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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SOLD 6.02% STAKE IN SOCIETÀ CATTOLICA ASSICURAZIONI THROUGH AN ACCELERATED BOOK BUILDING PROCESS RESERVED FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS**

Vicenza, 5 April 2017 – Banca Popolare di Vicenza S.p.A. (hereinafter "BPVI") herewith announces the completion of the sale of no. 10,500,000 ordinary shares of Società Cattolica Assicurazioni - Società Cooperativa (hereinafter respectively "Cattolica" and the "Shares"), accounting for approx. 6.02% of the share capital of Cattolica.

The transaction, which was met with much interest by the market, was carried out through an *Accelerated Book Building* process reserved exclusively for qualified investors in Italy, as defined by art. 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter b, of Consob's Regulation no. 11971/1999, and for other foreign institutional investors.

Upon completion, the residual stake held by BPVI amounted to no. 15,767,793 Shares, accounting for approx. 9.05% of Cattolica's share capital, on which BPVI has a 90-day lock-up commitment.

The selling price per Share was Euro 7.25, coming to a total of Euro 76,125,000. The transaction shall be settled on 7 April 2017. The sale will have a significant positive effect on the Bank's capital ratios.

EQUITA SIM S.p.A. acted as *Sole Bookrunner* for the transaction.

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