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**NB AURORA SOTTOSCRIVE UN ACCORDO DI CO-INVESTIMENTO
CON IL FONDO LUSSEMBURGHESE NB AURORA CO-INVESTMENT FUND SCSp
SOTTOSCRITTO DA FONDI DI FONDI GESTITI DA FONDO ITALIANO
D'INVESTIMENTO**

Lussemburgo, 15 ottobre 2021 - 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 in PMI italiane non quotate, annuncia di aver sottoscritto un accordo (il "**Protocollo di Co-Investimento**") volto a realizzare operazioni di co-investimento con il fondo alternativo, chiuso, riservato di diritto lussemburghese denominato "NB Aurora Co-Investment Fund" (il "**Fondo di Co-Investimento**"), sempre gestito da Neuberger Berman AIFM S.à.r.l. in qualità di gestore esterno ai sensi della direttiva 2011/61/UE e sottoscritto da fondi di fondi gestiti da Fondo Italiano d'investimento SGR.

L'operazione rappresenta un'opportunità per NB Aurora che potrà ottenere ulteriore liquidità per proseguire nel proprio programma di investimento in eccellenze del tessuto produttivo italiano, riducendo il livello medio di esposizione sulle partecipate grazie a una maggior diversificazione del portafoglio, continuando a mantenere i diritti di governance sulle partecipazioni in cui si investe, dato che entrambi i fondi sono gestiti da Neuberger Berman AIFM S.à.r.l. Dalla quotazione, avvenuta nel maggio 2018, NB Aurora ha realizzato 9 investimenti prevalentemente di minoranza (oltre a Exacer, il cui closing è previsto nelle prossime settimane). Grazie alle risorse disponibili garantite dal Fondo di Co-Investimento, NB Aurora potrà continuare ad accompagnare nel loro percorso di crescita le eccellenze italiane.

In particolare, NB Aurora e il Fondo di Co-Investimento investiranno sulla base di un rapporto di co-investimento che permetterà di allocare il 75% dei nuovi investimenti a NB Aurora ed il rimanente

(massimo) 25% in favore del Fondo di Co-Investimento, salvi gli usuali limiti di concentrazione di quest'ultimo e senza pregiudizio per l'offerta di eventuali opportunità di co-investimento in favore di soggetti terzi.

Il programma di co-investimento sarà applicato agli investimenti effettuati da NB Aurora a partire dal 20 dicembre 2020 - e precisamente relativi alle società Bluvet, Veneta Cucine, Comet e Farmo (oltre a Exacer quando questa operazione sarà perfezionata) - e terminerà il 1° gennaio 2024, data di chiusura del periodo di investimento del Fondo di Co-Investimento.

A seguito della sindacazione, NB Aurora libererà ulteriori risorse per un importo complessivo stimato in circa 20 milioni di euro che saranno impiegate per nuovi investimenti.

NB Aurora

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