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**NB AURORA SOTTOSCRIVE UN ACCORDO VINCOLANTE CON NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS PER L'ACQUISIZIONE DI UNA QUOTA PARI A CIRCA L'11% IN RINO MASTROTTO GROUP**

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**NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora")**, quotata in Italia sul mercato MIV - Segmento Professionale ("MIV") organizzato e gestito da Borsa Italiana S.p.A., con l'obiettivo di acquisire partecipazioni di minoranza in PMI italiane di eccellenza non quotate, annuncia di aver sottoscritto in data odierna - attraverso il veicolo NB Aurora Holdings S.àr.l, - un accordo vincolante di co-investimento con NB Renaissance Partners per l'acquisizione di una quota di minoranza in Rino Mastrotto Group S.p.A. ("**RMG**"). L'accordo si inserisce nell'ambito dell'operazione, annunciata al mercato lo scorso 5 agosto 2019 mediante la diffusione di un comunicato stampa, tramite cui NB Renaissance Partners, per il tramite di un veicolo dalla stessa controllato, ha acquisito la quota di controllo di RMG.

L'accordo di co-investimento prevede in particolare che, a fronte di un investimento di circa 20 milioni di euro di capitale in un veicolo neo-costituito e controllato da NB Renaissance Partners, NB Aurora arrivi a detenere in trasparenza circa l'11% di RMG.

Tale percentuale di capitale sociale di RMG è soggetta a possibili variazioni per NB Aurora, sia in difetto che in eccesso, derivanti da un'apposita procedura di aggiustamento prezzo prevista nel contratto di acquisizione della quota di controllo di RMG da parte del suddetto veicolo controllato da NB Renaissance Partners, il cui perfezionamento è previsto per il prossimo 30 settembre 2019. Detta acquisizione è

soggetta al previo avveramento delle relative condizioni sospensive, tra cui il rilascio di autorizzazione *antitrust*.

L'investimento di circa 20 milioni di euro da parte di NB Aurora avverrà facendo integralmente ricorso a mezzi propri.

Con una presenza produttiva globale, RMG è leader mondiale nella produzione e commercializzazione delle pelli per i settori fashion, automotive e dell'arredamento. In Italia, il Gruppo opera tramite quattro unità produttive, mentre all'estero è presente con uno stabilimento produttivo in Svezia (Elmo) ed uno in Brasile (Bermas), entrambi dedicati sia al settore automotive che arredamento, oltre ad una joint-venture in Messico specializzata nel taglio di pelli finite.

Oggi RMG impiega oltre 850 persone e vende in 60 paesi generando circa il 60% del fatturato all'estero. Il fatturato internazionale aumenta ad oltre l'80% se si considera che molti clienti del Gruppo sono case di moda che producono in Italia, ma esportano la maggior parte dei loro articoli in tutto il mondo. Negli ultimi anni il Gruppo è cresciuto in modo significativo, incrementando i ricavi da circa 250 milioni di euro nel 2015 a circa 320 milioni di euro nel 2018, e rappresenta uno dei riferimenti dell'industria conciaria italiana, un settore industriale che valorizza un sottoprodotto dell'industria alimentare che, altrimenti, andrebbe smaltito.

L'industria conciaria italiana è storicamente considerata leader mondiale per l'elevato sviluppo tecnologico e qualitativo, lo spiccato impegno ambientale e la capacità innovativa in termini di contenuti stilistici, vanta un fatturato annuo pari a circa 5 miliardi di euro, di cui il 75% destinato all'export, ed impiega circa 18.000 addetti in oltre 1.200 aziende.

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