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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Banca Carige**

The Interbank Deposit Protection Fund ("FITD") confirms that, on 14 December 2021, received a non-binding Expression of Interest from BPER Banca S.p.A. ("BPER") for the acquisition of the entire equity investment, equal to approximately 80% of the share capital of Banca Carige S.p.A. ("Carige").

The FITD specifies that the Expression of Interest includes terms and conditions which require to be further examined, since at present, with regard, in particular, to the level of recapitalization requested for Carige, they do not comply with the statutory provisions (art. 35) relating to the type of interventions in question.

