

Banca Popolare di Sondrio

PRESS RELEASE

BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO INAUGURATES THE NEW TRIESTE BRANCH

EXPANSION IN THE NORTH EAST CONTINUES WITH THE SECOND BRANCH IN FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Founded in 1871 ,the **Banca Popolare di Sondrio** has always been at the service of families, SMEs and the institutions. **Today sees the opening of its Trieste branch**, the second branch in Friuli Venezia Giulia following the opening of its Udine branch at the end of last year.

Pursuing its activity in developing its national branch network, the Bank's expansion plan in North East Italy continues in an area of primary importance pursuing its objective of supporting families and entities as well as assisting the development of the local economy with particular attention to SMEs and production chains.

In particular, Trieste is characterized by the presence of one of the most important Italian ports for goods in transit, still today a crucial crossroads for the flow of goods on land and sea towards the Asian market which accounts for a substantial number of the associated local businesses.

"For the strategic development plan of our commercial network in the North East, and in particular in Friuli Venezia Giulia, Trieste has always been a clear cut, certain choice right from the start, not only for its strategic border position but also for the interesting opportunities that the area offers in terms of industry and services. Thanks to the experience matured over 150 years of history, we have evolved alongside our clients whilst remaining solidly rooted in our basic values. We will work hard with our usual professionalism following our principle of being " a bank that does banking"- a principle that has always guided our decisions in our sustainable growth" says Mario Alberto Pedranzini, CEO and General Manager of the Banca Popolare di Sondrio

Located in a central area, in Piazza San Giovanni 1, the new branch of the BPS offers assistance to both private customers and businesses in relation to loans and investment. The branch also has two ATM points, one at the bank entrance and the other in Via Carducci 21.

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