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## COMUNICATO STAMPA

### **FIRMATO UN ACCORDO VINCOLANTE PER LA CESSIONE DI FORGITAL A THE CARLYLE GROUP**

**L'OPERAZIONE PREVEDE UN INCASSO STIMATO PER NB AURORA DI CIRCA EURO 50 MILIONI CON UNA PLUSVALENZA STIMATA DI CIRCA EURO 29 MILIONI**

*Lussemburgo, 29 maggio 2019*

**NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora")**, quotata in Italia sul MIV – Segmento Professionale con l'obiettivo di investire in piccole e medie imprese non quotate, comunica con riferimento alla partecipazione del 44,55% detenuta in Fondo Italiano di Investimento ("**FII**") che in data odierna è stato firmato un accordo vincolante per la cessione a The Carlyle Group del 100% del capitale sociale di Forgital Italy S.p.A. ("**Forgital**" o "**Forgital Group**"), gruppo internazionale con sede a Velo d'Astico (VI) e specializzato nella produzione di anelli forgiati e laminati in acciaio e altre leghe speciali per i settori *Aerospace* e *Industrial (Oil & Gas, Transmission, Power Generation e General Mechanics)*.

L'esecuzione dell'accordo (*closing*) è soggetta all'avveramento di determinate condizioni sospensive relative ad autorizzazione *antitrust* da parte della Commissione UE e in materia di *golden power* con riferimento a Francia e Italia.

L'operazione prevede per NB Aurora il diritto a ricevere distribuzioni da FII per un valore stimato di ca. Euro 50 milioni a fronte di un valore d'iscrizione (in trasparenza) nel bilancio di NB Aurora di ca. Euro 21 milioni per una plusvalenza stimata in ca. Euro 29 milioni. Il *fair market value* di Forgital al 31 dicembre 2018 era pari a ca. Euro 42 milioni.

Il *fair market value* totale al 31 dicembre 2018 delle otto partecipazioni residue è pari a ca. Euro 57 milioni, di cui Euro 33 milioni di competenza dell'investimento effettuato in Club del Sole e ca. Euro 24 milioni di competenza delle partecipazioni detenute attraverso l'investimento in FII.

Dall'investimento di FII in Forgital avvenuto nel Dicembre 2013, Forgital Group ha portato avanti con successo un importante piano di sviluppo, in modo particolare nel settore *Aerospace* nel quale, anche grazie alla forte crescita della controllata italiana FLY, si è affermato come uno dei principali *player* nella fornitura di componenti completi e finiti ai principali operatori mondiali nel settore aeronautico e aerospaziale. Forgital Group, con una presenza diretta in Italia, Francia e Stati Uniti, è oggi una delle poche aziende qualificate per la fornitura di componenti critiche per i motori dei più importanti aerei attualmente in produzione. Questo percorso di crescita si è riflesso anche nei risultati finanziari di Forgital Group: nel periodo 2013-2017, il Valore della Produzione ed EBITDA sono rispettivamente cresciuti del ca. 14% e ca. 29% in termini di CAGR.

Si ricorda che NB Aurora e FII sono entrambi gestiti dalla stessa società di gestione, Neuberger Berman AIFM Limited.

### **NB Aurora**

NB Aurora è il primo veicolo di *permanent capital* quotato in Italia sul segmento MIV che nasce con l'obiettivo di investire in PMI non quotate, convogliando risorse finanziarie a supporto della loro crescita ed internazionalizzazione, contribuendo così a sostenere l'economia reale del Paese. NB Aurora è promosso da Neuberger Berman, società di investimento privata, indipendente e controllata dai propri dipendenti, con \$323 miliardi in gestione (al 31 marzo 2019).

Il *target* di investimento di NB Aurora è rappresentato da 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 opera con un approccio di *active minority*, in un'ottica di *partnership* con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine. Attualmente, NB Aurora detiene una quota pari al 26% di Club Del Sole e altri sette investimenti in PMI italiane (attraverso la partecipazione del 44,55% in Fondo Italiano di Investimento)

### **Forgital**

Forgital è un gruppo specializzato nella produzione di anelli forgiati e laminati in acciaio e altre leghe per i settori *Aerospace* e *Industrial* (*Oil & Gas, Transmission, Power Generation* e *General Mechanics*). Forgital Group, con sede in Velo d'Astico (VI) e presenza diretta anche in Francia e Stati Uniti, è una delle poche aziende qualificate per la

fornitura di componenti per i motori dei più importanti aerei in produzione. Nel 2017, il Gruppo ha registrato un Valore della Produzione di Euro 419,4 milioni (+ 23,1% YoY), un EBITDA di Euro 82,7 milioni (+ 37,7% YoY) con un margine del ca. 20% circa.

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