

Press Release

Banca Akros further expands its Best Execution securities trading offer in Europe

By directly joining the Euronext Legacy Markets (Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Lisbon and Oslo), Banco BPM's investment bank expands its Equity Execution reach in new markets

Milan, 5 March 2025 – **Banca Akros** (Banco BPM Group) has officially become a direct member of Euronext's Legacy Markets in Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Lisbon and Oslo. Banca Akros, as a direct member of these markets, will therefore be able to offer, in an even more incisive and authentically pan-European way, even more advanced, automated, and perfectly Mifid Compliant trading and order execution solutions. The proprietary **SABEequity** system will be the tool used for this purpose.

SABEequity provides access to trading for all the shares listed on European regulated exchanges, including domestic markets, putting these markets in competition with alternative trading venues.

Tullio Grilli, Head of Electronic Brokerage at Banca Akros and one of the architects of Banca Akros' SABE, SABEetf and SABEequity projects, comments: «Direct access to Euronext's Legacy Markets marks a significant milestone for Banca Akros: It reinforces our commitment to delivering top-tier securities trading services, both as a longstanding direct member of Borsa Italiana and as part of the continuous evolution of the SABE project».

«This expansion in equity trading gives our clients even greater access to the efficiency, flexibility, and unique advantages of the SABE system on a larger scale – Adds **Giuseppe Puccio**, General Manager of Banca Akros -. On this basis, our collaboration with Euronext allows us to enhance our overall offering for international equity market access. It also reflects Banca Akros' ongoing commitment to product, service, and technological innovation —an approach that defines the entire Banco BPM Group».

Massimo Giorgini, Senior Director, Italy & Iberia, Continental Equity Sales at Euronext, comments: «We are pleased to welcome Banca Akros on Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Lisbon and Oslo equity markets. The collaboration with Euronext, the main pan-European market infrastructure, and the integration of the group's equity markets in addition to Milan within SABE Equity will allow to further strengthen the international presence, thanks to a single point of access to the largest pool of equity liquidity in Europe, as well as the related synergies across the whole value chain from trading to post-trading». ■