

PRESS RELEASE

BPER: co-option of a Director

Modena – 11 January 2013. The Board of Directors of Banca popolare dell'Emilia Romagna met today and unanimously decided to co-opt Mr. Pietro Ferrari onto the Board.

Mr. Ferrari was born in Modena and graduated in Civil and Construction Engineering at Bologna University.

In 1982 he began working in the family firm named "Ing. Ferrari Spa" as sole administrator and in 1990 he became managing director. He performs several corporate charges and he has been the Chairman of Confindustria of Modena since June, 2008.

Having received notice of his appointment by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Ferrari informed him of his intention to accept the assignment.

The curriculum vitae of the new Director will be available on the website www.bper.it.

Mr. Ferrari meets the independence requirements under current law.

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