



PRESS RELEASE

INTESA SANPAOLO: AUTHORISATION OBTAINED FROM ITALIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY (AGCM) FOR ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF UBI BANCA

Turin - Milan, 16 July 2020 – With reference to the voluntary public exchange offer for maximum 1,144,285,146 ordinary shares of Unione di Banche Italiane S.p.A. (“**UBI Banca**”), which was communicated on 17 February 2020 and updated by a press release on 6 March 2020 concerning the filing of the offer document (the “**Offer Document**”) with Consob (the “**Offer**”), Intesa Sanpaolo announces that today the Italian Competition Authority (AGCM) authorised the acquisition of control of UBI Banca subject to the execution of structural sales in accordance with the provisions of the BPER Agreement and the ISP Commitments, as defined in the Offer Document, and imposed certain specific measures to implement the aforementioned branch sales.

Taking into account the above and having assessed the implementing measures indicated by the AGCM, Intesa Sanpaolo communicates that the Bank intends to comply in full with the AGCM’s provisions, believes that **the Antitrust Condition referred to among the Conditions precedent of the Offer** in point (i) of paragraph A.1.1. of the Offer Document **has been fulfilled**, and, in any case, for all intents and purposes, waives the aforementioned Antitrust Condition.

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This notice does not constitute an offer to buy or sell Unione di Banche Italiane S.p.A.’s shares.

As required by the applicable regulations, the Offeror published an Offer Document which Unione di Banche Italiane S.p.A.’s shareholders shall carefully examine.

The Offer is launched exclusively in Italy and is made on a non-discriminatory basis and on equal terms to all shareholders of Unione di Banche Italiane S.p.A. The Offer is promoted in Italy as Unione di Banche Italiane S.p.A.’s shares are listed on the Mercato Telematico Azionario 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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