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VOLUNTARY TENDER AND EXCHANGE OFFER PROMOTED BY BANCA IFIS S.P.A. OVER ALL THE SHARES OF ILLIMITY BANK S.P.A.

### Press release

pursuant to Articles 36 and 43 of the Regulation adopted by CONSOB resolution 14 May 1999, no. 11971 ("Issuers' Regulations").

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# BANCA IFIS RAISES THE NON-WAIVABLE MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR THE OFFER TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 45% TO 60% OF THE SHARE CAPITAL OF ILLIMITY

## BANCA IFIS WILL NOT EXTEND THE ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

# THE THRESHOLD CONDITION OF 66.67% OF THE SHARE CAPITAL OF ILLIMITY REMAINS UNCHANGED

Mestre (Venice), 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – With reference to the voluntary tender and exchange offer (the "Offer") over all the ordinary shares of illimity Bank S.p.A. ("illimity" or the "Issuer") promoted by Banca Ifis S.p.A. ("Banca Ifis" or the "Offeror"), Banca Ifis announces the decision to amend, pursuant to Article 43, paragraph 1 of the Issuers' Regulations, the non-waivable minimum threshold for effectiveness of the Offer (the "Non-waivable Minimum Threshold"). In particular, the Offeror reserves the right to waive the fulfilment of the threshold for the Offer, equal to 66.67% of the share capital of illimity (the "Threshold Condition"), exclusively in the event that the number of illimity shares tendered to the Offer is equal at least to 60% of the share capital of illimity (instead of 45% plus one share of illimity, as described in the Offer Document (as defined below)).

Indeed, the Offeror is of the opinion that reaching a stake in illimity equal to at least 60% of the share capital would allow Banca Ifis to cast in the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of the Issuer a number of votes sufficient to approve the merger by absorption of illimity into Offeror (the "Merger") (an essential objective of the Offer).

Moreover, the Offeror announces that it does not intend to extend the acceptance period to the Offer. Therefore, the acceptance period to the Offer will end at 5.30 p.m. (Italian time) on 27 June 2025.

Except for what is provided in this press release, all the other terms and conditions of the Offer indicated in the Offer Document, including the Conditions of the Offer provided for in Paragraph A.1 of the Offer Document (and, in particular, the Threshold Condition), remain unchanged.

The Offeror decided to amend the Non-waivable Minimum Threshold on the basis of the following:

- (i) as described in the offer document relating to the Offer, approved by CONSOB with resolution no. 23543 of 7 May 2025 (the "Offer Document"):
  - a) the Offeror reserved the right to waive the fulfilment of the Threshold Condition in the event that the number of illimity shares tendered to the Offer would allow the Offeror to hold a stake sufficient to exercise *de facto* control over illimity and to consolidate it for both accounting and

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prudential purposes, which Banca Ifis had identified in a stake in illimity at least equal to 45% of the share capital of the Issuer plus one illimity share;

- in line with the reasons and the objectives of the Offer and the future programs prepared by the Offeror, Banca Ifis intends, in the event that the Offer becomes effective, to proceed, as soon as possible, with the Merger;
- (ii) as announced in the press release published on 30 May 2025 pursuant to Article 41, paragraph 2, letter a) of the Issuers' Regulations, some shareholders of illimity, holding an aggregate stake equal to 27.2% ca. of the share capital of the Issuer, have entered into a shareholder's agreement which, *inter alia*, provides for the consultation on the Offer among such shareholders.

Thus, in light of the above, the amendment to the Non-waivable Minimum Threshold is consistent with the objectives of the Offer, as described by the Offeror in the Offer Document.

For any further information relating to the Offer, please refer to the Offer Document, made available to the public for consultation:

- (i) at the registered office of Banca Ifis, in Venice-Mestre (VE), Via Terraglio no. 63;
- (ii) at the offices of the intermediary in charge of coordinating the collection of the acceptances, Equita SIM S.p.A., in Milan (MI), Via Turati no. 9;
- (iii) on the website of Banca Ifis, at https://www.bancaifis.it/en/investor-relations/tender-and-exchange-offer/; and
- (iv) on the websites of the global information agents of the Offer, Sodali & Co, at www.sodali.com, and Georgeson S.r.l., at www.georgeson.com.

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