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## **THE GUARANTEE CONSORTIUM FOR THE CAPITAL INCREASE SET UP**

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Veneto Banca communicates that today the guarantee consortium was set up for the capital increase of up to one billion euro and listing of the Group on the Stock Exchange at the same time, planned for the second quarter of 2016. The consortium is made up of 10 leading national and international financial institutions; Banca IMI will act as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner.

The consortium was formed a few days after the conclusion of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 19 December which approved with votes in favour close to unanimity both the transformation of the Group into a PLC, and the capital increase and Stock Exchange listing. This is another fundamental step which, besides being much in advance with respect to the planned implementation of the said operation, confirms further - with the guarantee of 10 national and international banks - the validity of the strategic decisions made by the Group.

This last piece of the puzzle is added to the other important capital strengthening operations (placing of 200 million subordinated Tier 2 bonds with institutional investors, sale of the equity investment held in ICBPI) completed during the last month by the Group as well as the finalisation, very rapidly, of an important trade union agreement aimed at rationalising and optimising its distribution network in support of the profit targets of the Business Plan.

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