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Banca Carige

With reference to comments in the press regarding offers brought to the attention of the FITD in relation to its shareholding in Banca Carige, the FITD does not consider it appropriate to comment, nor to correct any inaccurate information therein contained.

In this regard, and at the request of Consob, FITD confirms that for some time already, in accordance with the FITD's principles and rules, a process has been taking place to invite expressions of interest regarding the dismissal of the Fund's equity investment in Banca Carige.

As part of this process, FITD has received preliminary, non-binding offers, subject, among other things, to verification and due diligence procedures, which consider the granting of a period of exclusivity.

These offers are subject to in-depth assessment of various relevant aspects, in relation to their compliance with the provisions of the FITD Statute, and with the needs of Banca Carige and the FITD, in relation to the scopes and characteristics of its interventions.

This preliminary activity, conducted with the support of financial, industrial and legal advisors, is at an advanced stage and will be completed in a short time, likely on Monday during the meeting of the FITD Management Committee. The outcome of this meeting will be promptly communicated to the Authorities and to the market.