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EQUITA AND GRUPPO CREDDEM: REINFORCING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW “EUROMOBILIARE EQUITY MID SMALL CAP” FUND

- END OF THE SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD WITH A FINAL CLOSE OF NEARLY EURO 400 MILLION
- THE FUND, ESTABLISHED BY EUROMOBILIARE ASSET MANAGEMENT SGR (100% CREDDEM), IS MANAGED BY EQUITA ON SUB-ADVISORY BASIS

Milan, 6th December 2018

On 30th November 2018 the subscription period of **Euromobiliare Equity Mid Small Cap** closed, raising nearly Euro 400 million and confirming the partnership and trust relationship between **Equita**, the leading Italian independent Investment Bank, and the **Credem Group**. The fund, established by **Euromobiliare Asset Management SGR** (management company fully owned by Credem), has been fully placed by the Credem Group’s network to its clients.

The fund is managed by Equita, through its subsidiary Equita SIM S.p.A., and follows a “flexible” investment strategy, focusing its investments on equities of Italian listed companies – mainly small and mid-caps – in addition to a portion of European listed companies. The fund, now closed and with no additional subscriptions expected, has a tenure of 7 years. The return objective within the fund’s horizon is to increase the invested capital.

Equita, following the agreement signed with **Euromobiliare Asset Management SGR**, increased its assets under management to over Euro 840 million¹. The fifteen years’ experience in the asset management of Italian equities developed by Equita with the Credem Group will enable the fund to benefit not only from the skills mentioned before, but also from the deep knowledge of European listed companies developed by the team headed by Gianmarco Bonacina that produces research on European companies.

Matteo Ghilotti, Co-Head of Alternative Asset Management and Head of Portfolio Management of Equita, commented: *“The size of the funds raised by the Credem Group, despite a challenging situation in the financial markets, is strong evidence of the trusted relationship that Credem and Equita built over the years”.*

Andrea Vismara, Chief Executive Officer of Equita, said: *“We are grateful to the Credem Group for the fifteen years spent working as partners. The management of the new fund increases our assets under management and enables Equita to continue its growth path as an additional step of the initiatives already announced for the Alternative Asset Management”.*

Fulvio Albarelli, Chief Executive Officer of Euromobiliare Asset Management SGR, said: *“We are very happy about the assets raised through this product joint venture with Equita SIM. The sales success of this sub-advisory confirms the strength of our multi-specialist product strategy and will further raise the added value for our clients”.*

¹ As of 30 November 2018, excluding the Euro 74 million of assets of EPS PEP SPAC 2

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