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## Press Release

# Iccrea Banca has successfully launched a new Covered Bond for Euro 500 million to institutional investors only

*Pastore, GM of the BCC Iccrea Group: "Really satisfied for the relevant participation from foreign investors equal to 80% of demand".*

Rome – October 31, 2023

Iccrea Banca, parent company of the BCC Iccrea Group, has successfully issued a new Covered Bond destined to institutional investors for an amount of 500 million euro and a maturity 4.0 years under the 10 billion euro Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite Program.

The issue is the second European Covered Bond (Premium) issued by the Group in compliance with the new European regulation which was implemented in Italy on 30 March 2023.

The bond, which will be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, has an expected rating of Aa3 (Moody's), a fixed rate coupon of 4.00% and a maturity date on November 2027.

The issuance that has received orders above 700 million euro from more than 40 institutional investors has been allocated with the following geographical distribution: Nordics (29%), Germany-Austria-Switzerland (23%), Italy (22%), UK (10%), Spain (9%), Asia (4%) and Benelux (3%). Regarding the investors' type, 52% has been allocated to funds, 34% to banks, 10% to official institutions and central banks, 2% to insurances and pension funds and 2% to other investors.

The bonds, documented under the issuer's Euro 10,000,000 Covered Bond (Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite) Programme unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payment of interest and principal by Iccrea Covered Bond S.r.l., are ECB Eligible and LCR Level 1.

Barclays (Co-arranger of the Program with Iccrea Banca), ABN Amro, Citi, Commerzbank (B&D) and Unicredit acted as Joint Bookrunners. Helaba acted as Co-Manager.

Mauro Pastore, General Manager of BCC Iccrea Group: "We are pleased to have successfully concluded this new funding transaction on the institutional market. The high participation from foreign investors amounting to about 80% of the demand, shows us how the appreciation regarding the path taken by the BCC Iccrea Group finds increasing endorsements even outside national borders. This is an important sign that testifies the Group's role in the European financial market and the progressive diversification of our sources of funding as envisaged in



the strategic plan. This new issue will further increase the already significant resources the Group has at its disposal to continue supporting, as our DNA, local communities and territories".

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The BCC Iccrea Group, the largest cooperative banking group today, is the only national banking group with 100% Italian capital, second for number of branches and the fourth largest in Italy in terms of assets, with total consolidated assets as at 30 June 2023 amounting to €168.3 billion. Today the BCC Iccrea Group is made up of 117 BCCs, present in over 1,700 Italian municipalities with almost 2,500 branches, and other banking, financial and product companies controlled by BCC Banca Iccrea. The BCCs of the Group at 30 June 2023 made around € 90 billion of net loans throughout Italy and took in direct funding from customers of around € 126 billion, with over 5 million customers and about 860 thousand shareholders. The BCC Iccrea Group is among the best banking groups in terms of capital quality with a CET 1 Ratio of 19.9% (data as at 30 June 2023).

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