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PRESS RELEASE

PROCESS OF FULL INTEGRATION OF MEDIOBANCA INTO THE MONTEPASCHI GROUP THROUGH MERGER BY INCORPORATION AND SUBSEQUENT DELISTING

Siena, 27 February 2026 – Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena (the “**Bank**” or “**BMPS**”), in the context of today's Board of Directors' meeting chaired by Nicola Maione, announces that, with the support of its advisors, it is continuing its preliminary investigations and analyses with a view to finalising the merger plan with Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and the related share exchange. The Board of Directors and the Related Parties Committee will continue their respective analysis, which are expected to be completed on 10 March 2026.

The process will continue to be conducted in compliance with the safeguards required by the regulations for transactions with related parties.

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

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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 Merger, since BMPS and Mediobanca 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 Merger 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 Merger 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 and connected mergers 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 Merger will be made in accordance with the applicable regulatory, disclosure and procedural requirements under Italian law. To the extent that the Merger is subject to the U.S. securities laws, such laws only apply to holders of the shares of Mediobanca 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, BMPS and its affiliates or brokers (acting as agents for BMPS or its affiliates, as applicable) may from time to time, and other than pursuant to the Merger, directly or indirectly purchase, or arrange to purchase, the shares of Mediobanca, that are the subject of the Merger 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 of such information. In addition, the financial advisors to BMPS, may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of Mediobanca, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities.

Since the announcement of the Merger, BMPS and certain of its affiliates have engaged, and intend to continue to engage until completion of the Merger, in various asset management, brokerage, banking-related, collateral-taking, estates and trusts services, and custody-related activities involving BMPS common shares outside the United States. Among other things, BMPS or one or more of its affiliates intends to engage in trades in BMPS 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 BMPS common shares. Further, certain of



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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Merger referred to in this press release relates to BMPS and Mediobanca. This press release does not constitute an offer to buy or sell the shares of the Companies.

The shareholders' meetings of the Companies will be called to approve the Merger on the basis of illustrative reports prepared by the board of directors of the Companies.

The shares of BMPS and Mediobanca are listed on Euronext Milan, a regulated market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and are subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law.

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