

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES FREE SHARE CAPITAL INCREASE TO SERVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF “2019-2021 EQUITA GROUP PLAN BASED ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS” SHARES

- THE FREE SHARE CAPITAL INCREASE WILL INVOLVE NO. 224,200 ORDINARY SHARES, EQUAL TO 0.4% OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING SHARES AS OF TODAY

Milan, 18 February 2021

The Board of Directors of Equita Group S.p.A. (the “Company”, “Equita” or the “Group”) today resolved upon the **free share capital increase** – exercising the mandate conferred by the Shareholders’ Meeting on 30 April 2019 – pursuant to articles 2443 and 2349 of the Italian Civil Code. The Board of Directors agreed to increase the Company’s share capital by a **nominal amount of Euro 51.566**, by issuing **no. 224.200 ordinary shares**¹ to be assigned to the Group’s employees who are beneficiaries of performance shares (already assigned in 2020) as part of the incentive plan “**2019-2021 Equita Group Plan based on financial instruments**” (the “Plan”).

The newly issued shares (equal to approximately 0.4% of the total outstanding shares), will be assigned in favour of beneficiaries according to the terms and conditions provided by the Plan.

For further information about the Plan – including the information required by Attachment 3A, Scheme 7, of the Issuers’ Regulation – please refer to the 2019 Remuneration report approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on 18 March 2020 (*Corporate Governance* section, *Shareholders’ Meeting* area).

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Equita, the leading Italian independent investment bank, has been offering its expertise and insight on financial markets to professional investors, corporates and institutions for more than 45 years. The holding Equita Group, listed on the “STAR” segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, counts its managers and professionals among shareholders (with approximately 54% of the share capital) and this ensures a strong alignment of interests with investors. With its global markets’ activities, today Equita is the leading independent broker in Italy that offers to its institutional clients brokerage services on equities, fixed income, derivatives and ETFs. Moreover, thanks to the continuous engagement of the award winning research team – acknowledged for its top quality research – the trading floor supports investors’ decisions with valuable analyses and investment ideas on Italian and European financial markets. Equita also leverages on a unique investment banking platform that combines independent strategic advice with unparalleled access to capital markets. The wide offering proposed includes advisory services in M&A, other extraordinary financial transactions, along with equity and fixed income capital raising solutions. Our aim is to best serve all clients, from large industrial groups to small and medium enterprises, from financial institutions to the public sector. Lastly, Equita Capital SGR offers to institutional investors and banking groups its asset management competences and its deep understanding of financial markets, especially in mid and small caps. The strong focus on alternative assets like private debt and the asset management strategies based on distinctive areas of expertise of the Group make Equita Capital SGR the best partner for both investors looking for interesting returns and banking groups that would like to co-develop new products for their retail networks.

¹ Ordinary shares with no-par value and having the same rights of other outstanding shares. The capital increase will be executed by assigning the corresponding amount of profit reserves.