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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Completion of the acquisition of the units of Fondo Italiano di Investimento extended to May 25, 2018**

*Luxembourg, 21 May 2018*

NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("**NB Aurora**") announces that, in agreement with NB SOF IV Holdings LP, the term as set out in the co-investment agreement for the completion of the acquisition of the units of Fondo Italiano di Investimento has been extended from May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to May 25, 2018 in order to finalize the technical calculation of the percentage in Fondo Italiano di Investimento to be purchased by NB Aurora (not exceeding in any case 44.55% of the issued units of Fondo Italiano di Investimento).

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NB Aurora will use part of the proceeds of the private placement to acquire, at certain conditions, up to 44.55% of the units of Fondo Italiano d'Investimento, bought in November 2017 by Neuberger Berman funds; afterwards, minority stakes of other SMEs will be acquired through capital increases.

The investment target includes those top-class SMEs with a leading position in specialized niches and a strong export attitude with a turnover between €30 and €300 million. NB Aurora team will operate with an active minority approach, to partner with entrepreneurs with a medium-long term horizon.

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