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## Castor S.p.A.

# Proposed offering of aggregate €1,400,000,000 (i) senior secured fixed rate notes and (ii) senior secured floating rate notes due 2029

Castor S.p.A. (the "Issuer") announces today the launch of its €1,400,000,000 (i) senior secured fixed rate notes (the "Fixed Rate Notes") and (ii) senior secured floating rate notes (the "Floating Rate Notes" and, together with the Fixed Rate Notes, the "Notes") due 2029 (the "Offering"). The proceeds from the Offering will be used to, directly or indirectly, (i) refinance indebtedness used to finance the acquisition of Cerved Group S.p.A.; (ii) refinance existing debt of Cerved Group S.p.A. and its subsidiaries and (iii) pay transaction fees and expenses associated with, *inter alia*, the Offering.

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The Notes and the guarantees thereof will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, the Notes will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers and to persons outside the United States in reliance on Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act, respectively. Unless so registered, the Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes or any other security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in the United States or in any jurisdiction in which, or to any persons to whom, such offering, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any jurisdiction.

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pursuant to Article 3 of the UK Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuers nor the initial purchasers have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuers or the initial purchasers to publish a prospectus for such offer. The expression "UK Prospectus Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.

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