

CREVAL VTO – START OF THE TENDER PERIOD

Milano/Parma, 29th March 2021. With regard to the voluntary tender offer on the ordinary shares of Banca Piccolo Credito Valtellinese S.p.A. (“**CreVal**”) disclosed to the market on 23 November 2020 by Crédit Agricole Italia S.p.A. (the “**Offeror**” and the “**Offer**”), whose offer document was approved and published on 22 March 2021, the Offeror highlights that:

- the Offer period will start tomorrow, 30 March 2021;
- the Offer period will terminate on 21 April 2021 (included), unless extended pursuant to applicable law;
- the Offer may be accepted on any stock market trading day comprised in the tender period, from 8:30 am to 17:30 am (Italian time).

Following the end of the tender period, the payment date of the consideration – in favour of the shareholders of CreVal who will have accepted the Offer – will occur on 26 April 2021, unless extended in accordance with applicable law.

The consideration for each share of CreVal tendered to the Offer is Euro 10.50 (*cum* dividend, *i.e.*, including coupons relating to any dividends distributed by CreVal). It should be noted that, if the Shareholders’ Meeting of CreVal convened for 19 April 2021 approves the proposal of the Board of Directors to distribute a dividend equal to Euro 0.23 per CreVal share ⁽¹⁾, the shareholders that accept the Offer during the Offer period will deliver to the Offeror *cum* dividend shares and, therefore, on the payment date of 26 April 2021 they will still be entitled to receive a consideration per share equal to Euro 10.50, unless the Offer period is extended.

Acceptance of the Offer by CreVal shareholders must be made by signing ⁽²⁾ the appropriate acceptance form, which must be sent, duly filled out, (*a*) to one of the intermediaries appointed to collect acceptances, with simultaneous deposit of the shares with said appointed intermediary or (*b*) to the depositary intermediary with whom the CreVal shares are deposited, provided, in this case, that the acceptance form is received in sufficient time to enable the depositary intermediaries to deposit the shares with the intermediaries responsible for coordinating the collection of acceptances by the last day of the tender period. For any further details on the acceptance procedures, shareholders are invited to contact their branches or intermediaries and to read the contents of the Offer document (Section F).

For any request or information relating to the Offer, holders of CreVal shares may use the dedicated e-mail address (opa.creval@investor.morrow.sodali.com) or contact the toll-free number 800 141 319 made available by the global information agents (for those calling from abroad, the number +39 06 97 62 05 99 is available). This telephone number is available for the entire duration of the subscription period, on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Italian time).

For any further information on the Offer, please refer to the Offer document, as well as to other publications required by law. The Offer document is available for consultation at:

- (i) the registered office of the Offeror, in Parma, via Università, 1, as well as at its secondary office in Milan, via Armorari, 4;

⁽¹⁾ Excluded the 6 treasury shares held by CreVal.

⁽²⁾ According to procedures and methods indicated by the intermediaries in charge of coordinating the collection of acceptances, Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. – IMI Corporate & Investment Banking division and Equita SIM S.p.A., including remote acceptance methods.

- (ii) the registered offices of the intermediaries in charge of coordinating the collection of the acceptances, i.e., for Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. – IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division, in Milan, largo Mattioli, 3, and for Equita SIM S.p.A., in Milan, via Filippo Turati, 9;
- (iii) the registered office of the intermediaries responsible for collecting subscriptions. In this respect, the list of the intermediaries in charge of collecting the acceptances to the Offer has been modified, compared to what was published on March 22, and is now as follows: the Offeror, Equita SIM S.p.A., Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., Banca Akros S.p.A., Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.C.p.A., Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. and BNP Paribas Securities Services – Milan branch;
- (iv) the website of the Offeror, <https://gruppo.credit-agricole.it/opa-creval>; and
- (v) the website made available by the global information agent Morrow Sodali S.p.A. <https://morrow-sodali-transactions.com/>.

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The public global voluntary tender Offer described in this notice is promoted by the Offeror over the totality of the ordinary shares of CreVal (the “**Shares**” and, in general, the “**Offer**”).

This notice does not constitute an offer to buy or sell CreVal’s shares.

Before the beginning of the offer period, as required by applicable regulations, the Offeror will publish an “**Offer Document**” which CreVal’s shareholders shall carefully examine.

The Offer is promoted exclusively in Italy and the United States of America and will be addressed on equal terms to all shareholders of CreVal. The Offer will be promoted in Italy as CreVal’s shares are listed on the Mercato Telematico Azionario organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and, except for what is indicated below, is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law.

The Offer is not and will not be made in Canada, Japan, Australia and any other jurisdictions where making the Offer would not be allowed without the approval by competent authorities without other requirements to be complied with by the Offeror (such jurisdictions, including Canada, Japan and Australia, jointly, the “**Other Countries**”), neither by using national or international instruments of communication or commerce of the Other Countries (including, for example, postal network, fax, telex, e-mail, telephone and internet), nor through any structure of any of the Other Countries’ financial intermediaries or in any other way.

Copies of any document that the Offeror will issue in relation to the Offer, or portions thereof, are not and shall not be sent, nor in any way transmitted, or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, in the Other Countries. Anyone receiving such documents shall not distribute, forward or send them (neither by postal service nor by using national or international instruments of communication or commerce) in the Other Countries.

Any tender in the Offer resulting from solicitation carried out in violation of the above restrictions will not be accepted.

This notice, as well as any other document issued by the Offeror in relation to the Offer, does not constitute and is not part of an offer to buy, nor of a solicitation of an offer to sell, financial instruments in the Other Countries. The Offeror will extend the Offer in the United States of America in reliance on the Tier I exemption set forth in Rule 14d-1(c) under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not required to comply with Regulation 14E promulgated thereunder. The Offeror and its affiliates reserve the right to purchase Shares outside of the Offer, to the extent permitted by applicable law. No financial instrument can be offered or transferred in the Other Countries without specific approval in compliance with the relevant provisions applicable in such countries or without exemption from such provisions.

Tendering in the Offer by persons residing in countries other than Italy may be subject to specific obligations or restrictions imposed by applicable legal or regulatory provisions of such jurisdictions. Recipients of the Offer are solely responsible for complying with such laws and regulations and, therefore, before tendering in the Offer, they are responsible for determining whether such laws exist and are applicable by relying on their own advisors. The Offeror does not accept any liability for any violation by any person of any of the above restrictions.

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