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PRESS RELEASE

NB AURORA FINALIZES THE SALE OF 49.9% OF ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO TO NB AURORA CO-INVESTMENT FUND II

Luxembourg, 19 October 2023 – **NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF** (hereinafter "NB Aurora" or the "Company"), listed in Italy on Euronext MIV Milan-Segmento Professionale, organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A, and with a strategy of investing in unlisted Italian SMEs of excellence - following the press release of 6 September 2023 - announces that today it finalized the transaction (i.e. closing) for the sale of 49.9% of its equity investment portfolio (the "Portfolio") to the closed-end investment fund called **NB Aurora Co-Investment Fund II S.C.A. SICAV RAIF** also managed by Neuberger Berman AIFM S.à r.l, the management company of NB Aurora, and subscribed by third party professional investors.

This transaction is of strategic importance for NB Aurora, as it will enable the Company to realise part of the value generated by the portfolio to date through a capital gain that will allow a dividend distribution. In addition, NB Aurora will be able to raise new financial resources to continue investing in unlisted Italian SMEs, leaders in their market niches and with high growth potential.

In detail, the transaction involved the transfer of the direct stake of 49.9% in NB Aurora Holdings S.à r.l. and the direct stake of approximately 4.8% of MIC Co-Invest SCSp fund's units.

The sale of the above-mentioned minority stake in the Portfolio took place at a price of approximately €144.2 million, determined on the basis of the Portfolio's net asset value (NAV) as of 31 March 2023, adjusted by the investment cost of the transactions completed after that date and not included in the aforementioned reference NAV, such as the investment in Finlogic S.p.A. and the two most recent capital increases in Blu Club S.r.l. (the vehicle that holds the stake in BluVet).





Please note that the fairness of the price was supported by PricewaterhouseCoopers' fairness opinion.

For more information on the transaction, please refer to the Company's press releases of 16 June 2023 and 25 July 2023.

Definitions:

net asset value: Net Asset Value of the assets less the liabilities

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NB Aurora

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