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Cassa Centrale Group: Results for the year 2022

Consolidated figures of the Cassa Centrale Group as at 31 December 2022 to be approved by the Board of Directors at the end of March.

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The Group confirms its leading position in the national banking system with a CET1 ratio of 22.8%.

Trento, 15.03.2023 - Cassa Centrale Banca announces the consolidated data as at 31 December 2022, which will be approved by the Board of Directors at the end of March.

The budget estimates were exceeded and the ongoing process of capital growth and improvement in the quality of assets of the Cassa Centrale Group and of the 68 Cooperative Credit Banks, Rural Banks and Raiffeisenkassen was confirmed.

"The results for 2022 - comments **Giorgio Fracalossi, Chairman of Cassa Centrale Banca** - demonstrate that our model works. We have created a solid and profitable national Cooperative Banking Group, without losing sight of the values and founding principles of mutual cooperation. We have maintained, and will continue to safeguard, the local vocation of our banks, which is based on the attention to people and communities. Confirming our status as **company of national importance, able to compete on the market** is a success."

The consolidated income statement recorded an increase **in the Group's net income to EUR 562 million (+70%)**, notwithstanding the Group's continuous effort to further increase the coverage level on non-performing exposures and improve asset quality.

Indeed, the **reduction in the Group's gross NPL ratio** continues, from 5.5% in 2021 **to 4.8%**, with an **average coverage of non-performing loans at 81.8%** (73.6% at the end of 2021) and a **net NPL ratio** that fell to **0.9%** (from 1.5% in 2021).

The **interest margin** was positively affected by the increase in interest rates, reaching **EUR 1.8 billion** at the end of 2022 (+33%). Growth was recorded both in the securities portfolio, with a contribution of **EUR 845 million** (driven by inflation-linked securities), and on loans to customers. The interest

margin on the latter component rose by 16.9% over 2021, reaching **EUR 1.1 billion**. This result was also achieved thanks to the constant growth trend of the portfolio, which reached **EUR 50.6 billion** in gross loans to customers at the end of 2022, with an increase of **EUR 1.8 billion (+3.6%)** year-on-year.

Net commissions amounted to **EUR 755 million (+5.3%)**, a higher value than the budget targets, even though 2022 was still strongly impacted by adverse market dynamics due to the uncertainty of the macroeconomic scenario.

The positive trend in funding data also continues. In fact, although influenced by negative market dynamics, the indirect component recorded growth of **2.2%** over the prior year, standing at **EUR 36 billion**. Direct funding remains at solid levels, exceeding **EUR 67 billion (+3.2% on 2021)**.

"The results achieved in our autonomous development process - concludes **Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Cassa Centrale Banca, Sandro Bognesi** - confirm that the model of the Cooperative Banking Group, based on 68 affiliated banks and subsidiaries, is rewarded by the market. Net income exceeding EUR 560 million, EUR 7.2 billion in assets and a CET1 ratio of 22.8% enhance our resilience and capital soundness and are the result of increasing synergies with the Affiliated Banks, which occupy a central role in our model. Further reduction of the Group's NPL ratio and the simultaneous increase in the average coverage of non-performing loans confirm our top position in Italy. These numbers are a stimulus to continue to guarantee quality services to our shareholders and customers, and they encourage the development of the territories in which we operate."

The Parent Company's performance was also notable, with a net income of nearly **EUR 44.7 million**.

*The **Cassa Centrale Group - Credito Cooperativo Italiano Cooperative Banking Group (the "Group")** includes 68 BCCs - Rural Banks - Raiffeisenkassen and 1,474 branches across Italy, more than 11,700 employees and over 460 thousand Cooperative Partners. With balance sheet assets of 92.8 billion as at 31 December 2022, the Group ranks among the top 10 nationally. Net customer loans amount to EUR 47.9 billion, while direct funding has reached EUR 67.2 billion. With a CET1 ratio of 22.8% it is one of Italy's most solid Groups.*