

PRESS RELEASE

Milan, 23rd May 2023 – Today Intesa Sanpaolo successfully placed a new Social Bond in Senior Preferred format dedicated to the Sterling market, for a nominal amount of £ 750mn, with a 10-year maturity, at a level equal to Gilt + 265bps, coupon 6.625% and value date 31 May. This is the second bond issued by ISP in Social format after the Senior Preferred in Euro of October 2022.

The use of proceeds of the bond is dedicated to all the social categories described in the **Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework dated June 2022**.

Currently, the social portfolio refinanced by the proceeds of the bond is mainly made up of loans to Italian SMEs operating in disadvantaged areas (including Covid loans) and loans to no-profit entities focused on social sectors (Healthcare, Education, Welfare and Solidarity).

The order book exceeded £ 500mln within one hour and a half from launch, closing at more than £ 1.6bn. It was of excellent quality and very well diversified, attracting the interest of almost 130 investors which allowed a spread narrowing of 20bps compared to the initial indication of G + 285bps, hence pricing at Gilt + 265bps.

Alessandro Lolli, Head of the Intesa Sanpaolo Group Treasury and Finance Department, said: *“This issue is our first in Sterling in the Social format. It is also the first Senior Preferred Social Bond in Sterling issued by a financial issuer and the Senior Preferred in this currency with the longest maturity since the beginning of the year.*

The order book proved to be by far the largest ever achieved by an Italian bank issuer on this market (previous record also achieved by ISP with the Green bond in £ issued in March 2023). The deal was very successful both from the perspective of investor participation and cost and was largely supported by dedicated ESG investors”

The final allocation of the orders shows 87% participation of Fund Managers, 6% of Insurance and Pension funds, 4% of Banks and Private Banks and 2% of Official Institutions. The geographical distribution of the accounts shows the majority of the participation from the United Kingdom and Ireland (82%), 6% from France, 5% from Germany/Austria and Switzerland, 2% from Asia and Middle East, 2% from Italy and 2% from Benelux.

In addition to Intesa Sanpaolo IMI CIB, BofA Securities, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley and Nomura participated in the placement as Joint book runners.