

BANCA SISTEMA S.P.A.

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**ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING, HELD ON SINGLE CALL
AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE AT LARGO AUGUSTO 1/A, ANGOLO VIA VERZIERE 13, MILAN
30 APRIL 2021, 10.00 A.M.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT
ON ITEM 6 OF THE AGENDA**

(prepared pursuant to Art. 125-ter of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998,
as amended and supplemented)

ORDINARY MEETING

"APPROVAL OF THE FIRST SECTION (REMUNERATION POLICIES OF THE BANCA SISTEMA GROUP FOR 2021) OF THE REPORT ON THE REMUNERATION POLICY AND REMUNERATION PAID: RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 123-TER, PARAGRAPH 3-TER OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 58 OF 24 FEBRUARY 1998 AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED. RELATING AND RESULTING RESOLUTIONS."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

Your attention is drawn to the proposed resolution submitted for examination by the ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of Banca Sistema S.p.A. (the "Bank" or the "Company") as illustrated below, referring to the first section (Remuneration Policies of the Banca Sistema Group for 2021, the "**2021 Policies**") of the Report on the remuneration policy and remuneration paid, pursuant to article 123-ter, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998.

The Shareholders' Meeting is called upon to resolve with a binding vote, pursuant to article 123-ter, paragraph 3-ter, of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998 as amended and supplemented.

Pursuant to Bank of Italy Circular no. 285 of 17 December 2013, as amended and supplemented ("**Circular 285**") and article 9.2 of the Articles of Association, the Shareholders' Meeting is asked to approve the remuneration and incentive policies for the members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Bank's other employees.

The 2021 Policies, which apply throughout the Banca Sistema Group, were drawn up and approved by the Board of Directors on 11 March 2021, with input from the Remuneration Committee, in accordance with Part One, Section IV, Chapter 2 of Circular 285 concerning "*Remuneration and incentive policies and practices*", the prescriptions of the Corporate Governance Code for listed companies, approved by the Corporate Governance Committee, promoted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. in January 2020 and entered into force on 1 January 2021 (the "**Corporate Governance Code**"), and the guidelines of the European Bank Authority ("**EBA**") on sound remunerations policies (the "**Guidelines**", and jointly, the "**Provisions**"). The Provisions also implement Directive 2013/36/EU ("**CRD IV**"), insofar as the prescriptions governing remuneration and incentive policies and practices adopted by banks and banking groups are concerned. The Provisions also take into account the guidelines and criteria agreed at international level, including those issued by the EBA and the Financial Stability Board. The Provisions are further supplemented by the Regulatory Technical Standards issued by the European Commission on proposal of the EBA.

It should be noted that as at the date of preparation of this document, the process is still in progress regarding the consultation and approval of amendments arising from the revision of the Bank of Italy Provisions concerning remuneration policies and practices in banks and banking groups ("Circular 285" mentioned above) to transpose Directive (EU) 2019/878 ("**CRD V**") regarding remuneration rules, the first elements of which have begun to be introduced in the Policies (with particular reference to gender neutrality), although the whole final legal framework will be necessary.

It should also be noted that the "Recommendation of the Bank of Italy on dividend distribution and variable remuneration policies of Banks" dated 16 December 2020 was taken into consideration, in particular the point about the need to adopt a prudent approach also as regards variable remuneration policies in light of the economic situation and the current and future impacts of the pandemic.

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Objectives of the 2021 Policies

The objectives that the Bank intends to attain by implementing the 2021 Policies, can be summarised as follows:

- to direct the efforts of executive directors and employees towards the priorities and objectives established at Bank and Group level, supporting the creation of sustainable value over the medium and long term;
- to attract and retain highly qualified personnel, also through external remuneration competitiveness;
- to motivate personnel, by recognising merit and encouraging the development of professional skills;
- to develop and improve the quality of the services provided to customers;
- to ensure sound and prudent management of the Bank and its risk profile;
- to ensure remuneration fairness - also with respect to gender neutrality - rewarding individual employees for their contribution according to the responsibilities given and their specific working conditions;
- to ensure conduct that is consistent with the Code of Ethics of the Group, the Group's internal regulations and the legislative and regulatory provisions applicable to Banca Sistema and the Group.

Subject matter of the 2021 Policies

The 2021 Policies govern the remuneration paid to the Group's employees. Remuneration is subdivided into three components: (i) a fixed component that is paid to all employees based on the employees' technical, professional and managerial skills and in proportion to the responsibilities given, (ii) a "benefit" component and (iii) a variable component that is paid to the "key personnel" (without prejudice to the exceptions indicated by the Policies), that may be applied to other employees of the Bank in line with the guidelines and principles of the 2021 Policies and in compliance with the applicable law. The variable component of remuneration is based on performance indicators measured net of risks and consistently with the measures used for management purposes by the Risk Department (the so-called ex ante risk adjustment) and is subject to attaining specific performance objectives both at Bank and personal level.

Together with the 2021 Policies, the Board of Directors approved the rules governing the allocation of the variable remuneration component, above all that paid in shares of the Bank.

For further information on the 2021 Policies, see the information document pursuant to article 84-bis of the Issuers' Regulations, which is made available to the public in accordance with the procedures and terms established by law.

Ratio between the fixed and variable components of remuneration

With reference to the ratio between the fixed and variable components of remuneration, it is recalled that the Shareholders' Meeting, in the session held on 23 April 2020, approved an unchanged variable-fixed remuneration ratio of maximum 200% (ratio of 2:1) for the CEO and General Manager, in accordance with the provisions of Circular 285 and in line with the resolutions already taken for the previous year, in relation to the role of special complexity and strategic importance.

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Therefore, it is recalled that, in accordance with the provisions laid down by Circular 285, *"If the Shareholders' Meeting approves the increased limit, then there shall be no need to submit a new resolution to the Shareholders' Meeting in subsequent years, provided that the underlying premises, on the basis of which the increase was decided, nor the personnel to whom it refers or the amount of the limit itself, do not change."*

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In view of the above, the following proposed resolution is hereby submitted for your approval:

"The ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of Banca Sistema S.p.A.,

- having examined the Remuneration Policies Document of the Banca Sistema Group for 2021 (first section of the Report on the remuneration policy and remuneration paid, pursuant to article 123-ter, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998) and the related annexes made available to the public pursuant to the applicable regulations;*
- having also examined the Information Document of the Regulation relevant to the 2021 Policies prepared in accordance with article 84-bis of Consob Regulation no. 11971/99, implementing the provisions of article 114-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance;*
- having heard and approved the proposal of the Board of Directors concerning the 2021 Remuneration Policies of the Banca Sistema Group;*
- having heard the information notice concerning the variable-fixed remuneration ratio at a maximum of 200% (ratio of 2:1) for the CEO and General Manager;*

resolves

- 1) to approve the Remuneration Policies Document of the Banca Sistema Group for 2021 (first section of the Report on the remuneration policy and remuneration paid, pursuant to article 123-ter, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998);*
- 2) to grant the Board of Directors, in the persons of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the CEO, the powers necessary to fully implement the aforesaid 2021 Remuneration Policies of the Banca Sistema Group, severally and with the authority to sub-delegate such powers - to be exercised in accordance with the application criteria described above, making any necessary amendment or addition for the subject matter resolved on to be implemented.*

Milan, 9 April 2021

On behalf of the Board of Directors
Ms. Luitgard Spögler
Chairperson of the Board of Directors