

PRESS RELEASE

BANCO DESIO: CLOSING OF THE ACQUISITION OF 14 BRANCHES FROM BANCA POPOLARE DI PUGLIA E BASILICATA COMPLETED

*With the addition of the new branches in **Lazio, Lombardy, Veneto, Marche and Piedmont**, Banco Desio will strengthen its vocation as a local bank, in line with the objectives of the 2024-2026 Business Plan*

Desio, 9 December 2024 - Banco Desio S.p.A. ("Banco Desio") announces the finalisation - within the terms set out in the agreement, as per the press release issued on 16 May 2024, to which reference is made - of the purchase from Banca Popolare di Puglia e Basilicata S.C.p.A. ("BPPB") of a business unit consisting of a total of **14 bank branches** located in Lazio, Lombardy, Veneto, Marche and Piedmont.

The transaction will allow Banco Desio to increase the Gross Banking Product of the Group by approximately 2.5%. Furthermore, the capital endowment of the acquired Business Unit allows Banco Desio to maintain a high level of capital strength, limiting the dilutive effect on the Group's CET1 to approximately 30 bps.

The deed of sale will be effective as of 7 December 2024.

Alessandro Decio, Chief Executive Officer of Banco Desio commented: *"This transaction represents a further important step in our path for growth. With the integration of the 14 new branches, we are strengthening our role as a local bank and expanding the range of Banco Desio Group's products and services to an increasing number of retail customers and SMEs. We look forward to welcoming new customers, certain of being able to guarantee them a level of service in line with their expectations".*

Banco Desio has been supported in this transaction by Vitale&Co as financial advisor, Advant Nctm as legal advisor and by EY Advisory for due diligence purposes.

BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA S.p.A.
The Chairperson

BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA S.P.A. - Established in 1909 and listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since 1995, today Banco Desio is a modern multi-product banking Group oriented towards the future in keeping with its own traditions, with strong territorial roots and an organisational structure focused on offering high quality services to its customers, including through digital channels. The Banco Desio Group operates in Northern and Central Italy and Sardinia, with a distribution network of 281 branches and approximately 2,400 employees. It operates in the consumer credit sector through Fides S.p.A. and Dynamica Retail S.p.A., finance companies that specialise in salary-backed loans. It operates through distribution agreements with leading national and international parties in the assets under management and "bancassurance" areas. It has total assets of over € 18 billion.

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