

PRESS RELEASE

**BANCO DESIO:
CLOSING FINALISED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 48 BRANCHES
FROM THE BPER GROUP**

Today, in accordance with the terms of the agreement announced to the market on 3 June 2022, the transaction closing was finalised for the purchase from the BPER Group of company assets consisting of two business units with a total of 48 bank branches (located in Liguria, Emilia Romagna, Lazio, Tuscany and Sardinia).

The deed of transfer will take effect on Monday, 20 February 2023.

Alessandro Decio, CEO and General Manager of Banco Desio e della Brianza S.p.A., said: "After a period of intense preparation and collaboration between the parties, an important stage in the growth strategy of the Banco Desio Group has been completed, in line with the business plan objectives". "This transaction allows us to further consolidate our vocation as a "proximity bank" by expanding the geographic areas in which we are present. We are confident that our business model will be seen as successful by our new customers and colleagues", the CEO continued.

As part of the transaction, Banco Desio was assisted by Vitale&Co as financial advisor and by Advant Nctm as legal advisor.

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