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PRESS RELEASE

UniCredit becomes a direct shareholder of Yapı ve Kredi Bankası A.Ş. and launches an accelerated bookbuilding of a portion of its direct stake in Yapı ve Kredi Bankası A.Ş.

UniCredit announces the launch of a placement of ordinary shares in Yapı ve Kredi Bankası A.Ş. ("**YKB**" or the "**Company**") listed on the Borsa İstanbul A.Ş., representing ca. 12 per cent of the Company's existing share capital (the "**Placement**"). The Placement will be made to qualified institutional investors, with final terms to be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding process.

Bookbuilding will commence immediately. UniCredit reserves the right to change the terms or timing of the Placement at any time.

Citigroup Global Markets Limited, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley and UniCredit Corporate & Investment Banking have been appointed by UniCredit to act as Joint Bookrunners of the Placement.

UniCredit has agreed to a customary 180-day lock-up period with the Joint Bookrunners, subject to customary exceptions, with respect to any remaining YKB shares it will hold following the Placement.

The transaction is part of UniCredit's on-going strategy to simplify its shareholdings and to optimise its capital allocation.

The Placement follows today's completion of the share sale and purchase transaction relating to YKB, announced on 30 November 2019, as a result of which UniCredit became a direct shareholder of YKB with a 31.9% stake.

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