

PRESS RELEASE

MPS LAUNCHES TWO SIMULTANEOUS VOLUNTARY PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFERS, FULLY IN SHARES, IN RESPECT OF ALL ORDINARY SHARES OF BANCO BPM AND OF BANCA GENERALI, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF C. EURO 25.3¹ BILLION AND EURO 8.7² BILLION, RESPECTIVELY

OBJECTIVE TO CREATE A NEWLY ELEVATED CHAMPION WITH DISTINCTIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES ACROSS BANKING, ADVISORY AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT

A SYSTEMICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL PROJECT AIMED AT CREATING A STRONGER, MORE COMPETITIVE AND MORE RESILIENT ITALIAN FINANCIAL GROUP, WITH OVER EURO 810 BILLION OF TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS

COMBINATION DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE SECTOR COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK, SUPPORT CREDIT TO THE REAL ECONOMY, VALUE LONG-TERM SAVINGS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF THE “SYSTEM ITALIA”

PROJECT WITH OBJECTIVES CONSISTENT WITH THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALREADY OUTLINED BY BANCO BPM, AND ENHANCED BY THE PARALLEL INITIATIVE INVOLVING BANCA GENERALI

SIGNIFICANT VALUE CREATION OPPORTUNITY WITH RUN-RATE PRE-TAX SYNERGIES ESTIMATED AT C. EURO 2.6 BILLION PER YEAR, OF WHICH C. EURO 0.8 BILLION FROM THE MEDIOBANCA INTEGRATION, IN LINE WITH GUIDANCE

DISTRIBUTION OF EURO 4 BILLION TO MPS SHAREHOLDERS AS AN EXTRAORDINARY DISTRIBUTION TO BE PAID PART IN CASH (EURO 1 BILLION) AND PART IN GENERALI SHARES (EURO 3 BILLION, REPRESENTING C. 4.5% OF GENERALI’S SHARE CAPITAL AT THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE)

EXCHANGE RATIO OF 1.567 NEW MPS SHARES PER BANCO BPM SHARE, IMPLYING A COMBINATION OF EQUALS “AT MARKET”, AND OF 6.958 NEW MPS SHARES PER BANCA GENERALI SHARE, IMPLYING A PREMIUM OF 10.0%, BASED ON BANCO BPM’S AND BANCA GENERALI’S OFFICIAL PRICES AS AT 19 AUGUST 2026

AN ATTRACTIVE OPTION FOR MPS SHAREHOLDERS, PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE VALUE OF MPS AND ITS HISTORIC BRAND, WHILE BUILDING ON THE GROWTH ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS

A CONCRETE OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH BANCO BPM AND BANCA GENERALI SHAREHOLDERS SUPPORTED BY STRONG EPS ACCRETION AND REMUNERATION

THE OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO SHAREHOLDERS’ APPROVAL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 104 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL ACT, AND MPS’S BOARD HAS CONVENED THE SHAREHOLDERS’ MEETING FOR THE RELEVANT APPROVALS, ALSO PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 104 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL ACT, ON 29 OCTOBER 2026

¹ Based on the official price as of 19 August 2026. Source: FactSet.

² Based on the official price as of 19 August 2026. Source: FactSet.

Siena, 21 August 2026 – The Board of Directors of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (“**MPS**” or the “**Offeror**”), held on 20 August 2026 under the chairmanship of Mr. Cesare Bioni, has approved by a majority of its members the launch of two simultaneous and parallel voluntary public exchange offers pursuant to Articles 102 and 106, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the “**CFA**” or “**Consolidated Financial Act**”) in respect of all of the ordinary shares of Banco BPM S.p.A. (“**Banco BPM**”) and of all of the ordinary shares of Banca Generali S.p.A. (“**Banca Generali**”) (respectively, the “**Banco BPM Offer**” and the “**Banca Generali Offer**” and, together, the “**Offers**”). The Offers were announced today in two separate communications issued pursuant to Article 102 of CFA and Article 37 of CONSOB Regulation no. 11971 of 14 May 1999 (the “**102 Communications**”).

In the same meeting the Board of Directors resolved to submit to the shareholders’ meeting of MPS, convened on 29 October 2026, an extraordinary distribution to MPS shareholders of gross Euro 4 billion³, equal to gross Euro 1.208 per MPS share (the “**Extraordinary Distribution**”), of which Euro 0.302 per MPS share in cash and Euro 0.906 per MPS share in kind through the allotment of a number of shares of Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. (“**Assicurazioni Generali**”) to be determined based on the official price of Assicurazioni Generali’s share recorded on Euronext Milan on the relevant record date, currently held by MPS through Mediobanca S.p.A., to be paid out of available reserves following a reduction of share capital and settled prior to the payment date of the Offers but subject to MPS declaring effective the Banco BPM Offer or the Banca Generali Offer or both. The proposed Extraordinary Distribution will, therefore, amount to gross Euro 1 billion in cash and Euro 3 billion in Assicurazioni Generali shares⁴.

