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PRESS RELEASE

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completes first close of
EQUITA Green Impact Fund
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transition in order to fight
climate change**



Milan, June 4th, 2024

EQUITA Capital SGR – one of the primary multi-asset management platforms in Italy and part of the EQUITA Group, the leading independent Italian investment bank – **is pleased to announce the successful first close of the EQUITA Green Impact Fund (EGIF) with €100 million of commitments.**

The **European Investment Fund** (EIF – Part of the EIB Group), backed by the **InvestEU programme**, and **CDP Real Asset SGR**¹ are backing the EGIF initiative as **co-anchor investors**, with the aim of **supporting the energy transition and contributing materially to the fight against climate change.**

These two top tier institutions were joined by other highly regarded institutional investors, including leading insurance companies and banks, together with **EQUITA** and the **EGIF investment team**, with a mission to make a commitment to work towards a better future and at the same time earn attractive investment returns.

EGIF – which qualifies as an **Article 9 product** under the European Sustainable Financial Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) and as a **PIR compliant fund** – will now start to **deploy its capital to increase renewable energy capacity**. Its main focus will be on the **Italian renewables market**, whilst adding some diversification into other EU countries. Investments will mainly target **utility-scale greenfield opportunities** in **solar photovoltaic, onshore wind** and **biogas**.

In parallel, **the EGIF team will continue to attract new investors and raise additional resources to fund the energy transition.**

Andrea Vismara, Chief Executive Officer at EQUITA, said: "EQUITA is delighted to welcome the European Investment Fund, CDP Real Asset, and all other institutions and investors who have placed their trust in us. This first close is an important milestone that demonstrates our ability to enhance and diversify our suite of products in order to offer our clients a top tier service. Our Alternative Asset Management division is growing rapidly: today EQUITA Capital SGR is one of the very few Italian asset managers active in private debt, private equity and renewable infrastructure, with a broad and growing product range in illiquid proprietary investment solutions."

¹ CDP Real Asset SGR has invested through the Fund of funds (FOF) Infrastrutture.

*"The investment in EQUITA's Green Impact Fund shows the EIF's commitment to promoting sustainable solutions that not only protect our planet but also deliver good investment returns," said EIF Chief Investment Officer **Alessandro Tappi**. "It is through initiatives like this that we can build a better and greener future for all."*

Balthazar Cazac, Managing Partner at EGIF, commented: *"We are thrilled to have reached the first close of our fund. We will now begin to deploy capital by utilizing our extensive network of contacts, and to build on the rich pipeline of projects the team has shortlisted in Italy and across the EU."*

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