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PRESS RELEASE

BNP Paribas mandated by BPER Banca to provide full suite of custody and settlement services

The Securities Services business of BNP Paribas has been selected by BPER Banca to provide a full range of custody and settlement services on the complete portfolio of BPER Banca's Italian and foreign securities, representing a total of EUR 110 billion assets under custody.

With the completion of the transfer of all assets to BNP Paribas, the mandate consolidates BPER Banca's multi-year partnership with BNP Paribas, which already included settlement services on selected institutional clients' portfolios.

Founded over 150 years ago, BPER Banca has today become the parent company of Italy's third-largest listed banking group in total deposits and footprint, with over 1,600 branches, 20,000 employees and more than 5 million clients.

Elvio Sonnino, Chief Operating Officer, BPER Banca, commented: "Our close collaboration with BNP Paribas, initiated in 2019, is further consolidated by this new mandate, which allows us to increase our operational efficiency, creating value for both our clients and networks."

Andrea Cattaneo, Head of Italy, Switzerland & Iberia for Securities Services at BNP Paribas, commented: "We are proud to have further strengthened our relationship with BPER Banca by becoming their only provider for settlement services on Italian and foreign securities."

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About Securities Services at BNP Paribas (securities.cib.bnpparibas.com)

BNP Paribas' Securities Services business is a leading global custodian providing multi-asset post-trade and asset servicing solutions to buy-side and sell-side market participants, corporates and issuers. With a global reach covering 90+ markets, its custody network is one of the most extensive in the industry, enabling clients to maximise their investment opportunities worldwide. As a pillar of BNP Paribas' diversified banking model, Securities Services provides asset servicing solutions that are closely integrated with the first-class services of the Group's other business lines, in particular those of Global Banking and Global Markets.

As of 31 December 2023, Securities Services had USD 13.7 trillion in assets under custody, USD 2.7 trillion in assets under administration and 9,208 funds administered.

About BPER Banca (istituzionale.bper.it)

BPER Banca is the parent company of the BPER Banca Group, which comprises three banks (BPER Banca, Banco di Sardegna and Banca Cesare Ponti), with about 1,650 branches operating in all Italian regions, over 20,000 employees



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and more than 5 million customers. As the third largest listed banking Group in Italy by total deposits and number of branches, BPER Banca additionally includes multiple product factories and ancillary services undertakings.

The Bank's distribution structure across the country is organised into 10 Regional Departments.

Through investee companies and joint ventures, BPER operates in all key market segments (corporate & investment banking, private banking and wealth management, bancassurance, leasing, factoring and consumer finance) and is able to offer qualified assistance to its customers in all main international markets through an extensive network of shareholdings and partnerships.

At the side of people, businesses and communities, the Bank supports entrepreneurial projects and the growth of families and the local economy. BPER promotes innovative solutions integrated with ESG criteria to combine business growth and financial strength with social and environmental sustainability.

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