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#### PRESS RELEASE

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 30 JUNE 2021

APPOINTED BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN (LUXEMBOURG) S.C.A, WITH EFFECT FROM 30 SEPTEMBER 2021, AS NEW DEPOSITARY AND PAYING AGENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE, REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT FOR NB AURORA

- NAV at 30 June 2021 is equal to about Euro 263.0 million (+3.8% increase if compared to 31 December 2020).
- Net result at 30 June 2021 is about Euro 9.6 million.
- Portfolio companies confirmed positive operational performances and financial strength.
- In the first six months of the year Euro 36 million (including co-investments) have been invested and the pipeline for the second half of 2021 confirms to be interesting.
- NB Aurora has invested a further Euro 55.7 million (partly syndicated) after 30 June 2021, of which Euro 36 million in Comet Srl for the acquisition of a 30% stake, Euro 5 million in BluVet and Euro 14.7 million in Farmo Holding (for the 47% stake), which is expected to be closed by the end of 3Q21. It also completed the sale of its stake in Sira Industrie, the residual investment in the Fondo Italiano di Investimento portfolio.



#### Luxembourg, 6 September 2021

The Board of Directors of NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), which met today, examined and approved the Condensed Half-year Financial Report as of 30 June 2021. NB Aurora, the first permanent capital vehicle listed in Italy on the MIV market - Professional Segment ("MIV") organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. - was established on the initiative of Neuberger Berman with the aim of acquiring minority stakes in unlisted Italian top-notch SMEs, to support their growth and internationalization process by investing with a medium-long term horizon and supporting entrepreneurs, as their partners, in strategic and management choices. In particular, NB Aurora proposes itself as an active investor that can help the development of leading companies in its reference markets, also thanks to the international network of Neuberger Berman that has more than 30 offices worldwide and over \$433 billion under management.

The Board of Directors also approved today to appoint with effect from 30 September 2021 Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A, a company incorporated under Luxembourg law with registered office in 80 Route d'Esch, 1470 Luxembourg, Grand duchy of Luxembourg, as the new depositary and paying agent, and administrative, registrar and transfer agent of NB Aurora.

#### Events up to 30 June 2021

At 30 June 2021 the NAV of NB Aurora is equal to Euro 262,962,809 (+3.8% if compared to 31 December 2020 and +2.2% compared to the figure at 31 March 2021), corresponding to Euro 10.7100 per share calculated as the ratio between the NAV and the total number of 24,553,115 shares. The permanent capital vehicle closed the first half of the year with a net result of Euro 9,605,393 million.

On 26 April 2021 the General Shareholders' meeting of NB Aurora appointed the new Directors who will remain on board until the general meeting to be held in 2024: Fereshteh Stein-Pouchantchi, Director; Francesco Moglia, Director; Patrizia Polliotto, Independent Director; Alessandro Spada, Independent Director and Galeazzo Pecori Giraldi, Independent Director.

On 18 May 2021 the Company announced it appointed Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A, starting from 1 June 2021, as Specialist, aiming to enhance the liquidity of its shares listed on MIV Professional.

On 24 June 2021 NB Aurora closed the acquisition of 30% stake for a total investment of Euro 36 million in Veneta Cucine S.p.A., leader in the design, production and manufacture of kitchens, living rooms and furnishing accessories.

#### Events after 30 June 2021

- On 19 July 2021 the Company announced the closing of the sale of the entire shareholding in Sira Industrie, Emilian industrial group leader in the Italian automotive industry. The participation (equal to 40,3%), held through Fondo Italiano di Investimento ("FII"), was sold to Gruppioni's family holding, controlling shareholder of Sira. NB Aurora owned indirectly 18% of the company.
- On 20 July 2021, the Company concluded an investment of 5 million Euro (including transaction costs) in Blu Club Srl, which holds the shareholding in BluVet S.p.A.. The total amount of the



capital increase in BluVet is 7 million Euro, of which 2.1 million Euro was made by F&P4BIZ, an investment vehicle controlled by Guglielmo Fiocchi and Maurizio Perroni. The transaction is part of the program of further capital increases up to a maximum of 27 million Euro by the two sponsors (of which up to a maximum of approximately 19 million Euro for NB Aurora) already planned on the occasion of the acquisition of the controlling stake of BluVet in December 2020.

