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VOLUNTARY PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFER LAUNCHED BY BANCA MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA S.P.A. ON ALL THE ORDINARY SHARES OF MEDIOBANCA – BANCA DI CREDITO FINANZIARIO SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI

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PRESS RELEASE

OBTAINMENT OF THE ANTITRUST AUTHORIZATION

Siena, 2 July 2025 – With reference to the voluntary public exchange offer (the “**Offer**”) pursuant to Articles 102 and 106, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as subsequently amended and supplemented (the “**TUF**”) launched by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (“**BMPS**” or the “**Offeror**”) on all the shares of MEDIOBANCA – Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni (“**Mediobanca**” or the “**Issuer**”), including treasury shares directly and/or indirectly held by Mediobanca from time to time, the Offeror hereby announces the following.

On the date hereof, BMPS has received unconditional approval from the Italian Competition and Market Authority for the acquisition of control of Mediobanca, in accordance with Law No. 287 of 10 October 1990. Such authorization, referred to in Paragraph 1.5(ii) (the “**Antitrust Condition**”) of the communication issued on 24 January 2025 pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 1, of the TUF and Article 37 of the regulation adopted by CONSOB with Resolution No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented, has been fulfilled in advance of the deadline set out in the aforementioned communication (*i.e.* by the second trading day prior to the payment date of the consideration).

Pending the publication of the offer document, for any further information regarding the Offer, please refer to the Communication 102, published on the BMPS website at https://www.gruppomps.it/static/upload/str/stradebianche---notice-102_final-eng-.pdf, which sets out the legal grounds, terms, conditions, and key aspects of the Offer.

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This press release will be available on the website at www.gruppomps.it/en/

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Information for U.S. Persons

The shares to be issued in connection with the Offer may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an effective registration statement under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the “**U.S. Securities Act**”) or pursuant to a valid exemption from registration.

The Offer is being made for the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A., each of which is a company incorporated in Italy. Information distributed in connection with the Offer is subject to Italian disclosure requirements that are different from those of the United States. Financial statements and financial information included in the offer document or the exemption document, if any, have been prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and may not be comparable to the financial statements or financial information of U.S. companies.

It may be difficult for you to enforce your rights and any claim you may have arising under U.S. federal securities laws in respect of the Offer, since Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. and MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni are located in Italy, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of Italy or other countries outside the U.S. You may not be able to sue a company incorporated outside the U.S. or its officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of U.S. securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a company incorporated outside the U.S. and its affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court’s judgment.

The Offer will not be submitted to the review or registration procedures of any regulator outside of Italy and has not been approved or recommended by any governmental securities regulator. The Offer will be made in the U.S. pursuant to the exemptions from (i) the “U.S. tender offer rules” under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “**U.S. Exchange Act**”) provided by Rule 14d-1(c) thereunder and (ii) the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act provided by Rule 802 thereunder. These exemptions permit a bidder to satisfy certain substantive and procedural U.S. Exchange Act rules governing tender offers by complying with home jurisdiction law or practice, and exempt the bidder from compliance with certain other U.S. Exchange Act rules. As a result, the Offer will be made in accordance with the applicable regulatory, disclosure and procedural requirements under Italian law, including with respect to withdrawal rights, offer timetable, settlement procedures and timing of payments, that are different from those applicable in the U.S. To the extent that the Offer is subject to the U.S. securities laws, such laws only apply to holders of the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni in the U.S. and no other person has any claims under such laws.

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulation in Italy, and pursuant to the exemptions available under Rule 14e-5(b) under the U.S. Exchange Act, the Offeror and its affiliates or brokers (acting as agents for the Offeror or its affiliates, as applicable) may from time to time, and other than pursuant to the Offer, directly or indirectly purchase, or arrange to purchase, the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni, that are the subject of the Offer or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for such shares, including purchases in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices outside the U.S. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in Italy, if any such purchases are made, such information will be disclosed by means of a press release or other means reasonably calculated to inform U.S. shareholders of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni of such information. In addition, the financial advisors to the Offeror, may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities.

Since the announcement of the Offer, the Offeror and certain of its affiliates have engaged, and intend to continue to engage throughout the acceptance period, in various asset management, brokerage, banking-

related, collateral-taking, estates and trusts services, and custody-related activities involving the Offeror common shares outside the United States. Among other things, the Offeror or one or more of its affiliates intends to engage in trades in the Offeror common shares for the accounts of its customers for the purpose of effecting brokerage transactions for its customers and other customer facilitation transactions in respect of the Offeror common shares. Further, certain of Offeror's asset management affiliates may buy and sell the Offeror common shares or indices including the Offeror common shares, outside the United States as part of their ordinary, discretionary investment management activities on behalf of their customers. Certain of Offeror's affiliates may continue to (a) engage in the marketing and sale to customers of funds that include the Offeror common shares, providing investment advice and financial planning guidance to customers that may include information about the Offeror common shares, (b) transact in the Offeror common shares as trustees and/or personal representatives of trusts and estates, (c) provide custody services relating to the Offeror common shares and (d) engage in accepting the Offeror common shares as collateral for loans. These activities occur outside of the United States and the transactions in the Offeror common shares may be effected on the Euronext Milan, other exchanges or alternative trading systems and in the over-the-counter market.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The voluntary public exchange offer referred to in this press release has been promoted by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. on all the ordinary shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

This press release does not constitute an offer to buy or sell the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

Prior to the commencement of the acceptance period, as required under applicable regulations, the Offeror shall publish an offer document and an exemption document, to be carefully examined by the shareholders of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

The Offer has been launched in Italy and is made, on a non-discriminatory basis and on equal terms, to all holders of shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni. The Offer has been promoted in Italy as the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni are listed on Euronext Milan, a regulated market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law.

The Offer is not being made or disseminated in Canada, Japan and Australia, or any other country in which such Offer is not authorized, or to any person to whom such offer or solicitation is not permitted by law (the **"Excluded Countries"**).

Partial or complete copies of any documents issued by the Offeror in connection with the Offer shall not be sent, nor shall they be transmitted, or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, in the Excluded Countries. Any person receiving such documents shall not distribute, send or dispatch them (whether by post or by any other means or instrumentality of communication or commerce) in the Excluded Countries.

Any acceptances of the Offer resulting from solicitation activities carried out in violation of the above limitations will not be accepted.

This press release, as well as any other document issued by the Offeror in connection with the Offer, shall not constitute or form part of any offer to purchase or exchange, or any solicitation of offers to sell or exchange, securities in any of the Excluded Countries.

This press release may only be accessed in or from the United Kingdom (i) by persons having professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within the scope of Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as subsequently amended (the **"Order"**), or (ii) by companies having high net assets and by persons to whom the press release can be legitimately transmitted because they fall within the scope of Article 49(2) paragraphs from (a) to (d) of the Order (all these persons are jointly defined **"Relevant Persons"**). Securities described in this press release are made available only to Relevant Persons (and any solicitation, offer, agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such financial instruments will be directed exclusively at such persons). Any person who is not a Relevant Person should not act or rely on this press release or any of its contents.

Acceptance to the Offer by persons resident in countries other than Italy may be subject to specific obligations or restrictions provided for by laws or regulations. It is the sole responsibility of the addressees of the Offer to



comply with such regulations and, therefore, before accepting the Offer, to verify their existence and applicability by contacting their advisors.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies involved in the proposed voluntary public exchange offer disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.

