

## PRESS RELEASE

### SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SYNTHETIC EXPOSURE ON 9.99% OF THE SHARE CAPITAL

Modena, 21 October 2025 – BPER Banca S.p.A. (“**BPER**” or the “**Bank**”) announces today’s signing of derivative contracts with a leading market counterparty for the purchase, starting from today’s date, of a synthetic exposure to its own shares for a percentage equal to 9.99% of its share capital (the “**Synthetic Exposure**”).

The purchase of the Synthetic Exposure aims:

- from a strategic perspective, to send a strong sign of confidence in the Bank’s growth prospects, in a process which – as already announced – will see, by the first half of 2026, the integration of Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.p.A. and the full development of the related synergies;
- from a financial perspective, to enable the Bank better management of any future share buyback plan, should the Bank decide to proceed with such a plan (subject to obtaining the necessary corporate and regulatory authorisations), including in response to market demands.

The financial instruments with which the Synthetic Exposure will be purchased ensure BPER (i) appropriate coverage of the related risk, as well as (ii) the flexibility necessary to best manage the capital and economic impacts of the transaction, in addition to excluding any possible physical settlement and, therefore, the purchase of treasury shares by BPER.

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