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Vedi allegato

ECB AND BANK OF ITALY GRANT THE REGULATORY AUTHORISATIONS TO EXCEED THE 20% OF THE SHARE CAPITAL AND VOTING RIGHTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF THE *DE FACTO* CONTROL OF BPER BANCA S.P.A.

Bologna, 9 October 2026

In the context of the authorisation processes initiated before the competent Authorities in order to obtain the authorisations required under applicable law for the purposes of the acquisition, by Unipol Assicurazioni S.p.A. ("**Unipol**"), of *de facto* control of BPER Banca S.p.A. ("**BPER**"), Unipol announces that, today, the European Central Bank and the Bank of Italy granted the authorisations for the increase in qualifying holdings in BPER above 20% of its share capital and voting rights and for the acquisition of *de facto* control of BPER, as well as for the acquisition or the increase of the related indirect qualifying holdings in the companies belonging to the BPER Banca Group and in BPER's other investee companies.

For the sake of completeness, it should be noted that the authorisation of the European Central Bank contains certain operational recommendations, the obligation to submit an integration plan for the BPER Banca Group, as well as some requests and disclosure obligations towards the Authority, which do not constitute requirements/conditions/limitations on the execution or completion of the acquisition of *de facto* control.

It should also be noted that, on 1 October 2026, IVASS granted its clearance (*nulla osta*) for the increase of the shareholding held by Unipol in the share capital of BPER and for the acquisition of *de facto* control, pursuant to Article 79 of the Italian Private Insurance Code (*Codice delle Assicurazioni Private*).

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