

NEWS RELEASE

Selected the banks to join the underwriting syndicate for the capital increase

Verona, 12 February 2014 – Banco Popolare announces the selection of the banks joining as Joint Bookrunners, Co-Bookrunners and Co-Lead Managers the underwriting syndicate in relation to the rights issue of up to Euro 1.5 billion, which will be subject to the approval of the Shareholders' Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 28 February and 1 March 2014 respectively on first and second call.

In the context of the underwriting syndicate, Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and UBS Investment Bank shall act as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners, Banca IMI, BofA Merrill Lynch International, BNP PARIBAS, Nomura, UniCredit Corporate & Investment Banking as Joint Bookrunners, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, Banco Santander SA, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, HSBC Bank, ING Bank N.V., Natixis, Société Générale and VTB Capital plc as Co-Bookrunners and ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Banca Akros S.p.A., Equita SIM, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Limited and RBC Europe Limited as Co-Lead Managers.

The Joint Bookrunners, Co-Bookrunners and Co-Lead Managers have signed a pre-underwriting agreement (in line with the one already signed by Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and UBS Investment Bank), according to which they undertake, at customary terms and conditions for this type of transactions, to subscribe for the shares corresponding to any rights that might remain unexercised at the end of the offer, for a value up to a maximum of Euro 1.5 billion.

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