- On 29 July 2021, NB Aurora completed the acquisition of a 30% stake in Comet S.r.l. from the sole shareholder BHF S.r.l., in execution of the sale and purchase agreement signed on 7 July 2021, for a total investment of 36 million Euro (including transaction costs).
- On 30 July 2021, NB Aurora signed a binding agreement, subject to some unprecedent conditions, for the acquisition of 47% stake in Farmo Holding Srl for a total investment of 14.7 million Euro (including transaction costs). Farmo is a leading company in the production of gluten free and better for you food.

With regard to the investments in Comet, Farmo and BluVet, as well as the investment in Veneta Cucine closed on 24 June 2021, NB Aurora has the possibility, for a period of 18 months following completion of the transaction, to syndicate - in one or more tranches - a minority stake in the same investments.

#### Portfolio analysis at 30 June 2021

At 30 June 2021 the aggregate turnover of the companies currently in NB Aurora's portfolio (excluding Zeis, in "Concordato di Continuità"), based on the financial statements at 31 December 2020 (latest public data), amounts to approximately Euro 2.3 billion with an aggregate EBITDA of approximately Euro 275 million. In general, portfolio companies have demonstrated strong resilience to the economic crisis generated by the pandemic by benefiting in many cases from the low use of leverage to close several acquisitions

To date, the portfolio includes:

- Club del Sole: based in Forlì, Club Del Sole today directly manages 21 camping in 6 regions of
  Central and Northern Italy. Despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2020 the group
  recorded a turnover of around Euro 40 million. In April 2021 Angelo Cartelli, manager with an
  important expertise in the tourism industry, has been appointed as new General Manager of Club
  del Sole.
- Dierre Group: founded in 1997 in Fiorano Modenese by Giuseppe Rubbiani, today Dierre is the Italian leader in the design, production and sale of technologically advanced and aesthetically pleasing protections and components for industrial automation. In 2020 Dierre registered a turnover of around Euro 40 million and an EBITDA Adj. of approximately Euro 5 million. In July 2021 Dierre Group completed two acquisitions in Italy, strengthening its leadership also in the contiguous sector of soundproofing systems for industry. New management figures (including the current CEO) were added to support the international growth and an incentive plan for the management team was launched through a dedicated capital increase.
- Rino Mastrotto Group: as world leader in the production and sale of leather for the fashion, automotive and furnishing sectors, today RMG operates a global production footprint with 8 facilities (Italy, Sweden, Brazil, USA). In 2020 the Group recorded a turnover of around Euro 250 million. In July 2021 RMG acquired Carroll Leather (\$30 million in revenues), US division of



Carroll Companies, so allowing a meaningful leap forward in the company's positioning in leather processing for US furniture industry.

