

**ILLIMITY SECURITISES A PORTFOLIO OF NON-PERFORMING LOANS
HAVING A GROSS BOOK VALUE OF 475 MILLION EURO
CERVED WILL ACT AS MASTER AND SPECIAL SERVICER**

Milan, 6 May 2022 – **illimity Bank S.p.A.** (“**illimity**” or the “**Bank**”) announces that it has completed the securitisation of **Non-Performing Loans** (“NPLs”) having a Gross Book Value (“GBV”) of ca. 475 million euro at the cut-off date of 30 June 2021. The portfolio consists of loans originated by certain Italian financial institutions, acquired by illimity between 2018 and 2021, and is characterised by secured loans for 48% of the GBV. Underlying the secured loans are both residential and non-residential assets (representing 30.4% and 69.6% respectively of the total value of the properties with a first mortgage).

The securitisation vehicle has issued senior notes equivalent to 81% of the nominal of the issue and subordinated notes for the remaining 19%. The senior notes have been fully underwritten by illimity and have obtained an investment grade rating (BBB). On the other hand the mezzanine and junior notes have been sold to third party investors, with the exception of the 5% retained by illimity under regulatory requirements.

illimity acted both as co-arranger for the transaction together with Banca IMI and as sponsor. Cerved Credit Management S.p.A., already illimity’s partner in several other transactions, will act as Master and Special Servicer for the portfolio.

The operation forms part of the set of the distressed credit management and value-enhancement strategies and has enabled appreciable results to be achieved in terms of the maximisation of expected economic results, an improvement in the quality of the assets and capital allocation, consistent with long-term strategic objectives. By using securitisation as an instrument the loans have been converted to securities that are easier to sell on the market, characterised as they are by various levels of seniority (i.e. order of priority in allocating cash flows) and therefore by risk/return profiles that can be proposed to investors with different risk propensities.

Andrea Clamer, Head of Distressed Credit Division in **illimity**, stated: “Today’s announced securitisation confirms illimity’s ability to operate in the Distressed Credit sector with a highly dynamic approach that is capable of optimising the process of enhancing the value of acquired loans through the use of various different instruments”.

Paolo Pellegrini, the CEO of **Cerved Credit Management**, commented: “This operation confirms us as a strategic player in securitisation transactions with ratings characterised by a high level of complexity and extremely tight preparation schedules. Our participation is particularly important because it shows that Credit Management has returned to being central for the Cerved Group, in light of the new shareholder’s change of strategy”.

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illimity is the high-tech banking group founded and headed by Corrado Passera that was created with the aim of responding to specific market needs by way of an innovative and specialist business model. More specifically, illimity extends financing to high-potential SMEs, purchases distressed corporate loans and services these through its platform neprix, and provides digital direct banking services through *illimitybank.com*. illimity SGR, which sets up and manages alternative investment funds, the first of which dedicated to UTP loans, is also a member of the Group. The story of the illimity Group began in January 2018 with the launch of the special purpose acquisition company SPAXS S.p.A., which ended with a record 600 million euro being raised on the market. SPAXS subsequently acquired Banca Interprovinciale S.p.A., with the resulting merger between the two giving rise to "illimity Bank S.p.A." which has been listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since 5 March 2019 (ticker "ILTY"), first on the MTA exchange and since September 2020 on the Star Segment. The banking group, headquartered in Milan, can already count on over 700 employees and closed the financial statements as at 31 December 2021 with assets of around 4.7 billion euro.