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Buffett Is Shopping for Italian Family Businesses, Stampa Says

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May 6 (Bloomberg) -- **Warren Buffett** is coming to Italy to meet with Italian businessmen and look into buying family-owned companies, the chairman of **Berkshire Hathaway Inc.** told **La Stampa**.

``I'll be in Europe for four days" including a visit to Italy, Buffett told the newspaper. ``My friend **Angelo Moratti** has organized a series of meetings in Milan with businessmen to evaluate agreements or investments."

Moratti, scion of the founding family of Italian energy company Saras SpA, is helping to organize a tour scheduled to take Buffett to Madrid, Frankfurt and Lausanne, Switzerland, in addition to Milan.

Buffett says he'd consider investing in businesses in any part of Italy and that he might consider buying troubled, family-owned companies. ``If all families were happy, Berkshire would be a small company," the chairman said.

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