into English)

Av. Brigadeiro Luiz Antonio, 3126 São Paulo, SP 01402-901 <u>Brazil</u>

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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# COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

CNPJ/MF No. 47.508.411/0001 -56 Publicly-Held Company

### **NOTICE TO THE MARKET**

# GRUPO PÃO DE AÇÚCAR WILL INVEST R\$ 5 BILLION THROUGH 2012

Latin America's largest retail company announces record investments in the next three years

Grupo Pão de Açúcar is beginning 2010 with a spirit of optimism and confidence, having announced record investments of R\$ 5 billion in Brazil over the next three years (2010-12). The Company's biggest ever three-year investment plan is 70% higher than the R\$ 2.9 billion (including acquisitions) recorded in the previous immediately comparable period (2007-09).

The investments reflect the progress achieved in the last two years, especially in 2009, a period in which the financial structure was consolidated, founded on sustainable bases, advances were made in the sales area, particularly in the existing units, and the number of customers and the average ticket increased, all of which are conducive to the adoption of a highly aggressive growth plan in the coming years. In addition, as an added strategic success factor, the Company is beginning the year with a strengthened team and a consolidated internal culture program, maintaining the focus on results and gains in efficiency initiated in 2008.

Brazil's economic outlook for 2010 is both positive and more consistent, characterized by an increasing number of jobs and higher earnings, especially in the C and D income groups. For Abilio Diniz, Chairman of the Board, the planned investments underline the Company's and its shareholders' confidence in Brazil and in its strong growth potential. "We are passing through exciting times and we expect to see an even stronger economy in the years ahead. We will be following this trajectory and accelerating our organic growth process, expanding our various formats and aligning them with their respective market and consumer profiles, in addition to boosting sales in our existing stores," he declared.

The figure of R\$ 5 billion includes the opening of around 300 new stores through 2012, raising the overall sales area by an average 8% to 9% per year. In 2010 alone, the Group expects to open around 100 new stores, particularly in the Extra Fácil (convenience stores), Extra Supermercado and Assai (wholesale/retail) formats; to renovate existing stores; to invest in infrastructure and logistics; and to acquire strategic sites, which will provide a platform for future growth. The Company will also continue investing in gas stations and drugstores.

With a strong commitment to job creation and the fostering of earnings, the Group's investment plan for the next three years will generate around 100,000 direct and indirect jobs. This year alone, there will be 40,000 vacancies, 10,000 of which for workers hired directly by the Company. Grupo Pão de Açúcar, including the joint venture with Casas Bahia, is now Brazil's biggest private-sector employer, with a workforce of 137,000.

# ABOUT GRUPO PÃO DE AÇÚCAR

A retail food pioneer in Brazil, Grupo Pão de Açúcar is now the biggest retail company in Latin America, closing 2009 with 1,080 stores (including Ponto Frio), 79 gas stations and 150 drugstores in 18 states and the Federal District, as well as annual sales area growth of 28.2%. The Company opened 46 new stores in 2009: 5 Pão de Açúcar, 2 Extra Hypermarkets, 21 Extra Fácil, 7 Assai and 11 Ponto Frio units, as well as the 457 stores acquired from Ponto Frio in June 2009. With the recent joint venture with Casas Bahia, the Company will add a further 508 stores.

In order to ensure market operations and meet the different needs and expectations of its customers, the Company maintains a multiformat structure comprising supermarkets (Pão de Açúcar, Extra, CompreBem and Sendas), hypermarkets (Extra), electronics/household appliance stores (Ponto Frio, Extra-Eletro), convenience stores (Extra Fácil) and wholesale/retail (Assai Atacadista). It also maintains e-commerce operations in the food, through <a href="https://www.paodeacucar.com.br">www.paodeacucar.com.br</a>, and non-food areas, through <a href="https://www.paodeacucar.com.br">www.paodeacucar.com.br</a>, and non-food areas, through <a href="https://www.paodeacucar.com.br">www.paodeacucar.com.br</a>, and non-food areas, through <a href="https://www.paodeacucar.com.br">www.paodeacucar.com.br</a>. The joint venture with Casas Bahia will also add the e-commerce web site <a href="https://www.casasbahia.com.br">www.casasbahia.com.br</a>.

Grupo Pão de Açúcar's shares have been listed on the Bovespa since October 1995 and on the NYSE (level III ADR) since May 1997. In 2009, the Group recorded gross sales of R\$ 26.2 billion (including the consolidation of last year's sales recorded by Ponto Frio as of July).

São Paulo, January 20, 2010.

# Daniela Sabbag Investors Relations Officer

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

Date: January 20, 2010 By: <u>/s/ Enéas César Pestana Neto</u>

Name: Enéas César Pestana Neto Title: Chief Operating Officer

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag

Name: Daniela Sabbag

Title: Investor Relations Officer

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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