

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Banco Popolare: sale of equity interest in Arca Sgr completed**

Banco Popolare announces the disposal of its 19.90% equity interest in Arca Sgr, for a total of Euro 95.5 million.

Banco Popolare Soc. Coop. sold its 12.332% equity interest in Arca Sgr to Banca Popolare dell'Emilia Romagna Soc. Coop., for a total of Euro 59.2 million, and through Holding di Partecipazioni Finanziarie Banco Popolare S.p.A. – controlled 100% by the Parent Company, it sold 7.568% of the share capital of Arca Sgr to Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.C.p.A., for a total of Euro 36.3 million.

The deal came into being in connection with and as a result of the approval by Arca Sgr of a business redefinition project and the consequent proposal to adopt a new organizational and corporate governance model. The related bylaw amendments led Banco Popolare to exercise its right of withdrawal, and Banca Popolare dell'Emilia Romagna Soc. Coop and Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.C.p.A., both Shareholders of the Company, to exercise their option rights on the shares for which the withdrawal right has been exercised.

The deal generated a net consolidated capital gain of Euro 63.8 million for Banco Popolare, as well as a positive effect on the “phase-in” Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 21 basis points. The estimated positive effect on the CET 1 ratio under the fully-loaded rules comes in at 26 basis points.

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