- **PHSE:** as leader in Italy in the temperature-controlled transport of pharmaceutical products, biotech, clinical trials and biological samples serving the hospital channel, PHSE can count on 15 Hubs and about 300 employees. In 2020 the Group recorded a consolidated turnover of more than Euro 30 million and in the first half of 2021, completed the acquisition of two companies abroad: TEK Freight (transport of drugs and biological samples towards and from the UK) and Time & Temperature (clinical trials in India).
- Engineering Ingegneria Informatica: today the Group is one of the main companies involved in the digital transformation of public and private companies and organizations, offering innovative platforms for the main market segments. In 2020, the Group reported revenues of around Euro 1.2 billion and EBITDA of around Euro 160 million. The company has announced the appointment of the new CEO Maximo Ibarra and has finalized the acquisition of three companies, thus strengthening its leadership in the Italian market and consolidating its presence abroad.
- **BluVet**: Italian company active in the acquisition and management of 10 veterinary clinics, of which six have been acquired following the investment of NB Aurora. Thanks to a highly experienced management team, the aim is to build up a national network of excellent veterinary clinics, distinguished by the provision of top-level medical care and services, a medical staff boasting cutting-edge skills (also thanks to the continuous updating program of BluVet Academy) and a particular attention to corporate & social responsibility issues.
- Veneta Cucine: with 300 single-brand shops (of which 15 opened in 2020) and more than 700 dealers worldwide, Veneta Cucine today is one of the leading manufacturers in Europe and the leading player in Italy. In 2020, it achieved a turnover of around €220 million, higher than in 2019 despite the pandemic that forced the Group to stop production for almost two months.
- Comet: Italian leader in the development and production of special high quality natural and synthetic rubber compounds made to with specific recipes for each customer, in 2020 Comet achieved a positive performance with revenues of about Euro 60 million, an EBITDA margin of about 24% and net profit of about Euro 8 million. Comet's compounds are used in various industrial sectors including food, medical, pharmaceutical, transport, water and electrical.
- Ligabue: one of the world's leading operators in catering, logistic and housekeeping services on board passenger (ferries and cruises), cargo ships, and remote sites such as oil rigs and fields, mines and construction camps. The Group employs over 8,000 people and operates in 14 countries around the world. In 2020, the Group generated revenues of over Euro 220 million. NB Aurora indirectly holds a 13.6% stake.
- Amut: the company has been building plastics processing plants since 1958. Having entered the market as an extruder manufacturer, AMUT has progressively continued its technological development to fully cover the plastics life cycle (raw material processing, extrusion and thermoforming of the finished product, finishing processes, product reintegration through recycling technologies). In 2020, the company reported revenues of approximately Euro 100 million and EBITDA of over Euro 9 million. NB Aurora indirectly holds a 17.7% stake.
- DBA Group: listed on Milan Stock Exchange, it is an independent group active in the development of professional, technical and management services in the fields of Architecture, Engineering, Project & Lifecycle Management and Information & Communication Technologies.



In 2020, consolidated revenues amounted to approximately Euro 70 million with an EBITDA of over Euro 3 million. NB Aurora indirectly holds a 4.4% stake.

• **Zeis**: it produces shoes under various proprietary brands, including Cult and Dockstep. The company has applied and obtained admission to the 'in white' composition with creditors procedure. NB Aurora indirectly holds an 8.9% stake.

NB Aurora strengthened its commitment to ESG principles, strongly integrated into all its operations, also driving the companies that have recently joined our portfolio to present their first sustainability report.

The Condensed Report as of 30 June 2021, together with the report of the appointed auditing firm, will be made available to the public in a special press release.

#### **Definitions:**

EBITDA: earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

NAV: Net Asset Value of the assets less the liabilities

With reference to the data reported below, it should be noted that the limited audit of the Condensed Half-Yearly Financial Report at 30 June 2021 has not been completed.

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#### **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, a private, independent, employee-owned investment manager, with \$433 billion AUM (as of 30 June 2021). The investment target includes 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 operates with an active minority approach, partnering 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 di Investimento (17 initial shareholdings of which it currently still holds the investments in Ligabue, DBA Group, Amut Group and Zeis Excelsa), the fund invested in 8 companies: 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), Engineering (leader in Italy in the digital transformation of companies, public and private organizations), Veneta Cucine (Europe's leading





manufacturer of fitted kitchens), Comet (leader in Italy in the development and production of tailor-made organic rubber and silicone compounds) and Farmo (producer of gluten free and better for you food, the closing of the deal is subject to some conditions precedent).

