

PRESS RELEASE

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF “BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA S.P.A.”
RESOLVES TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE GLOBAL VOLUNTARY TAKEOVER
BID LAUNCHED BY “BPM” ON ANIMA SGR SHARES**

At today’s meeting of the Board of Directors of Banco di Desio e della Brianza, the board resolved to subscribe to the global voluntary takeover bid launched on Anima shares by Banca Popolare di Milano to the full extent of its 22,251,550 shares held, equivalent to 21.191% of the asset management company’s current share capital (i.e. 20.284% of fully diluted share capital as defined in the Bid Document).

The decision to subscribe to the takeover bid takes into account the opinion in favour expressed by the Anima Board of Directors, based on the fairness opinion issued on the bid price, and the decision to subscribe disclosed by shareholder Koiné SpA.

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BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA SpA
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