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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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### PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFER ON BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO: IVASS AUTHORIZATION OBTAINED

*Modena – 8 May 2025.* With reference to the voluntary public exchange offer promoted pursuant to articles 102 and 106, para. 4, of the Consolidated Law on Finance (the “Offer”) on all the ordinary shares of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A., other than the shares of the latter directly held by BPER Banca S.p.A., we inform that, on 7 May 2025, the Insurance Supervisory Authority (IVASS) released the authorization to hold – upon the positive outcome of the Offer – a qualifying shareholding higher than 30% in the share capital of Arca Vita S.p.A.

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