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PRESS RELEASE

NB AURORA examined the possible transaction involving the sale of up to 49.9% of the portfolio to a newly established investment fund in order to raise new financial resources to continue investing in SMEs

Luxembourg, 16 June 2023 – **NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF** ("NB Aurora" or "the Company"), listed in Italy on Euronext MIV Milan – Professional segment, organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. with the goal to invest in unlisted Italian excellent SMEs – announces, as part of its project to raise new financial resources for future investments, that it has been examined the possible sale of up to 49.9% of the portfolio - held through NB Aurora Holdings S.à.r.l. and MIC Co-Investment Fund (the 'Portfolio') - to a newly established closed-end fund named **NB Aurora Co-Investment Fund II** (the "Fund").

NB AIFM S.à.r.l., management company of both NB Aurora and the newly established Fund, has already received expressions of interest of about EUR 160 million and is continuing to collect further expressions of interest from institutional investors and HNWIs (high net-worth individuals). The Fund's overall funding target, which is to be subject of binding commitments and which is a necessary condition for the completion of the transaction, is EUR 160 million. This target, on the basis of the above expressions of interest, is believed to be reasonably achievable to date.

The transaction is strategically important for the Company, as it will allow to raise financial resources that will be used to continue supporting high growth potential SME projects and will also allow the achievement of an estimated gross capital gain of between 15% and 25% of the gained price which will be allocated to the distribution of a dividend (based on the Portfolio's NAV as at 31 March 2023).

The sale of a minority stake in its portfolio will take place at a price equal to the last available NAV of the portfolio (the 'Price'), possibly supplemented by the acquisition cost relating to acquisitions subsequent to the NAV reference date and not included in the NAV. The fairness of the Price is supported by the fairness opinion of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was preceded by the examination and favourable resolution by the Related Parties Committee, to which the transaction was submitted, in accordance with the





Company's Procedure for Transactions with Related Parties, as the Fund is managed by NB AIFM S.à.r.l., which is also the management company of NB Aurora.

NB Aurora's current shareholders, together with the new investors, will have the option of subscribing shares in the newly established Fund.

Definitions

Net Asset Value (net value of an investment fund's assets less its liabilities)

NB Aurora

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