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VOLUNTARY PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFER LAUNCHED BY UNICREDIT S.P.A. ON ALL ORDINARY SHARES OF BANCO BPM S.P.A.

PRESS RELEASE

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Milan, 28 March 2025 - With reference to the voluntary public exchange offer (the '**Offer**') launched pursuant to articles 102 et seq. of the TUF on all the ordinary shares of Banco BPM, UniCredit received ECB and Bank of Italy permission to acquire - upon the positive outcome of the Offer – the direct control of Banco BPM S.p.A. and the indirect control and indirect qualified participation of banks, financial and asset management companies of Banco BPM Group and Anima Group (*). The Supervisory Authority also granted the authorization for the acquisition of direct and indirect participations that, in aggregate, exceed ten per cent of the consolidated own funds of UniCredit Group.

The authorizations received today represent the last step needed to enable Consob to finalize the approval process of the Offer document, submitted to it on December 13, 2024, expected next week.

Following the resolution of the EGM held on March 27th, the Board of UniCredit will be called on March 30th to exercise the capital increase delegation instrumental for the offer launched on Banco BPM S.p.A. on November 25th, 2024.

UniCredit will continue to assess with due care recent developments - in particular but not only with respect to BPM proceeding with its offer on Anima without the benefit of the Danish Compromise - in accordance with our press release of March 27th, 2025. All conditions precedent of the Offer remain unchanged.

() the direct acquisition of a controlling interest in Banco BPM S.p.A., the indirect acquisition of a controlling interest in Banca Akros S.p.A., Banca Aletti S.p.A., Aletti Fiduciaria S.p.A., Banco BPM Invest SGR S.p.A.; and the indirect qualified participation in Agos Ducato S.p.A., Numia S.p.A., Etica SGR S.p.A., Anima SGR S.p.A., Anima Alternative SGR S.p.A., Kairos Partners SGR S.p.A., Castello SGR S.p.A, Alba Leasing S.p.A., Aosta Factor S.p.A. and in Vorvel SIM S.p.A.*



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The public voluntary exchange offer described in this press release (the “Offer”) will be promoted by UniCredit S.p.A. (the “Offeror” or “UniCredit”) over the totality of the ordinary shares of Banco BPM S.p.A. (“BPM”).

This press release does not constitute an offer to buy or sell BPM’s shares.

The Offer will be launched in Italy and will be made on a non-discriminatory basis and on equal terms to all shareholders of Banco BPM S.p.A.. The Offer will be promoted in Italy as BPM’s shares are listed on the Euronext Milan organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and, except for what is indicated below, is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law.

The Offer is not as of today being made in the United States (or will not be directed at U.S. Persons, as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as subsequently amended (the “U.S. Securities Act”), Canada, Japan, Australia or any other jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of such jurisdiction and any such offer (or solicitation) may not be extended in any such jurisdiction (“Other Countries”). The Offeror reserves the right to extend the Offer in the United States exclusively to certain professional investors who qualify as Qualified Institutional Buyers, as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act, by way of a private placement in compliance with United States federal laws and regulations concerning the offer of financial instruments and with United States laws concerning tender offers, insofar as applicable. Such potential extension of the Offer in the United States would occur by way of a separate offer document restricted to Qualified Institutional Buyers.

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