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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

*Milan, 13 July 2025* – With reference to the public exchange offer (“**Offer**”) promoted pursuant to articles 102 *et seq.* of the TUF on all the ordinary shares of Banco BPM S.p.A. (“**BPM**”), UniCredit S.p.A. (“**UniCredit**”, the “**Offeror**”) communicates the following.

Given the quantity of misleading statements and interpretations issued in relation to the TAR ruling, UniCredit deems it both necessary and responsible to provide clear and unequivocal clarifications to such comments, presenting the facts as outlined in the ruling itself.

As stated, UniCredit welcomes the decision from TAR in favor of UniCredit's appeal. This is unequivocal proof that the way in which Golden Power was used was illegitimate, requiring the issuance of a new decree as the one adopted on April 18 has been annulled by the Court. The ruling itself also clearly proved UniCredit's concern regarding the level of ambiguity surrounding the Golden Power prescriptions and application thereof in this instance, requiring the TAR Court almost 100 pages to document, explain and clarify its decision.

The merits of UniCredit's appeal were clearly underscored by TAR.

Out of four prescriptions, two were annulled: the predefining of a loan to deposit ratio and the retaining of project financing in perpetuity. One, relating to Anima, was clarified and implicitly amended, as the TAR Court accepted and formalized the different interpretation offered by the MEF just a few days before the first TAR hearing and then formally submitted to the TAR court as part of the statement of defense. As such an obligation now no longer exists and is replaced by a high-level ambition to retain Italian securities in Anima, consistently with fiduciary duties to clients to whom these assets belong. Regarding the cease of activities or divestment of UniCredit's assets in Russia (that do not include payments, as specified by the MEF) the TAR court stated it had no full jurisdiction on the matter. As quoted by the Court, ECB has competence to assess the matter and UniCredit is currently compliant with the ECB requests.

Finally, UniCredit will not comment on the specific statements made by BPM regarding both the preceding matter and UniCredit's offer to buy BPM, nor on BPM's abnormal use of any initiative available to derail the offer regardless of its merit.



However, UniCredit points out that the ultimate decision as to the merit and attractiveness of any offer should always be at the behest of shareholders. Regretfully, these shareholders have been exposed not only to the illegitimate use of the Golden Power insistently advocated by BPM but also by unjustifiably aggressive and often misleading communications and campaigns by BPM to disrepute both the offer and offeror. In this context of profound uncertainties, BPM shareholders may have been deprived of an option, the terms of which were fairly set and - as was clearly highlighted by UniCredit at the time of the launch of the offer - may have been already improved had there been an orderly OPS process.

UniCredit will now evaluate all relevant steps in a timely manner.

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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.

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