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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NB AURORA AND F&P EQUITY PARTNERS**

#### **COMPLETION OF THE SALE TO CA’ ZAMPA OF THE ENTIRE SHAREHOLDING IN BLUVET, WITH THE SIMULTANEOUS REINVESTMENT FROM NB AURORA ONLY IN THE NEW GROUP TO SUPPORT ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT**

*Luxembourg, 25 February 2025*

NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF (“**Aurora**”), a permanent capital vehicle listed on the Euronext MIV professional segment of Borsa Italiana (Italian Stock Exchange) and specialised in growth capital investments in Italian SMEs, further to the press release issued on 30 December 2024, announces the completion of the sale to Ca’ Zampa S.r.l. (“**Ca’ Zampa**” or the “**Group**”) of its entire shareholding held in BluVet S.p.A. (“**BluVet**”) as part of an overall transaction involving the sale of 100% of BluVet’s share capital, with simultaneous reinvestment in the new Group to support its further growth plan. The stake held by Aurora together with its co-investment funds, through its subsidiary vehicle Blu Club S.r.l., amounted to approximately 68.5% of BluVet’s share capital.

As part of the same transaction, the entire shareholding held in BluVet by the investment vehicle owned by F&P Equity Partners was also sold to Ca’ Zampa.

The total consideration paid to Aurora and its co-investment funds as part of the sale transaction was approximately EUR 39 million, of which approximately EUR 16 million pertained to Aurora.

At the same time as the sale was completed, Aurora, together with its co-investment funds, reinvested a total amount of approximately EUR 9 million (of which approximately EUR 5 million pertained to Aurora) in Ca’ Zampa alongside other investors, as part of a broader capital increase transaction, as a result of which it will hold a minority stake. F&P Equity Partners will not be part of the new group.

The sellers were advised by Vitale&Co (financial advisor), ADVANT Nctm (legal advisor) and Spada Partners (tax advisor).

In December 2020, Aurora invested - together with its co-investment funds and a number of co-investors with F&P Equity Partners at the forefront - in BluVet, an Italian platform for the consolidation, through M&A, of the domestic market of medium to large-sized veterinary clinics. Since it was established, the company has completed more than 25 acquisitions of veterinary clinics, reaching a total turnover of approximately EUR 33 million in 2023.

Ca' Zampa is an Italian hub of about 20 veterinary facilities, which has developed both through the opening of greenfield facilities and through the acquisition of clinics already on the market, working on a strong integration of its network. Ca' