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*Information for the submission of shareholders' lists for the appointment of the Board of Statutory Auditors*

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**BANCA MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA S.P.A.**

**ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**

15 April 2026 (on a single call)

**INFORMATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SHAREHOLDERS' LISTS FOR THE  
APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS**



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Template “Declaration of acceptance for appointment as member of the Board of Statutory Auditors”

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## NOTICE

The content of this document is made available to the shareholders of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (hereinafter also “**BMPS**” or the “**Bank**”) for information purposes only and as such is not intended to replace or supplement in any way the legal, regulatory and By-Laws provisions governing the appointment of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors, to which the shareholders are invited to refer.

### 1. General Information

The procedures for submitting lists for the appointment of the Board of Statutory Auditors are governed by the laws and applicable regulations in force from time to time and by the specific provisions of the Bank's By-Laws (Article 25).

### 2. Number of auditors and term of office

With regard to the number of Auditors, it is recalled that:

- pursuant to Article 25 of the By-Laws “*The Board of Statutory Auditors is composed of three Standing Auditors and two Alternate Auditors*”;
- the current Board of Statutory Auditors, appointed by the Shareholders’ Meeting of 20 April 2023, is composed of three Standing Auditors and two Alternate Auditors;

With regard to the term of office, pursuant to Article 25 of the By-Laws: “*Statutory Auditors remain in office for three financial years and their term expires on the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements of the most recent financial year of their term; they may be re-elected*”.

### 3. Procedures for the appointment of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors

In accordance with the applicable laws and regulations in force, as well as the procedure and methods set out in Article 25 of the By-Laws, the appointment of the Board of Statutory Auditors of BMPS for the financial years 2026-2027-2028 will be made on the basis of lists.

### 4. Parties entitled to submit lists

The following are entitled to submit lists:

shareholders who, either individually or together with other shareholders, collectively hold shares representing at least 0.5% of the Bank's share capital with voting rights at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

In this regard, it should be noted that BMPS's share capital currently amounts to €17,978,187,186.85, fully paid up, and is represented by 3,038,418,183 ordinary shares with no par value (ISIN code: IT0005508921).

The ownership of the minimum shareholding threshold is determined with respect to the shares that are registered in the name of the relevant shareholder on the day on which the lists are filed with the Bank and must be evidenced by the issuance of the appropriate communication made to the Bank by intermediaries authorized pursuant to applicable legislation, in particular Article 43 of the Consolidated Regulation on Post-Trading of Consob and Bank of Italy of 13 August 2018, as amended, including those approved by Consob and the Bank of Italy on 10 October 2022, (the “**Communication**”).



Each shareholder may submit or contribute to the submission of one list only.

## 5. Criteria for the composition of shareholders' lists

With regard to the regulatory and statutory provisions relating to the composition of the lists, while also referring to the provisions of the By-Laws (Article 25) and the notice of call, it should be noted, in particular, that:

- The lists submitted by shareholders are divided into two sections: one for the appointment of the Standing Auditors and one for the appointment of the Alternate Auditors. The candidates must be listed in sequential order, and their number must not exceed the number of members to be elected;
- The lists with a number of candidates equal to or above three must include **candidates of different genders in the first two positions of the list under the section of the candidates for the office of Standing Auditors**, as provided for in the notice of call of the Shareholders' Meeting, in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations in force from time to time on gender balance (currently, the less-represented gender must account for at least two-fifths of the standing members of the Board of Statutory Auditors – see Article 148 of Legislative Decree No. 58/1998 (the '**Consolidated Law on Finance**' or '**TUF**'), as amended by Law No. 160/2019) — rounded down to the nearest whole number where the corporate body is composed of three members — see Article 144-undecies of Consob Resolution No. 11971 ('**Issuers' Regulation**').

If the **section of the Alternate Auditors of the above lists** has two candidates, they must be of **different genders**.

It should also be noted that the supervisory regulations (Bank of Italy Circular No. 285/2013 - Part One, Title IV, Chapter 1 'Corporate Governance', hereinafter also referred to as the "**Supervisory Provisions**") indicate that it is good practice for the positions of chairperson of the strategic supervisory body, chairperson of the control body, chief executive officer and general manager not to be held by officers of the same gender.

- At least one candidate in each section of every list must be registered in the Register of Statutory Auditors and must have at least three years of experience in statutory auditing.

For the selection of candidates, shareholders who intend to submit lists are invited to take into account the guidelines contained in the document "*Guidelines for Shareholders regarding the qualitative and quantitative composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.*" (the "**Guidelines**"), published on 14 February 2026 and available on the Bank's website [www.gruppomps.it](http://www.gruppomps.it) – under the section *Corporate Governance – Shareholders' Meetings and BoD*. The purpose of the Guidelines is to draw shareholders' attention to the main provisions regarding the requirements and composition of the new Board of Statutory Auditors, in order to facilitate the optimal selection of candidates and the most appropriate composition of the body. The document also sets out the indications and considerations that the outgoing Board deems appropriate to submit to the shareholders, in order to support a fully informed and aware decision-making process in view of the submission of lists and proposals relating to the appointment of the new Board of Statutory Auditors at the upcoming Shareholders' Meeting."



As indicated in the Supervisory Provisions, the above is without prejudice to the shareholders' entitlement to carry out their own assessments on the optimal composition of the corporate bodies and to submit candidates consistent with these assessments, providing justification for any differences.

Attention is also drawn to the need for the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors to meet the fit and proper requirements for banking officers set forth by legal and regulatory provisions as well as by the By-Laws, it being understood that the Board of Statutory Auditors is required to carry out its own assessments of the elected candidates for the purposes of the laws and regulations in force regarding compliance with the fit and proper requirements for office, as well as the assessments for the purposes of the so-called "interlocking ban".

For the purposes of "suitability", in addition to the requirements of reputation and independence (essential requirement for members of the Board of Statutory Auditors), professionalism (calibrated according to the principles of proportionality), banking officers must: *i)* meet criteria of competence and correctness, *ii)* be able to act with independence of mind and awareness of the duties and rights associated with the office, and *iii)* have sufficient time availability to perform the role (for an estimate of the time commitment required for the office, please refer to the Guidelines), in compliance with the limits on the accumulation of offices established by regulations.

At least one Standing Auditor and at least one of the Alternate Auditor must be registered in the Register of Statutory Auditors and must have at least three years of experience in statutory auditing.

In this regard, particular reference is made to: *i)* Article 26 of Legislative Decree No. 385/1993 (the "**Consolidated Law on Banking**" or "**TUB**"), which implements European legislation on the suitability of bank officers to hold office (the so-called "**CRD Directive**"); *ii)* the related implementing provisions set out in Ministry of Economy and Finance Decree No. 169/2020; *iii)* Articles 148 and 148-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance (TUF); *iv)* the ECB Guide to fit and proper assessments, updated in December 2021; *v)* Bank of Italy Circular No. 285/2013 (Part One, Title IV, Chapter 1, "Corporate Governance; *vi)* **the Bank of Italy Supervisory Provisions issued on 5 May 2021** concerning the procedure for assessing the suitability of corporate officers of banks, financial intermediaries, electronic money institutions, payment institutions and deposit guarantee schemes (the "**Supervisory Provisions on the Suitability Assessment Procedure**"); *vii)* the Corporate Governance Code, in particular Article 2, Recommendations 7 and 9, relating to independence requirements; and *viii)* Article 36 of Decree-Law No. 201/2011, as converted by Law No. 214/2011, concerning the ban on interlocking.

Further details on the applicable regulatory framework are provided in the Guidelines made available to Shareholders.

It should also be noted that Article 25 of the Bank's By-Laws provides that Auditors: *i)* may not hold office in banks other than those belonging to the Monte dei Paschi di Siena Banking Group or those in which a situation of joint control exists, and *ii)* may not hold office in bodies other than the control bodies in other companies of the group or of the financial conglomerate, nor in companies in which the Bank holds, or even indirectly holds, a strategic shareholding.

With regard to suitability requirements, it should also be noted that, as provided for in the Supervisory Provisions on the Suitability Assessment Procedure, any party intending to submit candidates for appointment at the shareholders' meeting of the parent company of a banking group may transmit to the



Bank of Italy, sufficiently in advance of the submission, the information available and, where possible, its own assessments regarding the suitability of the candidates identified to hold positions of particular significance (i.e. chair of the board of directors, chief executive officer, general manager, chair of the board of statutory auditors). The purpose of this is to facilitate dialogue between the Bank of Italy and supervised entities in the subsequent assessment of suitability and, in particular, to facilitate an orderly succession process for key positions within such entities. Even where this option is exercised, the procedure for assessing the suitability of corporate officers, to be carried out following their appointment in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework, remains unaffected.

Each Candidate may be included in one list only, under penalty of ineligibility.

## **6. Documentation to be filed with the lists**

Together with each list, within the filing deadline, the following documents shall also be filed, as indicated in Article 25 of the By-Laws and specified in the notice of call:

- (i) declarations by which the individual candidates accept their candidacy and certify, under their own responsibility, the absence of grounds for ineligibility and incompatibility, including the absence of situations relevant pursuant to Article 36, “Protection of competition and cross-personal shareholdings in the credit and financial markets” of Law Decree No. 201/2011 - Law No. 214/2011, as well as the existence of the requirements and compliance with the fit and proper criteria prescribed for the position by the applicable legal and regulatory provisions and by the By-Laws, providing further information on the specific experience and skills acquired as recommended in the Guidelines;
- (ii) copy of an identity document for each candidate;
- (iii) a *curriculum vitae* (in both Italian and English) containing the personal and professional skills of each candidate, specific expertise acquired, and a list of the management and control positions held in other companies, as well as any certificate of registration in the Register of Statutory Auditors; in particular, candidates must declare that they do not hold offices in banks other than those belonging to the Monte dei Paschi di Siena Banking Group or those in which a situation of joint control exists, nor do they hold office in bodies other than control bodies in other companies of the group or of the financial conglomerate, nor in companies in which the Bank holds, even indirectly, a strategic shareholding;
- (iv) information concerning the identity of the shareholder(s) submitting the list, including the percentage of total share capital held, by means of a certification attesting the ownership of the aforementioned minimum shareholding threshold, determined on the basis of the shares registered in the shareholder’s name on the day the lists are filed;
- (v) a declaration by the Shareholders - other than those who hold, including jointly, a controlling interest or relative majority shareholding - certifying the absence (or existence) of the connections referred to in Article 144-*quinquies*, paragraph 1, of the Issuers’ Regulation, taking into account the recommendations issued by CONSOB in Communication no. DEM/9017893 of 26 February 2009;



- (vi) a copy of the Communication or a declaration of commitment to send the Communication within the deadline set for the publication of the lists by the Bank (see the deadlines indicated in the following paragraphs);
- (vii) the privacy statement, signed in accordance with the template provided on the Bank's website.

Lists submitted without complying with the provisions of the By-Laws will not be eligible for voting.

The absence of documentation relating to an individual candidate on a list does not automatically result in the exclusion of the entire list, but only of the candidate in question.

The templates for the documentation required for the submission of lists by shareholders are attached to this document.

### **7. Minority lists and connections between lists**

It should be recalled that the applicable regulations require that at least one Standing Auditor be appointed by the minority shareholders that are not connected – whether directly or indirectly – with the shareholders who submitted or voted for the list that obtained the highest number of votes. The By-Laws further provide that one Standing Auditor (who shall serve as Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors) and one Alternate Auditor must be elected from the list ranking second by number of votes and that is not connected, whether directly or indirectly, pursuant to the laws and regulations in force from time to time, to the shareholders who submitted or voted for the list that obtained the highest number of votes.

Shareholders who intend to submit lists are advised to take into consideration the recommendations/indications issued by Consob:

- *Communication DEM 9017893 of 26 February 2009*, in which Consob requires shareholders submitting “minority lists” to file, together with the list, a declaration confirming the absence of any connections referred to in Article 144-quinquies of the Issuers’ Regulation, specifying:
  - the absence of significant relationships with shareholders who hold, including jointly, a controlling interest or relative majority shareholding, or
  - any significant existing relationships with such shareholders, together with the reasons why these relationships have not been regarded as decisive for the purposes of establishing the existence of any connections.

### **8. Terms for filing shareholders’ lists**

The lists submitted by the shareholders must be filed at the Bank's registered office at least twenty-five (25) days before the date set for the Shareholders’ Meeting on a single call, *i.e.* by 11:59 p.m. on 21 March 2026, including via certified email (“PEC”) to the following address [bancamps.settoreaffarisocietari@postacert.gruppo.mps.it](mailto:bancamps.settoreaffarisocietari@postacert.gruppo.mps.it) and, for information, to the email address [settore.societario@mps.it](mailto:settore.societario@mps.it).

The Bank's registered office in Siena, Piazza Salimbeni no. 3, is open on business days from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m..



The By-Laws (Article 25) provide that if, by the deadline established for the filing of lists, only one list has been submitted, or if only lists submitted by shareholders who, pursuant to the laws and regulations in force from time to time, are deemed to be connected with one another have been filed, additional lists may be submitted until the subsequent deadline established by the applicable laws and regulations for the publication of the lists. In such case, the thresholds required for the submission of lists are reduced by half (0.25%).

#### **9. Terms for the publication of the shareholders' lists.**

The lists submitted by shareholders will be made available by the Bank to the public at least twenty-one (21) days before the date set for the Shareholders' Meeting on a single call, *i.e.* by 25 March 2026, at the registered office (in Siena, Piazza Salimbeni no. 3), on the Bank's website in the section *Corporate Governance – Shareholders' Meeting and BoD*, at [www.gruppompis.it](http://www.gruppompis.it), as well as on the authorized storage mechanism "EMARKET STORAGE", available at [www.emarketstorage.com](http://www.emarketstorage.com).

#### **10. Possible scenarios depending on the outcome of the shareholders' meeting votes**

In accordance with CONSOB Attention Notice No. 1/22 of 21 January 2022, the possible scenarios depending on the outcome of the Shareholders' Meeting votes relating to the election of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors (3 Standing Auditors and 2 Alternate Auditors) pursuant to Article 25 of the By-Laws, as amended by resolution of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 4 February 2026, are set out below.

Please note that each person entitled to vote may vote for one list only.

##### Scenarios:

##### **1) Scenario 1: submission of two or more lists**

The following shall be elected:

- **Standing Auditors: the first two candidates from the list that has obtained the highest number of votes, and the first candidate from the list ranking second by number of votes and that is not connected, whether directly or indirectly**, pursuant to the laws and regulations in force from time to time, with the shareholders who submitted or voted for the list that obtained the highest number of votes;
- **Alternate Auditors: the first candidate from the list that obtained the highest number of votes and the first candidate** – or the second candidate if the first is of the same gender as the first candidate of the list that obtained the highest number of votes – **from the list ranking second by number of votes and that is not connected, whether directly or indirectly**, pursuant to the laws and regulations in force from time to time, to the shareholders who submitted or voted for the list that obtained the highest number of votes;

**The Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors shall be assigned to the standing member drawn from the list ranking second by number of votes that is not connected, whether directly or indirectly**, pursuant to the laws and regulations in force from time to time, to the shareholders who submitted or voted for the list ranking first by number of votes, provided that such member meets the specific professional requirements laid down by the applicable laws and regulations in force from time to time.



2) Scenario 1: submission of a single list (governed by Article 25 of the By-Laws following the amendments to the By-Laws approved by the Shareholders' Meeting on 4 February 2026).

The Shareholders' Meeting shall vote on such list.

If the list obtains the majority required by law for an ordinary shareholders' meeting, and subject to compliance with the gender balance principle provided for by the laws and regulations in force from time to time, the following candidates shall be elected:

- **Standing Auditors:** the candidates indicated in sequential order in the section relating to Standing Auditors
- **Alternate Auditors:** the candidates indicated in sequential order in the section relating to Alternate Auditors.

The **Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors shall be assigned to the person indicated in first place in the section relating to candidates for the office of Standing Auditor** on the single list submitted, provided that such person meets the specific professional requirements established by the laws and regulations in force from time to time.

If only one list is submitted and the number of candidates elected is lower than the number required by the By-Laws, the Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors shall be assigned to the person indicated in first place in the section relating candidates for the office of Standing Auditors on the single list submitted, provided that such person meets the professional requirements laid down by the laws and regulations in force from time to time.

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Article 25 of the By-Laws also sets out the rules to be applied where, following the vote, any of the following situations arise: a tie between two or more lists; failure to comply with the gender-balance requirement; or non-acceptance of the office.

**TEMPLATE**  
**“Declaration of acceptance of candidacy for the office of Auditor”**

The undersigned ....., Tax Code.....,  
born in.....(.....), on .....

with regard to his/her candidacy for the office of [STANDING AUDITOR] [ALTERNATE AUDITOR] of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (hereinafter also “**BMPS**” or the “**Bank**”) on the agenda of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 15 April 2026;

- considering the specific provisions contained in Article 91 of Directive 2013/36/EU of 26 January 2013, as subsequently amended (“**CRD**”), in Articles 2382 and 2387 of the Italian Civil Code, in Articles 148 and 148-*bis* of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (“**TUF**”), in Article 26 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 (“**TUB**”), in the Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Finance No. 169 of 23 November 2020 (the “**MEF Decree 169**” or “MEF Decree”), in Article 25 of the Bank's By-Laws (“**By-Laws**”), in the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code and in Article 36 of Legislative Decree no. 201/2011 converted into Law no. 214/2011 (“**Salva Italia Decree**”);

**DECLARES**

under his/her own and exclusive responsibility pursuant to the applicable law and the By-Laws, to stand as candidate and, in the event of appointment, to irrevocably accept the office of [STANDING AUDITOR] [ALTERNATE AUDITOR] of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. for the three-year period 2026-2027-2028 and furthermore,

**CERTIFIES**

the absence of grounds for ineligibility, forfeiture and incompatibility, as well as the possession of the requirements prescribed by the applicable legislation<sup>1</sup> and the By-Laws of BMPS to hold the office of [STANDING AUDITOR] [ALTERNATE AUDITOR] of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.;

**DECLARES**

**A)** to possess the **reputation requirements** set forth in art. 3 of MEF Decree 169 and to satisfy the **correctness criteria** set forth in Article 4 of MEF Decree 169;

**B) with regard to professionalism requirements:**

to possess the knowledge, skills and experience required by the CRD, the TUB and the MEF Decree 169, as well as by the applicable legislative, regulatory and statutory provisions, also taking into account the qualitative and quantitative composition defined for the Board of Statutory Auditors of the Bank as described in the document "*Guidelines for shareholders on the qualitative and quantitative composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.*" (“*Orientamenti per gli azionisti relativi alla composizione quali-quantitativa del Collegio Sindacale di Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.*”) (the “**Guidelines**”) and to satisfy the competence criteria set out in Article 10 of the MEF Decree 169; in particular:

to be registered in the Register of Statutory Auditors and to have carried out statutory auditing

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Article 148, paragraph 3, of the TUF. “*The following persons may not be elected as statutory auditors and, if elected, shall forfeit their office: (a) persons who are in any of the situations referred to in Article 2382 of the Italian Civil Code; (b) the spouse, relatives and relatives by marriage within the fourth degree of the directors of the company, as well as the directors, the spouse, relatives and relatives by marriage within the fourth degree of the directors of the company’s subsidiaries, of the companies that control it, and of those subject to common control; (c) persons who are connected to the company, to its subsidiaries, to the companies that control it, or to those subject to common control, or to the directors of the company and to the persons referred to in letter (b), by self-employment or employment relationships, or by other financial or professional relationships that may compromise their independence*”.

activities for a period of not less than [three years] [five years] (*see* Annex 3);

or

**NOT** to be registered in the Register of Statutory Auditors and to have carried out, for a period of not less than [three years] [five years]<sup>2</sup>, at least alternatively, statutory auditing activities, or to have performed one of the activities referred to in Article 7, paragraph 2<sup>3</sup>, of MEF Decree, which are listed below:

from [DD/MM/YYYY] to [DD/MM/YYYY]

from [DD/MM/YYYY] to [DD/MM/YYYY]

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To this end, please find attached a signed *curriculum vitae* (“**CV**”) in Italian and English (see Annex 1.A and Annex 1.B);

**C) with regard to independence requirements** to meet the independence requirements for auditors pursuant to Article 148 of the TUF and Article 14 of MEF Decree 169, as well as those set out in the Corporate Governance Code and the specific recommendations contained therein.

The undersigned also:

- **DECLARES** to be aware of the content of the aforementioned MEF Decree 169, of the current *Supervisory provisions on the fit and proper assessment procedure for officers of banks, financial intermediaries, electronic money institutions, payment institutions and deposit guarantee schemes* issued by the Bank of Italy on 4 May 2021, of the Guidelines and directions provided on Fit & Proper by the European Central Bank (“*Guide to fit and proper assessment of banking officers*”- December 2021, hereinafter also the “**ECB Guide**”) and of the provisions of the EBA/ESMA Guidelines<sup>4</sup>.
- **DECLARES** to be aware that, for the purposes of meeting the independence requirements pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 1, letter h) of MEF Decree 169 and Recommendation no. 7 of the Corporate

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 4 of MEF Decree No. 169, for the purposes of determining whether auditors who are not registered in the register of statutory auditors meet the professional requirements, the experience gained over the twenty years prior to taking up the position is taken into account.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Article 9 of MEF Decree No. 169: “1. *At least one of the standing auditors, where their number is three, or at least two of the standing auditors, where their number exceeds three, and, in both cases, at least one of the alternate auditors, shall be selected from among individuals entered in the Register of Statutory Auditors who have carried out statutory auditing activities for a period of not less than three years.* 2. *The other members of the Board of Statutory Auditors shall be selected from among persons who have carried out, for at least three years, even on an alternating basis, statutory auditing activities or one of the activities referred to in Article 7, paragraph 2.* 3. *The Chair of the board of statutory auditors shall be selected from among the persons referred to in paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 who have acquired professional experience of at least two years more than that required under those paragraphs.*”.

The activities referred to in Article 7, paragraph 2 of MEF Decree No. 169 are as follows:

- a) *professional activities in areas relevant to the banking, financial, securities or insurance sector, or otherwise functional to the business of a bank; such professional activity must involve adequate levels of complexity, also in relation to the recipients of the services provided, and must be carried out on a continuous and significant basis in the aforementioned sectors;*
- b) *university teaching activities, as a full or associate professor, in legal or economic subjects or in other subjects that are, in any case, functional to the business of the banking, financial, securities or insurance sectors;*
- c) *managerial, executive or top-management functions, however designated, within public entities or public administrations having relevance to the banking, financial, securities or insurance sectors, provided that the entity in which the person performed such functions has a size and complexity comparable to that of the bank in which the office is to be held”.*

<sup>4</sup> EBA and ESMA Guidelines on the assessment of the suitability of members of the management body and key function holders (updated 2 July 2021).

Governance Code, no Significant Relationships must exist between the candidate auditor and the Bank and the other parties identified by the aforementioned regulatory provisions, as set out in the Guidelines made available to shareholders.

- **DECLARES to be able to dedicate adequate time to carrying out the duties of STANDING AUDITOR<sup>5</sup>** of BMPS, taking into account the provisions of Articles 16 et seq. of MEF Decree 169 as well as the Guidelines of the Bank's Board of Statutory Auditors.
- **DECLARES to comply with the limit on the accumulation of offices<sup>6</sup>** provided for under Article 17 of the MEF Decree and also pursuant to Article 2400, paragraph 4, of the Italian Civil Code and, for this purpose, provides information on management and control positions held by completing and signing Annex 2, 'List of management and control positions'.
- **DECLARES** to be able to act with independence of mind and awareness of the duties and rights associated with the office pursuant to Article 15 of MEF Decree 169 and in compliance with the provisions of the ECB Guide and the EBA/ESMA Guidelines and to have provided the Bank with all information regarding the situations referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1, letters a), b), c), h) and i).
- **DECLARES** not to be in any of the situations of incompatibility referred to in Article 36 of Legislative Decree No. 201/2011, converted into Law No. 214/2011 (the so-called '**interlocking ban**'), and in particular not to hold offices in banks other than those belonging to the Montepaschi Group or those in which a situation of joint control exists, and not to hold offices in bodies other than control bodies in other companies of the Montepaschi Group or of the financial conglomerate, nor in companies in which the Bank holds, whether directly or indirectly, a strategic shareholding. This circumstance is evidenced by the list of positions held in banks or in other commercial companies (Annex 2, 'List of management and control positions').
- **DECLARES**, furthermore to possess the identified professional and personal characteristics, which also include theoretical knowledge and practical experience in more than one of the areas of competence referred to in Article 10 of MEF Decree No. 169 and in the Guidelines issued by the Board of Statutory Auditors and made available to the shareholders, as specified by the undersigned through the information provided and in Annex 4 'Candidate profile and competence criteria'.
- **DECLARES** that, in his/her regards, there are no grounds for removal, suspension or disqualification pursuant to Article 67, nor any circumstances relating to attempted mafia infiltration pursuant to Article 84, paragraphs 4 and 4-bis, of the Anti-Mafia Code;
- **DECLARES**  to be  not to be a public official pursuant to and within the meaning of Legislative Decree no. 165/2001 as amended and to benefit from the exemptions for purposes of serving on the Board of Statutory Auditors and to have requested prior authorisation from the Public Administration for the possible performance of the role;
- **UNDERTAKES** in the event of appointment, to provide the Bank with any additional information, documentation, or clarifications necessary to enable assessments and verifications regarding the fit and proper requirements for carrying out the role of officer at Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A., as required by MEF Decree 169, the competent body, and/or the Supervisory Authorities.
- **UNDERTAKES** to immediately communicate any supervening event, significant change, or any subsequent variation to any of the information provided in this declaration and to produce, if

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<sup>5</sup> ALTERNATE AUDITORS must refer to the time commitment that would be required in the event they were to take over as a STANDING AUDITOR.

<sup>6</sup> See Article 25, paragraph 11 of the Bank's By-laws, Article 148-bis of the TUF, and Article 144-terdecies of the CONSOB Issuers' Regulation.

requested, appropriate documentation to confirm the accuracy of the data declared.

- **DECLARES** to have read the privacy notice provided by the Bank pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR (Annex 5 "Privacy Notice") and expressly AUTHORIZES the publication and dissemination to the public of the personal and professional data and information contained in this declaration, in the curriculum vitae and in the related annexes.

Yours faithfully,

Place, date

Signature

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ANNEX 1.A

*CURRICULUM VITAE* IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE

Yours faithfully,

Place, date

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Signature

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**ANNEX 1.B**

***CURRICULUM VITAE* IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Yours faithfully,

Place, date

Signature

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**ANNEX 2**

**LIST OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL POSITIONS**

The undersigned, ....., Tax Code....., born in .....(.....), on .....

**DECLARES**

**NOT** to hold management and control positions<sup>7</sup>;

or

to hold the following management and control positions

<b>Position held</b>	<b>Name of Company/Entity</b>	<b>Registered Office</b>	<b>Tax Code VAT No.</b>	<b>Start Date of the Position</b>	<b>Note (e.g. listed/not listed Company)</b>

Yours faithfully,

Place, date

Signature

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<sup>7</sup> Including any positions as General Manager.

**ANNEX 3**

**COPY OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IN THE REGISTER OF  
STATUTORY AUDITORS**

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**ANNEX 4**

**CANDIDATE PROFILE AND COMPETENCE CRITERIA**

The undersigned, ....., Tax Code....., born in ....., on .....

DECLARES:

**1)** to possess good theoretical knowledge and/or practical experience in more than one of the following areas of competence (by ticking and describing the relevant boxes), in accordance with the recommendations and specifications set out in the Guidelines published on 12 February 2026:

“*Banking and/or financial markets*” acquired through<sup>8</sup>:

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“*Banking, financial and insurance activities and products*” acquired through:

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“*Risk management (identification, assessment, monitoring, control and mitigation methods for the main categories of risk of a bank or an insurance or reinsurance undertaking, including the responsibilities of a Statutory Auditor in such processes)*” acquired through:

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“*Accounting and financial reporting*” acquired through:

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“*Strategic direction and planning*” acquired through:

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<sup>8</sup> With regard to each of the declared areas of competence, the candidate is required to indicate the relevant ‘practical experience’ as well as the manner in which the ‘theoretical knowledge’ has been acquired, as specified in the Guidelines (see also Article 10 of MEF Decree No. 169).