MPS also informs that the Offers, the Extraordinary Distribution and the related preparatory steps, and the two capital increase mandates pursuant to Articles 2441, para. 4, first period and 2443 of the Italian Civil Code serving the Offers (the “**Mandates**”) will be submitted to the shareholders’ meeting of MPS, convened for 29 October 2026, also for the purposes of and pursuant to Article 104 of the Consolidated Financial Act, in light of the voluntary public exchange and cash offer on all MPS shares announced by Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. on 8 June 2026 (the “**Intesa Offer**”). The notice of call of the shareholders’ meeting of MPS has been published and made available on the MPS’s website at www.gruppomps.it, in the “Corporate Governance – Shareholders’ Meetings and Board of Directors” section and through the authorized storage mechanism eMarket STORAGE, available at www.emarketstorage.com, where the explanatory reports of the directors to the shareholders’ meeting on the proposals concerning the items on the agenda will also be made available to the public, as well as any other documentation required by applicable regulations, within the deadline provided under applicable law.

In addition, the Offers are subject to receipt of the relevant regulatory authorisations and to the conditions set out in today’s 102 Communications, which will be further detailed in the Offer documents.

Terms of the Offers

The consideration for each Offer consists exclusively of newly issued MPS ordinary shares. The exchange ratio has been set for each Offer taking into account the Extraordinary Distribution.

For the Banco BPM Offer, the exchange ratio has been set at 1.567 newly issued shares of MPS for each existing share of Banco BPM, implying an offer price at Euro 16.729 per share and a nil premium based on official prices as of 19 August 2026, taking into account the Extraordinary Distribution.

For the Banca Generali Offer, the exchange ratio has been set at 6.958 newly issued shares of MPS for each existing share of Banca Generali, implying an offer price at Euro 74.284 per share and a 10%

³ On a fully diluted basis, assuming completion of the merger of Mediobanca in MPS

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premium based on official prices as of 19 August 2026, taking into account the Extraordinary Distribution.

If, prior to the settlement of the Offers, Banco BPM and/or Banca Generali and/or the Offeror – as applicable – should pay a dividend (including an interim dividend) and/or make a distribution of reserves to its shareholders, or in any event the ex coupon relating to dividends resolved upon but not yet paid, as the case may be, is detached from the shares, the relevant consideration shall be adjusted to take into account the dividend distributed (or the interim dividend) or the reserve distributed.

On full acceptance of both Offers, and taking into account the effects of the merger of Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. (“**Mediobanca**”) in MPS, the current MPS shareholders would hold c.50.1% of the combined group, Banco BPM shareholders c.37.2% and Banca Generali shareholders c.12.7%.

Strategic and industrial considerations

The Offers are designed to create a newly elevated national champion with distinctive capabilities across banking, advisory and wealth management, bringing together iconic brands coupled with strong territorial roots and long-standing relationships with individual and corporate customers and local communities.

The industrial project translates into the combination of complementary franchises within an integrated financial group, with a winning business model, positioned to support households, entrepreneurs, SMEs and corporates across their full financial lifecycle.

The strategic rationale is compelling: the strong and recently transformed MPS is the natural partner for both Banco BPM, which contributes scale, product capabilities and commercial strength in the wealthiest areas of Italy, and Banca Generali, which adds in its turn a leading wealth management platform, higher recurring fee income and adviser-led distribution capabilities. Mediobanca’s superior capabilities in corporate and investment banking, capital markets as well as wealth management will also benefit from the enlarged scale of the new group while enhancing the product suite embedded in the new group.

The enlarged group, more diversified and resilient, would become Italy’s third-largest banking group by total assets, with a pro forma balance sheet of approximately Euro 466 billion, customer loans of Euro 245 billion, direct funding of Euro 315 billion and total financial assets of Euro 810 billion, based on figures as of FY2025⁵.

The transaction is expected to generate substantial value through approximately Euro 2.6 billion of annual run-rate pre-tax synergies (of which Euro 0.8 billion related to the ongoing Mediobanca integration), derived from both cost efficiencies and revenue opportunities. MPS management currently estimates total one-off integration costs in the region of Euro 2.5 billion before taxes (of which Euro 0.6 billion related to the ongoing Mediobanca integration) and expects these costs to be incurred between 2027 and 2029.