### 1. Statement of Comprehensive Income

	From 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	From 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020
Turanus	€	€
Income  Declined and shapes in surrealized pain/(less) on financial		
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assets at fair value through profit or loss Interest income	11,919,660	(2,894,211)
Total investment income/(loss)	10,489 11,930,149	18,415
Total investment income/(loss)	11,930,149	(2,875,796)
Expenses		
Management fees	1,779,654	1,290,296
Professional fees	110,778	230,096
Administration, custody and transfer agent fees	79,890	82,944
Directors' fees	51,334	88,053
Audit fees	38,500	40,950
Market authority fees	34,937	14,997
Reallocation expenses	-	256,270
Interest on term loan	-	4,504
Other expenses	229,663	252,397
Total expenses	2,324,756	2,260,507
Total profit/(loss) for the period	9,605,393	(5,136,303)
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified in P&L	-	-
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to P&L	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	9,605,393	(5,136,303)
Earnings per share Class A Shares		
Basic	0.333	(0.338)
Diluted	0.333	(0.338)
Class B Shares	0.333	(0.330)
Basic	9.938	(0.338)
Diluted	9.938	(0.338)
Special Shares	,,,,,,	(3.22.0)
Basic	0.333	(0.338)
Diluted	0.333	(0.338)
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## 2. Statement of Financial Position

	As of 30 June 2021 €	As of 31 December 2020 €
Non-current assets	-	-
Non Pledged Financial assets at fair value through		
profit or loss	173,425,105	138,100,150
Total non-current assets	173,425,105	138,100,150
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	82,816,841	116,616,434
Receivables	7,168,000	-
Prepayments	53,901	118,158
Total current assets	90,038,742	116,734,592
Total assets	263,463,847	254,834,742
Equity		
Share capital	236,216,265	236,216,265
Non-distributable reserve	1,230,188	1,230,188
Legal reserve	2,754,476	2,683,531
Retained earnings	22,761,880	13,227,432
Total equity	262,962,809	253,357,416
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses and other payables	501,038	1,477,326
Total current liabilities	501,038	1,477,326
Total equity and liabilities	263,463,847	254,834,742



### 3. Statement of Cash Flows

	From 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	From 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020
	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) for the period	9,605,393	(5,136,303)
Adjustments for:		
-Fair value of the financial asset	(11,919,660)	2,894,211
-Interest income	(10,489)	(18,415)
	(11,930,149)	2,875,796
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepayments	64,257	-
Receivables	(7,168,000)	-
Capital increase costs payable	(1,210,218)	-
Professional fees payable	(153,552)	(252,030)
Administration, custody and transfer agent fees payable	18,760	(10,012)
Audit fees payable	(31,500)	- 220 410
Legal fees payable	-	329,418
IPO costs payable Other payables	400.222	(68,656)
Other payables	400,222 ( <b>8,080,031</b> )	(154,863) (156,143)
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Interest received	10,489	18,415
Net cash used in operating activities	(10,394,298)	(2,398,235)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of investments	(23,405,295)	(16,003,730)
Net cash used in investing activities	(23,405,295)	(16,003,730)
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Cash flows from financing activities Distributions paid		(10.055.202)
Net cash used in financing activities		(18,955,293) (18,955,293)
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents for the per	(33,799,593)	(37,357,258)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	116,616,434	86,878,999
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	82,816,841	49,521,741



## 4. Statement of Changes in Equity

	Note	Share Capital	Non - Distributable Reserve	Legal Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
		€	€	€	€	€
As of 1 January 2021		236,216,265	1,230,188	2,683,531	13,227,432	253,357,416
Profit for the period		-	-	-	9,605,393	9,605,393
Allocation	3(iii)	-	-	70,945	(70,945)	-
As of 30 June 2021		236,216,265	1,230,188	2,754,476	22,761,880	262,962,809
As of 1 January 2020		145,465,956	27,622,175	2,632,785	4,422,590	180,143,506
Loss for the period		-	-	-	(5,136,303)	(5,136,303)
Allocation	3 (iii)	-	(26,391,987)	50,746	7,385,948	(18,955,293)
As of 30 June 2020		145,465,956	1,230,188	2,683,531	6,672,235	156,051,910



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