*“Information technology, including digitalisation and digital transformation processes and ICT risk management”* acquired through:

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*“Regulation in the banking, financial and insurance sectors,”* acquired through:

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*“Corporate governance and organisational structures”* acquired through:

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*“Internal control systems and other operational mechanisms”* acquired through:

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*“Human resources, remuneration systems and policies”* acquired through:

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*“ESG/Sustainability, Non-financial disclosure and management of climate and environmental risks”* acquired through:

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*“Identification and assessment of the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing, and of the policies, controls and procedures relating to the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing”* acquired through:

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2) to possess the attitudinal characteristics identified by the EBA/ESMA Guidelines as qualifying for the role of member of the Board of Statutory Auditors of BMPS and, in particular, those outlined in the Guidelines (by ticking the relevant boxes):

- social intelligence and suitable personal characteristics, including the ability to interact at all levels, a sense of responsibility, a balanced approach in seeking consensus, the ability to manage conflicts constructively, the ability to work in a team, and the ability to interact with management;
- independence of mind, meaning the ability to be objective, open-minded and willing to engage in discussion, and the ability to take a position and defend it;
- integrity, meaning adherence to values and the ability to act in accordance with them, honesty and loyalty; authenticity, self-awareness and self-confidence;
- commitment and availability of time, meaning the willingness to devote time and energy to acquiring knowledge of the Bank, as well as diligence and preparation.

Yours faithfully,

Place, date

Signature

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## ANNEX 5

### **Privacy Notice pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of EU Regulation 679/2016 "General Data Protection Regulation", hereinafter GDPR.**

**Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.** (hereinafter, for the sake of brevity, also the "Bank"), as Data Controller, informs you about the use of your personal data and the rights granted to you under the GDPR or the applicable national legislation (Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 "Personal Data Protection Code", as amended by Legislative Decree no. 101/18), including the provisions of the Italian Data Protection Authority.

#### **1. Source of Personal Data**

The personal data acquired by the Bank are provided by you when completing the application form or contained in the curriculum vitae submitted in connection with your candidacy as a member of the corporate bodies of an MPS Group company.

#### **2. Categories of personal data processed**

For the purposes indicated below, the following categories of personal data may be processed:

- identification and contact information (such as, for example, name, surname, date of birth, tax code, address, etc.);
- data provided through the acquisition of the curriculum vitae and relating to previous work experience (such as, for example, positions held and any benefits, etc.);
- data certifying possession of the legal requirements for the assessment process of individuals who will be designated as members of the corporate bodies of subsidiaries, and, in particular, judicial data pursuant to Articles 10 of the GDPR and 2-octies of Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, suitable to reveal criminal records, pending charges, or the status of defendant or person under investigation pursuant to Articles 60 and 61 of the Code of Criminal Procedure; The legal basis for processing this data is compliance with the Data Controller's legal obligations;
- data that the Law defines as "special categories of data," as they may reveal religious beliefs, political party affiliation, trade union membership, or health status.

If personal data that is not relevant to the intended purpose is transmitted, in any manner or form, the Bank will refrain from using such information and will destroy it.

#### **3. Purposes and legal basis of data processing**

The data acquired is processed, in addition to fulfilling obligations required by law, regulations, EU legislation, and provisions issued by Authorities legally empowered to do so or by competent supervisory or oversight Authorities, in order to assess and verify the aptitudes, professional skills, reputation requirements, and absence of grounds for ineligibility for the appointment as a member of the corporate bodies of companies controlled by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.

For these purposes, providing the aforementioned data is necessary to carry out the activities relating to the verification and assessment of the requirements; therefore, failure to provide personal data will result in the Bank's inability to comply with the regulatory requirements for the appointment and, consequently, to accept your candidacy.

In this regard your consent to the processing of data is not required, since the legal basis legitimizing the processing is (i) the need for the Bank to have the data to assess the candidacy you spontaneously submitted, or (ii) the performance of the legal obligations connected to the submission of the candidacy, in the presence of appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and interests of the candidate.

#### **4. Data processing methods**

Your personal data is processed using paper, computer, electronic and telematic means, using methods strictly related to the purposes indicated above, in a manner that guarantees its security and confidentiality and, in any case, in compliance with adequate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk.

#### **5. Categories of persons to whom the data may be disclosed**

Your personal data may be disclosed to third parties appointed as data processors pursuant to Article 28 of the GDPR, of which the Bank avails itself for the assessment and selection of candidates or for processing related to those carried out by the Bank itself, always as part of personnel selection activities. Finally, the following categories of natural persons - authorized to process the data under the direct authority of the Data Controller or Data Processor - who, in connection with the performance of the duties assigned to them, need to access and process the data, may also have access to such data:

- Bank employees or those seconded to the Bank;
- interns, project workers;
- employees of the companies appointed as Data Processors;
- persons who may access the data in compliance with an obligation under laws, regulations, or other national or EU legislation, or pursuant to instructions issued by authorized authorities and/or in compliance with requests from supervisory Authorities (e.g., the Bank of Italy, the European Central Bank, etc.) and oversight Authorities.

#### **6. Transfer of data abroad**

To achieve the purposes related to the selection activities, your personal data may be transferred abroad, within and/or outside the European Union, always in compliance with the rights and guarantees provided by the applicable data protection legislation (Chapter V - 'Transfer of Personal Data to Third Countries or International Organizations of the GDPR).

This includes the application of Standard Contractual Clauses defined by the European Commission for transfers to third-party companies or verification of the presence of an adequacy assessment of the personal data protection system of the importing country.

#### **7. Data retention period**

Your data will be retained for the time strictly necessary to fulfill the purposes for which they were collected, in compliance with the statutory or other terms established by law for their retention, or for a longer period if retention is necessary to protect the Data Controller's rights.

