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## AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE REORGANIZATION OF NB AURORA BUSINESS CARRIED OUT BY NEUBERGER BERMAN RENAISSANCE ("NBR") HAVE BEEN SIGNED:

- NEUBERGER BERMAN AIFM S.ÀR.L WILL DE-MERGE ITS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED, INTER ALIA, TO NB AURORA BUSINESS, TO A NEW LUXEMBOURG ENTITY REGULATED BY THE CSSF ("DEMERGER").
- ALL THE SPECIAL SHARES OF NB AURORA AND NO. 45,000 CLASS B SHARES OF NB AURORA WILL BE TRANFERRED TO RENAISSANCE GP HOLDINGS AND TO NB AURORA TEAM MEMBERS

### NB AURORA'S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REDUCED FROM FIVE TO THREE INDIVIDUALS

*Luxembourg, 29 April 2024* – NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("**NB Aurora**"), further to and on the basis of the communications received from Neuberger Berman Group LLC and Neuberger Berman AIFM S.àr.l. (the "**Notices**"), announces the following.

Neuberger Berman Europe Limited ("**NBEL**") and RP S.àr.l. ("**RP**"), a company indirectly jointly controlled by Mr. Stefano Bontempelli and Mr. Fabio Canè entered into, among others, a reorganization agreement (the "**Reorganization Agreement**") to reorganise their joint venture operations related to the direct private equity business ("**Direct PE Business**") carried out by Neuberger Berman Renaissance S.àr.l. ("**NBR**"; collectively, the "**Transaction**").



In particular, as a result of the above-mentioned Transaction, NBEL will reduce its investment in the Direct PE Business, through a newly incorporated company named Renaissance Partners 2 S.àr.l. ("**Renaissance Partners**" or "**RP 2**"), from control to a minority position; with RP increasing its interest, through RP 2, from minority to a control position.

As NBEL will no longer have control of the Direct PE Business following the completion of the Transaction, it is envisaged that, subject to the fulfillment of all the conditions precedent referred to in the Reorganization Agreement, the investment manager activities related to the Direct PE Business (including those related to NB Aurora) performed by Neuberger Berman AIFM S.àr.l. ("**NB AIFM**") also through its Italian branch, will be transferred, by means of a demerger, to a new Luxembourg entity regulated by the CSSF and directly controlled by Renaissance Partners ("**Renaissance AIFM**").

With particular reference to NB Aurora, the above mentioned Transaction will entail the following activities:

- NB Alternative Advisers LLC will sell and transfer all of its special shares of NB Aurora to a newly incorporated company indirectly controlled by Renaissance Partners ("Renaissance GP Holdings") for a purchase price equal to the relevant book value;
- NB Aurora Holdings Limited ("NBAH") will sell and transfer no. 37,500 class B shares of NB Aurora (equal to 25% of all class B shares issued by NB Aurora) to the NB Aurora Team members of the Italian branch of NB AIFM dedicated to minority private equity investments mainly in Italian small and medium enterprises carried out by the investment funds NB Aurora, NB Aurora Co-Investment Fund SCSp, NB Aurora Co-Investment Fund II S.C.A. SICAV-RAIF and Fondo Italiano di Investimento (the "Aurora Funds"), directly or through a common vehicle designated by them, for a purchase price equal to the relevant fair market value (in line with similar transactions involving such shares in the recent past);
- NBAH will sell and transfer no. 7,500 class B shares of NB Aurora (equal to 5% of all class B shares issued by NB Aurora) to certain employees of the Italian branch of NB AIFM dedicated to direct equity investments mainly in private companies headquartered in Italy or otherwise in Europe carried out by the Renaissance funds, directly or through a common vehicle designated by them, for a purchase price equal to the relevant fair market value (in line with similar transactions involving such shares in the recent past);
- NB AIFM will undertake a demerger of the assets and liabilities related to the Direct PE Business, including its Italian branch as well as the investment management activities regarding, *inter alia*, the management of NB Aurora, in favor of Renaissance AIFM ("**Demerger**").

The carrying out of the above activities, as well as those further activities to be carried out within the same context pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement to implement the above described Transaction, is subject to the fulfillment, among other, of the following conditions precedent:

- **Regulatory Conditions Precedent**: the CSSF having authorized, *inter alia*, (i) Renaissance AIFM as an AIFM, (ii) the Demerger and the closing of the Italian branch of NB AIFM and subsequent opening of the Italian branch of Renaissance AIFM, and (iii) the replacement of NB AIFM with Renaissance AIFM as alternative investment fund manager (the new AIFM) of, inter alia, NB Aurora;



- Amendments to NB Aurora's By-laws: NB Aurora's extraordinary general meeting of shareholders having approved certain amendments to the NB Aurora's By-laws to allow the above-mentioned transfers of NB Aurora's special shares and class B shares;
- Third-Party Consent Conditions Precedent: the receipt of certain required third-party consents to the Transaction.

The completion of the Transaction is expected to occur within calendar year, and in any event within the long stop date of 31 December 2025.

Furthermore, further to and on the basis of the above Notices, NB Aurora announces that NB AIFM and the senior partners of NB AIFM devoted, through its Italian branch, to providing the portfolio management services with NB Aurora Mr. Francesco Sogaro and Mr. Lorenzo Baraldi ("**Key Managers**") have agreed to terminate by mutual consent their employment relationship. They subsequently cease to be members of NB Aurora's Investment Committee. NB AIFM will soon arrange for their replacement in the Aurora's Investment Committee as per the provisions of the relevant partnership agreements of the Aurora Funds. NB AIFM expresses its strong appreciation and gratitude for the efforts and competent work of Francesco Sogaro and Lorenzo Baraldi over the years.

#### **NB** Aurora

NB Aurora is the first permanent capital vehicle to be listed in Italy on the Euronext MIV Milan - Professional Segment. It was created with the aim 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's investment target is SMEs of excellence, leaders in market niches with high growth potential, a turnover of between EUR 30 and 300 million and a strong propensity to export. The NB Aurora team works in 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 protection systems 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 industries), Engineering (leader in Italy in the digital transformation of companies, public and private organisations), Veneta Cucine (design, production and manufacture of kitchen and living furniture and furnishing accessories), Comet (development and production of natural and synthetic rubber compounds), Farmo (producer of gluten-free and better-foryou foods), Exacer (active in the specialty chemicals business through the 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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