

## **THE SHAREHOLDERS' EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

### **APPROVES THE BONUS SHARE CAPITAL INCREASE AND THE MERGER BY INCORPORATION INTO CREDITO ARTIGIANO OF BANCA CATTOLICA AND CREDITO DEL LAZIO**

**Milan, 6 September 2011** – The extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of Credito Artigiano met today in Milan chaired by Aldo Fumagalli Romario.

The Shareholders' Meeting approved the proposal of bonus share capital increase from EUR 284,791,360 to EUR 313,270,496, to be carried out through the increase in the par value of outstanding shares from EUR 1.00 to EUR 1.10, with the use and allocation of valuation reserves to capital.

The Shareholders' meeting also approved the merger by incorporation of Banca Cattolica S.p.A. and Credito del Lazio S.p.A. into Credito Artigiano S.p.A., pursuant to Article 2501 et sequitur of the Italian Civil Code, with the following share exchange ratios:

- 20 Credito Artigiano ordinary shares for each ordinary share of Banca Cattolica,
- 3 Credito Artigiano ordinary shares for each ordinary share of Credito del Lazio,

as well as the divisible share capital increase from EUR 313,270,496, after the bonus share capital increase, to a maximum of EUR 346,802,148, by issuing maximum 30,483,320 ordinary shares of a par value of EUR 1.10 each, to be reserved exclusively to the service of share exchanges relating to the merger, and the subsequent amendment, effective as of the merger date, of Article 6 of the Articles of Association.

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