

News release**BANCO POPOLARE: RESIGNATION OF ENRICO MARIA FAGIOLI FROM THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Verona, 29 January 2009 – Banco Popolare informs that today Mr. Enrico Maria Fagioli Marzocchi has tendered his resignation, for professional reasons, as member of the Management Board of Banco Popolare and as managing director of Efibanca.

Banco Popolare has expressed its best wishes to Enrico Fagioli for his professional future.

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