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VOLUNTARY PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFER LAUNCHED BY BPER BANCA S.P.A. FOR ALL THE SHARES OF BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO S.P.A.

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PRESS RELEASE

APPROVAL BY CONSOB OF THE OFFER DOCUMENT RELATING TO THE VOLUNTARY PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFER ON ALL THE SHARES OF BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO S.P.A.

ACCEPTANCE PERIOD FROM 16 JUNE 2025 TO 11 JULY 2025

Modena – 4 June 2025. With reference to the public exchange offer (the “**Offer**”) pursuant to Articles 102 and 106, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree 24 February 1998, n. 58, as subsequently amended and integrated (the “**CFA**”), promoted by BPER Banca S.p.A. (“**BPER**” or the “**Offeror**”), on all the ordinary shares of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A. (“**BP Sondrio**”), including the treasury shares directly and indirectly held, from time to time, by BP Sondrio, other than the shares of BP Sondrio already held by BPER, the Offeror hereby announces that, on the date hereof, CONSOB, by resolution no. 23581 of 4 June 2025, has approved, pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4, of the CFA, the offer document relating to the Offer (the “**Offer Document**”).

Consideration. For each BP Sondrio share tendered to the Offer, BPER will pay a unit consideration represented by 1.450 newly issued ordinary shares of BPER, without nominal value, with regular dividend entitlement and the same characteristics as the ordinary shares of BPER already outstanding at the issuance date, subject to the adjustments described in the Offer Document (the “**Consideration**”).

Acceptance Period. Pursuant to Article 40, paragraph 2, of the Issuers’ Regulation, the acceptance period (the “**Acceptance Period**”), agreed with Borsa Italiana S.p.A., will start at 8:30 a.m. (Italian time) on 16 June 2025 and will end at 5:30 p.m. (Italian time) on 11 July 2025 (unless extended) and, therefore, will be equal to 20 trading days. Thus, 11 July 2025 will be the last day to tender to the Offer, unless the Acceptance Period is extended in accordance with the applicable laws.

On the fifth trading day following the closure of the Acceptance Period, *i.e.* - unless the Acceptance Period is extended - on 18 July 2025, the Offeror will pay the Consideration to each shareholder of BP Sondrio that has tendered to the Offer during the Acceptance Period.

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Possible reopening of the terms. Upon the occurrence of the relevant circumstances, pursuant to Article 40-*bis*, paragraph 1, let. a), of the Issuers' Regulation, no later than the first trading day following the payment date, the Acceptance Period will be reopened for 5 trading days, *i.e.* - unless the Acceptance Period is extended - for the sessions of 21 July, 22 July, 23 July, 24 July and 25 July 2025 (the "**Reopening of the Terms**"). On the fifth trading day following the closure of the Reopening of the Terms, *i.e.* - unless the Acceptance Period is extended - on 1 August 2025, the Offeror will pay the Consideration to each shareholder of BP Sondrio that has tendered to the Offer during the Reopening of the Terms.

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The Offer Document will be filed with CONSOB and made available to the public for consultation:

- (i) at the registered office of BPER, Via San Carlo no. 8/20, Modena (Italy);
- (ii) at the offices of the intermediary in charge of coordinating the collection of the acceptances, Via Filippo Turati no. 9, Milan (Italy);
- (iii) at the registered office of the appointed intermediaries;
- (iv) on BPER's *website* (<https://group.bper.it>);
- (v) on the *website* of the global information agent, Sodali & Co, at <https://transactions.sodali.com/>.

Please note that the issuer's statement, which will be prepared by BP Sondrio pursuant to Articles 103, paragraphs 3 and 3-*bis*, of the CFA and 39 of the Issuers' Regulation, will not be attached to the Offer Document. Such statement will be made public by BP Sondrio according to the terms and modalities provided for by Article 39 of the Issuers' Regulation.

Along with the publication of the Offer Document, the exemption document - prepared by BPER for the purposes of the exemption from the obligation to publish a prospectus, in accordance with Article 1, paragraphs 4, let. f), and 5, let. e), of (EU) Regulation 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017, as subsequently amended and supplemented - will be published pursuant to Article 34-*ter*, paragraph 02, let. a), and Article 57, paragraph 1, of the Issuers' Regulations.

The Offeror will announce the publication of the Offer Document and the exemption document with a separate press release.

Pending the publication of the Offer Document and the exemption document, for any further information on the Offer, please refer to the Offeror's communication issued on 6 February 2025, pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 1, of the CFA and Article 37 of the Issuers' Regulation, published on BPER's website at <https://group.bper.it>, which sets forth the legal requirements, the terms, conditions and essential elements of the Offer.

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The voluntary public exchange offer described in this press release has been launched by BPER Banca S.p.A. on all the ordinary shares of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A.

This press release does not constitute an offer to purchase, subscribe, sell or exchange the shares of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A.

Before the beginning of the Acceptance Period, as required by the applicable regulations, the Offeror will publish an Offer Document and the exemption document to be carefully examined by the shareholders of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A.

The Offer is launched exclusively in Italy and has been made, on a non-discriminatory basis and on equal terms, to all shareholders of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A. The Offer has been promoted in Italy because Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A.'s shares are listed on Euronext Milan, organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided by Italian law.

The Offer is not and will not be made in the United States (or will not be directed at U.S. Persons, as defined by the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as subsequently amended), Canada, Japan, Australia and any other jurisdictions where making the Offer therein would not be allowed without any approval by any regulatory authority or without any other requirements to be complied with by the Offeror (such jurisdictions, including the United States, Canada, Japan and Australia, are jointly defined the "Excluded Countries"), neither by using national or international instruments of communication or commerce of the Excluded Countries (including, for example, postal network, fax, telex, e-mail, telephone and internet), nor through any structure of any of the Excluded Countries' financial intermediaries or in any other way. The Offeror reserves the right to make offers separately to shareholders of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A. who are U.S. Persons as defined in the United States Securities Act of 1933, as subsequently amended.

A copy of this press release, the Offer Document, as well as any other document relating to the Offer, including the exemption document, or portions thereof, is not and shall not be sent, nor in any way transmitted, or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, in the Excluded Countries. Anyone receiving the aforesaid documents shall not distribute, forward or send them (either by post or by any other means or instrument of communication or commerce) in the Excluded Countries.

Any tender to the Offer resulting from solicitation carried out in violation of the above restrictions will not be accepted.

This press release, the Offer Document, as well as any other documents relating to the Offer, including the exemption document, do not constitute or are not part neither of an offer to buy or exchange, nor of a solicitation to offer to sell or exchange financial instruments in the United States or in the Excluded Countries. Financial instruments cannot be offered or sold in the United States unless they have been registered pursuant to the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as subsequently amended, or are exempt from registration. Financial instruments offered in the context of the transaction described in this press

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release will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as subsequently amended, and BPER Banca S.p.A. does not intend to carry out a public offer of such financial instruments in the United States.

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