

NEWS RELEASE

Approved merger by acquisition of Efibanca S.p.A. into Banco Popolare

Verona, 13 September 2011 - We herewith inform you that the Shareholders' Meeting of Efibanca S.p.A. and the Management Board of Banco Popolare – after prior authorization of the Supervisory Board – pursuant to art. 2505, paragraph 2, of the civil code and art. 33.2, paragraph two, of Banco's Articles of Association, have finally resolved today on the merger by acquisition of Efibanca S.p.A. into Banco Popolare by approving the related plan, prepared in compliance with articles 2501-ter and 2505 of the civil code.

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