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**PRESS RELEASE**

**NB AURORA SIGNS AN AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE 30% OF VENETA  
CUCINE, EUROPE'S LEADING MANUFACTURER OF FITTED  
KITCHENS**

*Luxembourg, May, 5 2021* - NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), listed in Italy on the MIV - Segmento Professionale ("MIV") market organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., with the aim of acquiring holdings in unlisted Italian SMEs, announces that it has today signed - through the vehicle NB Aurora Holdings S.à r.l. ("NB Aurora Holdings") - an acquisition agreement for the purchase of a minority stake in the share capital of Veneta Cucine S.p.A. ("Veneta Cucine").

The contract provides for a newly-formed vehicle controlled by NB Aurora Holdings ("Newco") to hold 30% of Veneta Cucine's share capital, acquiring the relevant shares from certain shareholders for a consideration of Eur 36 million including transaction costs. NB Aurora's investment in Newco will be made entirely from its own resources.

The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2021, subject to the fulfilment of the relevant conditions precedent, including the granting of antitrust clearance.

Starting from today and for a period of 18 (eighteen) months from completion of the transaction, NB Aurora Holdings will have the right to syndicate, in one or more tranches, a minority stake in Newco (and indirectly in Veneta Cucine).

A family-run company with over 50 years of history, Veneta Cucine is a leader in the design, production and manufacture of kitchens, living rooms and furnishing accessories, an Italian industrial excellence that has succeeded over the years in transforming itself into an international group with a management model, becoming today the largest Italian kitchen furniture platform. Founded in 1967 in the province of Treviso, the Group employs over 500 people who design, produce, manage and distribute high quality kitchens that combine craftsmanship and innovation. With more than 200 mono-brand shops in Italy and an extensive distribution network of more than 1,000 qualified dealers in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and South America, Veneta Cucine achieved a turnover of around 220 million euros in 2020.

Also in 2020, in a particularly complicated period at global level due to the pandemic, the Group opened 15 new single-brand shops globally.

## **NB Aurora**

NB Aurora, the first permanent capital vehicle listed in Italy on the MIV professional segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, has been created with the purpose to invest in unlisted SMEs, conveying financial resources to support their growth and international expansion, thus helping to support the real economy. NB Aurora is promoted by Neuberger Berman, private, independent, employee-owned investment manager, with \$405 billion AUM (as of 31 December 2020). 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. After the first deal that led NB Aurora to acquire 44.55% of the shares of Fondo Italiano d'Investimento (17 initial shareholdings of which it currently still holds the investment in Ligabue, DBA Group, Sira Industrie, Amut Group and Zeis Excelsa), the fund invested in 6 companies for €1.1 billion revenues: Club del Sole (leader in the camping-village sector in Italy), Dierre Group (leader in Italy in the production of tech components for industrial automation), PHSE (Italian leader in the temperature-controlled transport of drugs and biological samples), BluVet (network of veterinary clinics), Rino Mastrotto Group (world leader in the production and marketing of leathers for fashion, automotive and furniture industries) and Engineering (leader in Italy in the digital transformation of companies, public and private organizations).

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