#### **8. Rights of the interested party**

In relation to the processing described above, you are entitled to exercise the rights set forth in Article 15 et seq. of the GDPR, in particular the right to:

- **access**, i.e., to obtain confirmation whether or not personal data concerning you exist, to know its origin, as well as the logic and purposes underlying the processing, the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the data may be disclosed, and to determine the retention period, if this can be defined;
- **rectify** inaccurate data;
- **erasure** (so-called "right to be forgotten"), if the data is no longer necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and subsequently processed, or if the data subject has withdrawn consent to the processing (where such consent is voluntary or there is no other legal basis for the processing);

- **restriction**, i.e., the right to obtain from the Bank the restriction of access to personal data by all parties who have a service contract or an employment contract with the Bank. In some cases, the Bank reserves the right to allow access to a limited number of individuals in order to guarantee the security, integrity, and accuracy of the aforementioned data;
- **portability**, i.e., the right to receive personal data concerning the data subject in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format, with the option of transmitting them to another Data Controller. This right does not apply to non-automated processing (for example, paper archives or records); furthermore, only data processed with the data subject's consent and only if the data has been provided by the data subject are subject to portability;
- **objection**, i.e., the right to object to the processing for reasons related to your particular situation;
- **lodge a complaint** with the Italian Data Protection Authority, Piazza Venezia no. 11 – 00187 Rome (garante@gpdp.it; telephone + 39 06 69677.1; fax + 39 06 69677.3785).

To exercise the above rights, the data subject may contact directly the branch at which the relationship is maintained and/or at which the execution of operations, including occasional ones, or the provision of services is requested, or at the following addresses:

Data Protection Officer  
 Via A. Moro n. 11/13 - 53100 Siena;  
 Fax 0577/296520  
 privacy@mps.it  
[responsabileprotezionedeidati@postacert.gruppo.mps.it](mailto:responsabileprotezionedeidati@postacert.gruppo.mps.it)  
[responsabileprotezionedati@mps.it](mailto:responsabileprotezionedati@mps.it).

## 9. Data Controller and Data Protection Officer

The Data Controller is Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A., with registered office in Siena at Piazza Salimbeni no. 3.

The Bank has appointed a Data Protection Officer (“DPO”), who supports the Data Controller (the Bank) in ensuring the proper processing of personal data. The DPO can be contacted using the contact details above.

## ANNEX 6

### PRIVACY STATEMENT FIT AND PROPER PROCEDURE

#### **PURPOSE AND LEGAL BASIS FOR THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FIT AND PROPER PROCEDURE**

The safety and soundness of a credit institution depend on the availability of appropriate internal organisation structures and corporate governance arrangements. Council Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013 of 15 October 2013 (**SSM Regulation**)<sup>9</sup> confers specific tasks on the European Central Bank (**ECB**) concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions on the basis of Article 127(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (**TFEU**).

For prudential supervisory purposes, the ECB is entrusted with the tasks in relation to credit institutions established in the participating Member States referred to in Article 4, within the framework of Article 6, of the SSM Regulation.

According to Article 4(1)(e) of the SSM Regulation, the ECB is to ensure compliance with the acts of the relevant Union law which impose requirements on credit institutions to have in place robust governance arrangements, including the **fit and proper requirements for the persons responsible for the management of credit institutions**. For the purpose of carrying out its tasks, pursuant to Article 16(2)(m) of the SSM Regulation, the ECB has also the supervisory power to remove at any time members from the management body of credit institutions who do not fulfil the requirements set out in the acts of the relevant Union law. Article 91(1) of **CRD IV**<sup>10</sup> sets that members of the management body shall at all times be of sufficiently good repute and possess sufficient knowledge, skills and experience to perform their duties. Within the procedures for the supervision of significant supervised entities, Articles 93 and 94 of the **SSM Framework Regulation**<sup>11</sup> lay down the rules on the assessment by the ECB regarding the compliance with the fit and proper requirements for persons responsible for managing credit institutions. In order to ensure that fit and proper requirements are met at all times, according to Article 94(2) of the SSM Framework Regulation the ECB may initiate a new assessment based on new facts if the ECB becomes aware of any new facts that may have an impact on the initial assessment of the concerned member of the management body.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL DATA**

All the required personal data is necessary to carry out the fit and proper assessment of members of management bodies' of existing significant supervised entities. If not provided, the ECB may not assess whether the concerned managers comply with the fit and proper requirements, in order to ensure that credit institutions have in place robust governance arrangements. Therefore, it shall reject the appointment or request the dismissal of the concerned managers on that basis.

#### **RECIPIENTS OR CATEGORIES OF RECIPIENTS OF THE PERSONAL DATA**

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<sup>9</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013 of 15 October 2013 conferring specific tasks on the European Central Bank concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions, OJ L 175, 14.6.2014.

<sup>10</sup> Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC, OJ L 176, 27.6.2013.

<sup>11</sup> Regulation (EU) No 468/2014 of the European Central Bank of 16 April 2014 establishing the framework for cooperation within the Single Supervisory Mechanism between the European Central Bank and national competent authorities and with national designated authorities, OJ L 141, 14.5.2014.

In the fit and proper procedure the personal data may be disclosed, on a need-to-know basis, to the NCAs' staff, the Joint Supervisory Teams' staff (ECB Directorate General – Micro-Prudential Supervision I or II), ECB Directorate General – Micro-Prudential Supervision IV staff (Authorisation Division), the Secretariat of the Supervisory Board and the members of the Supervisory Board and of the Governing Council of the ECB.

#### **APPLICABLE RETENTION PERIOD**

The ECB is to store personal data regarding fit and proper applications/notifications for a period of fifteen years; from the date of application or notification if withdrawn before a formal decision is reached; from the date of a negative decision or from the date the data subjects cease to be members of the management bodies of the supervised entity in the case of a positive ECB decision. In case of re-assessment based on new facts, the ECB is to store personal data for fifteen years from the date of the ECB decision. In case of initiated administrative or judicial proceedings, the retention period shall be extended and end one year after these proceedings are sanctioned by a decision having acquired the authority of a final decision.

