

PRESS RELEASE

**Optimal quali-quantitative composition of the Board of Directors in view of the
election of the members of the management body
at the 2018 Shareholders' Meeting**

Modena – 28 February 2018. The Bank's Board of Directors has completed the analysis aimed at identifying in advance the quali-quantitative composition of the management body, which is to be considered optimal for the correct and most effective performance of its tasks and duties, as required by the Supervisory Provisions on corporate governance.

The analysis, published on the Bank's website www.bper.it – Area Istituzionale> Governance > Corporate bodies > Shareholders Meeting, highlights, among other things, the theoretical profile that all persons wishing to hold office as a Director should correspond to, as established by the self-assessment process performed by the Board.

This notice is issued as required by the above-mentioned Provisions, in order to disclose the results of the aforementioned analysis to the Shareholders in due time, so that they may choose the candidates to be appointed as members of the Board of Directors taking into account their professional skills and the additional characteristics required.

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