BANCA POPOLARE DI MILANO

PRESS RELEASE

BPM ACCEPTS THE TAKEOVER BID ON BANCA ITALEASE

Today, Banca Popolare di Milano S.c.ar.l. accepted the full voluntary takeover bid – to be closed next 1 July – launched by Banco Popolare Soc. Coop. on Banca Italease S.p.A. shares.

The acceptance – based on the agreements entered into on 15 March 2009 between Banca Popolare di Milano S.c.ar.l., Banco Popolare Soc. Coop., Banca Popolare dell'Emilia Romagna Soc. Coop. and Banca Popolare di Sondrio Soc. Coop p.a. – refers to a total of 3,080,029 shares held by BPM, equal to 83% of the share capital of Banca Italease S.p.A.

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