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## **COMUNICATO STAMPA**

### **COMPLETATO L'ACQUISTO DA PARTE DI NB AURORA DEL 44,55% DELLE QUOTE DI FONDO ITALIANO DI INVESTIMENTO AD UN PREZZO PARI A EURO 75,4 MILIONI**

*Lussemburgo, 28 maggio 2018*

NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("**NB Aurora**") comunica che, essendosi verificate le condizioni previste dall'accordo di co-investimento stipulato con NB SOF IV Holdings LP nel novembre 2017 (come modificato più recentemente il 21 maggio 2018), ha completato l'acquisto del 44,55% delle quote di Fondo Italiano di Investimento ("FII"). Il prezzo versato da NB Aurora, come determinato sulla base dei criteri prestabiliti dall'accordo di co-investimento, è pari a euro 75.414.695,30 (esclusi i costi di transazione) ed è a sconto rispetto ad un *fair market value* pari a circa 88,5 milioni di euro al 31 dicembre 2017, calcolato su dati relativi al 2016.

Attraverso l'acquisizione delle quote di FII, NB Aurora ha accesso ad un portafoglio di 17 partecipazioni di minoranza in piccole-medie aziende italiane con grande potenziale di sviluppo, anche a livello internazionale, tra cui Forgital, Mesgo, Rigoni d'Asiago, Sanlorenzo, Megadyne e Ligabue. Il fatturato, sulla base dei bilanci 2017 già disponibili, è cresciuto ad un tasso superiore al 10% rispetto al 2016.

Per agevolare l'acquisizione delle quote di FII, NB Aurora ha utilizzato euro 43.914.695,30 rinvenienti dalla quotazione e un finanziamento erogato da Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. pari a euro 31.500.000.

La strategia di investimento di NB Aurora proseguirà con l'acquisizione di ulteriori partecipazioni soprattutto di minoranza in PMI non quotate, fornendo capitali per lo sviluppo con l'obiettivo di finanziare progetti di crescita ed espansione internazionale al fianco degli imprenditori.

## NB Aurora

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Il target di investimento di NB Aurora sono PMI italiane di eccellenza, leader in nicchie di mercato ad alto potenziale di crescita, con fatturato compreso tra 30 e 300 milioni di Euro e una forte propensione all'export. Il team di NB Aurora opererà con un approccio di *active minority*, in un'ottica di partnership con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine.

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