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TOTAL VOLUNTARY TENDER OFFER FOR THE ORDINARY SHARES OF ANIMA HOLDING S.P.A. PROMOTED BY BANCO BPM VITA S.P.A.

PRESS RELEASE

Milano, 26th March 2025 - Without prejudice to the information included in the press release disseminated today regarding, *inter alia*, the communication received from the ECB, in which the Supervisory Board brought to the Bank's attention its view regarding the applicability to the acquisition of Anima Holding S.p.A. of the so-called Danish Compromise, following CONSOB's request, the following part of the ECB communication is reproduced verbatim:

"Banco BPM is solely responsible for the compliance with directly applicable provisions of the CRR. That said, and without prejudice to future clarifications from the EBA, we would like to bring to your attention that, in the ECB's view, the relevant directly applicable provisions of the CRR require the following prudential treatment of the abovementioned transaction:

- 1. At the closing of the acquisition, Anima Holding S.p.A needs to be prudentially consolidated at the group level pursuant to Article 18.1 CRR.*
- 2. The associated goodwill and intangible assets are to be deducted from Banco BPM's CET1 items pursuant to Articles 36(1)(b) and 37 of the CRR."*

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