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Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant To Rule 13a-16 Or 15d-16
Of The
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2003

Commission File Number 1-11854

NATUZZI S.p.A.
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Via Iazzitiello 47
70029 Santeramo, Italy
(Address of principal office)

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

(Check One) Form 20-F 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 information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

(Check One) Yes No
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(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b). 82- .)

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.

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NATUZZI S.p.A.
(Registrant)

Date: 8th May 2003

By: /s/ GIUSEPPE DESANTIS

Giuseppe Desantis

Natuzzi S.p.A. Acquires Castlegate 170, Ultimate Parent Company
of Kingdom of Leather

SANTERAMO IN COLLE, BARI, Italy--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 8, 2003--
Natuzzi S.p.A. (NYSE:NTZ) and Barclays Private Equity, venture
capitalist, jointly announced today they have signed a definitive
agreement providing for Natuzzi S.p.A., world leader in leather
upholstery, to acquire 100% of Castlegate 170 Ltd., based in London,
ultimate parent company of Kingdom of Leather, a leading UK's
upholstered furniture specialist with a network of 15 stores, mainly
located in England.

Catherine Wall, Director of Barclays Private Equity, said, "We are
pleased to have found a reliable partner capable of supporting the
Company's future developments."

Pasquale Natuzzi, Chairman and CEO of Natuzzi S.p.A., commented,
"The acquisition of Kingdom of Leather gives us the opportunity to
continue an important relationship which dates back to 1987 and to
increase our products' market share, even though it doesn't represent
a strategic move in the UK retail business."

Added Pasquale Natuzzi, "We are committed to leveraging Kingdom of
Leather's history and values and working closely with the existing
management and employees to reinforce Kingdom of Leather brand in
UK."

About Natuzzi S.p.A.

Founded in 1959 by Pasquale Natuzzi, Natuzzi S.p.A. designs and
manufactures a broad collection of residential upholstered furniture.

With annual sales in excess of EUR 805 million, Natuzzi is the
largest furniture manufacturer and the global leader in the leather
upholstery segment, exporting its innovative high-quality sofas and
armchairs to 123 markets on 5 continents. Cutting-edge design,
superior Italian craftsmanship, and advanced, vertically-integrated
manufacturing operations underpin the Company's market leadership.

Natuzzi S.p.A. was listed on the New York Stock Exchange on May
13, 1993. The Company is ISO 9001 and 14001 certified.

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