The industrial project proposed by MPS is consistent with the strategic direction outlined by Banco BPM with its letter dated 7 June 2026, as it is intended to implement a shared plan aimed at leveraging the complementarities among the involved institutions and strengthening their competitive positioning in the interest of all stakeholders.

⁵ Considering total assets, customer loans (including reverse repos), direct funding (including bonds and repos) and total financial assets (including deposits due to customers, assets under management and assets under custody) as of FY25. Source annual financial reports.

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The objectives remain unchanged: to create a stronger, more diversified and more competitive group. The Banco BPM Offer simply represents an alternative technical route to achieve the same objectives through a transparent and orderly market process executable in a clearly defined timetable.

Within this context, this compelling investor project would also offer Banco BPM's key shareholder the opportunity to participate in the creation of a stronger and more valuable institution, while developing strategic cooperation in areas of mutual interest

The strategic significance of the industrial project proposed by MPS is further enhanced by the parallel initiative involving Banca Generali. The combination with Banca Generali represents a first step towards a broader program of industrial collaboration with the Generali Group, focused on developing new growth opportunities across strategically important business areas for both institutions.

Financial and Capital Impacts

The Offers are expected to deliver a significant improvement in profitability and efficiency. The combined group would display a cost-to-income ratio of approximately 36% in 2025 on a pro forma basis taking into account the full realisation of expected synergies, compared with 46% for MPS on a standalone basis. The return on average tangible equity is projected to increase from around 13% in 2025 to above 19% in 2029.

The combined Offers are expected to generate around 11%⁶ accretion in 2028 EPS taking into account the full realisation of expected synergies.

The Euro 4 billion⁷ Extraordinary Distribution remains reserved exclusively for MPS shareholders recorded before settlement of the Offers. In addition to the Euro 4 billion Extraordinary Distribution, cumulative distributions in excess of Euro 15 billion are expected for 2026-2030 for the MPS shareholders, based on the expected 100% pay-out ratio.

The pro forma CET1 ratio is projected to be above 13% across 2026-2030 and, assuming the application of the Danish Compromise treatment, is expected to be above 15% by 2028.

Execution and timeline

The completion of the Offers is expected to take place by mid-February 2027 and is subject to the regulatory authorisations being received, as well as to the conditions to be met as indicated in the 102 Communication, which will be further detailed in the offer documents to be published after approval by Consob pursuant to Article 102, para. 4, of CFA (the "**Offer Documents**").

A single MPS shareholders' meeting has been convened to approve the Offers, the Extraordinary Distribution, the related preparatory steps and the Mandates also pursuant to Article 104 of CFA.

Each Offer is subject, *inter alia*, to: (i) the authorisation by the shareholders' meeting of MPS pursuant to Article 104 of the CFA; (ii) obtaining a minimum acceptance of 50% of the target's share capital plus one share; (iii) obtaining the relevant regulatory authorisations and authorisations from other competent authorities.

Other information

Pursuant to and for the purposes of CONSOB Regulation no. 17221 of 12 March 2010, as subsequently amended (the "**Related Party Regulation**"), MPS hereby specifies that, with reference to the Banca

⁶ Based on pro forma MPS's number of shares outstanding, including the effect of the Mediobanca merger.

⁷ On a fully diluted basis, assuming completion of the merger of Mediobanca in MPS.

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Generali Offer, the Board of Directors of MPS has resolved to apply, on a voluntary basis, the safeguards provided for by the Related Party Regulation and the Related Party Procedure, taking into account that the Banca Generali Offer is also addressed – even if at the same terms and conditions proposed to all the other shareholders – to Assicurazioni Generali, which is a related party of MPS. In particular, the transaction qualifies as transactions of greater significance pursuant to the Related Party Procedure by virtue of the thresholds set forth in Article 4, paragraph 1, letter (a) of the Related Party Regulation. Therefore, the safeguards provided for by the Related Party Regulation and the Related Party Procedure for transactions of greater significance have been applied and, in particular, the Related Party Transactions Committee of MPS has issued a favourable opinion, approved by a majority of its members. In addition, an information document pursuant to Article 5 of the Related Party Regulation will be published within the applicable statutory deadlines.

Advisers

In connection with the Offers, MPS is being assisted by UBS Europe SE and BofA Securities as lead financial advisers and Vitale & Co. S.p.A. and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods (a Stifel Company) as financial advisers, and by Bonelli Erede Lombardi Pappalardo and White & Case LLP as lead legal counsels and by Clifford Chance as Special Board legal counsels.

Conference call

The Chief Executive Officer Luigi Lovaglio will present the transaction in a conference call at 9.00 CET on 21 August 2026. Connection details:

- dial-in: [ITALIANO](#)
- dial-in: [ENGLISH](#)
- webcast: [ITALIANO](#)
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