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PRESS RELEASE

NB AURORA CLOSING THE DIERRE GROUP TRANSACTION, LEADER IN INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION SAFEGUARDS

ENTIRE HOLDING HELD THROUGH THE VEHICLE D CLUB S.R.L. SOLD TO ALTO CAPITAL V FUND

- **The total transaction countervalue is approximately EUR 108.5 million, of which approximately EUR 44.5 million relating to the funds managed by Neuberger Berman AIFM SARL, of which about EUR 22.2 million belongs to NB Aurora**
- **Part of the proceeds of the sale, amounting to about EUR 7.4 million, reinvested by NB Aurora in a minority stake in the company. The founder and Chairman of the Dierre Group, Giuseppe Rubbiani, also reinvests with a minority share, along with some managers**



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Luxembourg, 14 February 2024 - NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF (“NB Aurora”), a permanent capital vehicle listed on the Euronext MIV professional segment of Borsa Italiana, finalised the sale of its entire 48.4% stake in the Dierre Group, held through its subsidiary vehicle D Club S.R.L., to the Alto Capital V Fund managed by Alto Partners SGR. The closing follows the signing of the binding agreement announced on 21 December 2023. The total value of the transaction is approximately EUR 108.5 million, of which approximately EUR 22.2 million belongs to NB Aurora. Dierre Group is Italy’s leading manufacturer of high-technology, high-impact safeguards and components for industrial automation. In 2022 its turnover was approximately EUR 63 million.

Confirming its commitment to Dierre Group, NB Aurora reinvested part of the proceeds of the sale, amounting to about EUR 7.4 million, remaining a minority shareholder. The Founder and Chairman of the Dierre Group, Giuseppe Rubbiani, also sold his shareholding and reinvested in the company with a minority stake, together with other managers.

NB Aurora had invested in the Dierre Group in July 2019, with the goal of supporting the entrepreneur and top management on the growth path, including through acquisitions, to position the company among the industry leaders in Europe. Founded in 1997 in Fiorano Modenese by Giuseppe Rubbiani, from a small company specialising in the production of safeguards systems for industry, the Dierre Group has today achieved a leading position in its market segment, mainly thanks to continuous innovation and the integration of complementary companies. The company has also made industrial safety its mission through a responsible approach to ESG issues, with a commitment not only to sustainability but also to the responsible and safe management of company operations.

NB Aurora

NB Aurora is the first permanent capital vehicle listed in Italy on the Euronext MIV Milan - Professional Segment. It was established with the goal of investing in unlisted SMEs, channelling financial resources to support their growth and internationalisation, thus contributing to supporting the country’s real economy. NB Aurora is promoted by Neuberger Berman, a private, independent, employee-owned investment company with assets under management of USD 463 billion as of 31 December 2023. NB Aurora’s investment target is SMEs of excellence, leaders in market segments with high growth potential, a turnover of between EUR 30 and 300 million and a strong propensity to export. The NB Aurora team works with an active minority approach, in a partnership with entrepreneurs with a medium- to long-term time horizon. After the first transaction that led NB Aurora to acquire 44.55% of Fondo Italiano d’Investimento’s shares (17 initial holdings of which it still retains an investment in Amut Group and Zeis Excelsa), the fund invested in 12 companies: Club del Sole (leader in the camping-village sector in Italy), Dierre Group (production of tech components for industrial automation), PHSE (temperature-controlled transport of drugs and biological samples), BluVet (network of veterinary clinics), Rino Mastrotto Group (production and marketing of leather for the fashion, automotive and furnishing sectors), Engineering (leader in Italy in the digital transformation of companies, public and private organisations), Veneta Cucine (design, production and manufacture of kitchen furniture living and furnishing accessories), Comet (development and production of natural and synthetic rubber compounds), Farmo (producer of gluten-free and better-for-you foods), Exacer (active in the specialty chemicals business through the



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development and production of supports for catalysts), PromoPharma (specialising in the production and marketing of food supplements, dietetic foods and innovative medical devices) and Finlogic (specialising in the production of solutions for the labelling, coding and automatic identification of products).

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