#### **APPLICABLE DATA PROTECTION FRAMEWORK AND DATA CONTROLLER**

Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data<sup>12</sup> is applicable to the processing of personal data by the ECB. For the purposes of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001, the ECB shall be the Data Controller.

#### **DATA SUBJECT RIGHTS**

The data subjects of the processing of personal data by the ECB for the mentioned prudential supervisory purpose have access rights to and the right to rectify the data concerning him or herself according to Article 9 of the ECB Decision of 17 April 2007 adopting implementing rules concerning data protection at the ECB (ECB/2007/1)<sup>13</sup>.

#### **POINT OF CONTACT**

In case of queries or complaints regarding this processing operation, you can contact the Data Controller at [Authorisation@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:Authorisation@ecb.europa.eu), and/or the National Competent Authority at [Servizio.sb1.gruppi\\_bancari3@bancaditalia.it](mailto:Servizio.sb1.gruppi_bancari3@bancaditalia.it) and [liberato.intonti@bancaditalia.it](mailto:liberato.intonti@bancaditalia.it).

Equally, you also have the right to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor. The data subjects also have the right to recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor: <https://secure.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/edps/lang/en/EDPS>.

Date,

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Signature

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<sup>12</sup> OJ L 8, 12.1.2001.

<sup>13</sup> OJ L116, 4.5.2007.

**TEMPLATE**

**“Letter from the Shareholder for the filing of lists for the appointment of members of the Board of Statutory Auditors”**

To:  
BANCA MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA S.P.A.  
Direzione *Group General Counsel*  
Legale e Societario  
Piazza Salimbeni 3  
53100 SIENA

Sent [via certified email address] to [bancamps.settoreaffarisocietari@postacert.gruppo.mps.it](mailto:bancamps.settoreaffarisocietari@postacert.gruppo.mps.it)

Subject: **Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. of 15 April 2026.**

➤ **Filing of the list for the appointment of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors.**

With reference to the filing of the list of candidates for appointment as members of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. for the financial years 2026-2027-2028,

▪ The undersigned Shareholder ....., VAT number (or Tax Code) ....., having its registered office in (*or resident in*) ..... at ....., Postal Code ....., holder of no. .... ordinary shares of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A., equal to ..... % of the ordinary share capital,

**or**

▪ The undersigned Shareholders:

- ....., VAT no. (or Tax Code)....., having its registered office in (*or resident in*) ..... at ....., Postal Code .....

- ....., VAT no. (or Tax Code)....., having its registered office in (*or resident in*) ..... at ....., Postal Code .....

- ....., VAT no. (or Tax Code)....., having its registered office in (*or resident in*) ..... at ....., Postal Code .....

collectively holding no. .... ordinary shares of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A., equal to ..... % of the ordinary share capital,

**SUBMITS/SUBMIT**

▪ pursuant to Article 25 of the By-Laws of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (hereinafter also “**BMPS**” or the “**Bank**”), also taking into account the “*Guidelines for Shareholders regarding the qualitative and*

*quantitative composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.*” (“*Orientamenti per gli azionisti relativi alla composizione quali-quantitativa del Collegio Sindacale di Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.*”), published on the Bank’s website [www.gruppomps.it](http://www.gruppomps.it), under the section *Corporate Governance/ Shareholders’ Meeting and BoD*, according to the terms and procedures indicated in the Notice of Call for the Shareholders’ Meeting, the following list for the appointment to the office of Auditor:

✓ Section: Candidates for appointment as Standing Auditor:

1. ....  
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2. ....  
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3. ....  
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✓ Section: Candidates for appointment as Alternate Auditor:

1. ....  
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2. ....  
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[The undersigned Shareholder /Shareholders] furthermore

**DECLARES/DECLARE**

- pursuant to Article 144-sexies of the Issuers’ Regulation adopted by Resolution No. 11971/1999 (the “Issuers’ Regulation”), not to have any connections and/or significant relationships – also pursuant to CONSOB Communication No. DEM/9017893 of 26 February 2009 – with Shareholders holding, including jointly, a controlling interest or a relative majority interest, as provided for under Articles 148, paragraph 2, of Legislative Decree No. 58/98 (“**TUF**”) and 144-*quinquies* of the Issuers' Regulation and, more generally, under the By-Laws and the applicable legislation;
- to have [*with the Shareholders of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. holding, including jointly, a controlling interest or relative majority interest*] the following connections (as defined in CONSOB Communication no. DEM/9017893 of 26 February 2009):

- .....  
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- .....  
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With regard to the above-listed relationships, where one or more are deemed not to be significant, the following reasons are provided – separately for each – explaining why they are deemed not to give rise to the connections referred to under the applicable legislative and regulatory provisions:

- .....
- .....

The following are attached:

- a) *curricula vitae* containing the personal and professional characteristics of each candidate and the list of management and control positions held by them in other companies;
- b) a declaration from each candidate confirming acceptance of the candidacy, the absence of any grounds for incompatibility or ineligibility, and the possession of the requirements and compliance with the fit and proper criteria prescribed for the office by the applicable laws and regulations and by the By-Laws of BMPS.

Finally, it is specified that the certification attesting ownership of the minimum shareholding required pursuant to Article 25 of the By-Laws, issued by the authorised intermediary pursuant to Article 43 of the *Consolidated Regulation on Post-Trading issued by CONSOB and the Bank of Italy on 13 August 2018, as subsequently amended and supplemented* (containing the rules governing central counterparties, central securities depositories, and centralised management activities) [please tick the appropriate box below]:

- is attached in copy to this letter; or
- has been requested and will be transmitted to Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. - in the manner established by applicable legislation - by 25 March 2026, the deadline for the publication of the lists by the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

Place, date

Signature

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