

## PRESS RELEASE

### Verification of independence requirements of the appointed Director

Modena – 5 August 2020. On today's date, the Board of Directors of BPER Banca S.p.A. (hereinafter referred to as BPER), on the basis of the declarations given and the information available to the Company, verified in accordance with the overall applicable legislation for the valuation of the suitability of Ms. Silvia Elisabetta Candini, Director appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting held on 6 July 2020.

In particular, the Board ascertained the existence of the independence requirements provided for the combined provisions of articles 147-ter, paragraph 4 and 148, paragraph 3, of the Consolidated Finance Act (Legislative Decree no. 58/98) as well as the recommendations contained in the Corporate Governance Code for listed companies – Application criteria – par. 3.C.1.

The verification of the independence requirements of the interested party, from an economic and professional point of view, was performed on the basis of the parameters identified by the Board of Directors, pursuant to art. 21, paragraph 2 of the Articles of Association.

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