

PRESS RELEASE

Presentation of a list for the appointment of 8 Directors by the BoD

Modena – 7 March 2017. The Board of Directors of BPER Banca S.p.A. (the “Company”) referring to point 2) of the agenda of the Ordinary Shareholders Meeting of the Company, convened on 8 April, concerning the appointment of 8 Directors, has exercised the option of presenting its own list for the appointment of the Directors in question, pursuant to art. 18 paragraph 8 of the Articles of Association in force.

The Board of Directors of the Company, as a result of the preliminary activities performed by the Appointments Committee, in order to verify that the candidates’ profiles were in line with the professional skills identified by the Board when assessing the optimal composition of the administrative Body, already communicated to the shareholders, unanimously resolved, in today’s meeting, to submit to the shareholders a list for the appointment of 8 Directors composed as follows (the “I” next to the name indicates that the candidate has declared when accepting the candidature that he/she meets the independence requirements, within the meaning provided by art.18 paragraph 2, letter d) of the Articles of Association):

1. Luigi Odorici (I)
2. Alberto Marri
3. Alfonso Roberto Galante (I)
4. Pietro Ferrari
5. Mara Bernardini (I)
6. Valeria Venturelli (I)
7. Costanzo Jannotti Pecci
8. Cristina Crotti

The *curriculum vitae* of the candidates, together with the documentation related to the list presented by the Board of Directors of BPER are available at the registered office and on the website of the Company (www.bper.it - Governance – Corporate bodies – Shareholders’ Meeting), as well as on the websites of the stock market management company Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (www.borsaitaliana.it) and the authorized storage device managed by Computershare S.p.A. (www.1info.it).

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