

PRESS RELEASE**Presentation, by the Board of Directors, of a list for the appointment of 15 Directors**

Modena – 13 March 2018. The Board of Directors of BPER Banca S.p.A. (the “Company”) with reference to point 2) of the agenda of the Ordinary Shareholders Meeting of the Company, convened on 14 April 2018, concerning the appointment of 15 Directors for the three-year period 2018-2020, has exercised the option of presenting a list of candidates, pursuant to art. 18, paragraph 8, of the Articles of Association in force.

The Board of Directors of the Company, as a result of the preliminary activities performed by the Nominations Committee, resolved, in today’s meeting, to present a list of candidates for the appointment of 15 Directors composed as follows (the “I” next to the name indicates that the candidate has declared, when accepting the candidature, that he/she meets the independence requirements, within the meaning provided by art.18, paragraph 2, letter d) of the Articles of Association):

1.Alessandro Vandelli	9. Ornella Rita Lucia Moro (I)
2.Riccardo Barbieri	10.Mario Noera (I)
3.Massimo Belcredi (I)	11.Rossella Schiavini (I)
4.Mara Bernardini (I)	12.Valeria Venturelli (I)
5.Luciano Filippo Camagni (I)	13.Costanzo Jannotti Pecci
6.Giuseppe Capponcelli (I)	14.Valeriana Maria Masperi (I)
7.Pietro Ferrari	15.Roberto Marotta (I)
8.Elisabetta Gualandri (I)	

The Board of Directors has verified that the candidates meet the regulatory and statutory requirements for the role to be covered and has deemed them suitable in accordance with the requirements and criteria related to good repute and integrity, professionalism, competence and experience, time commitment, independence and incompatible offices, according to the “*Quali-quantitative composition of the Board of Directors*”, published on 28 February 2018 and available on the website of the Company (www.bper.it – Area Istituzionale > Governance > Corporate bodies > Shareholders’ Meeting).

The Board of Directors moreover considers that the list of candidates, with regard to diversification and the coverage of skills retained necessary for the correct and effective performance of the functions of the administrative body, complies with the optimal composition of the Board of Directors, described in the mentioned document.

The *curriculum vitae* of the candidates, together with the documentation related to the list presented by the Board of Directors of BPER are available at the registered office and on the website of the Company

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(www.bper.it – Area Istituzionale > Governance > Corporate bodies > Shareholders' Meeting), as well as on the websites of the stock market management company Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (www.borsaitaliana.it) and the authorized storage device managed by Computershare S.p.A. (www.1info.it).

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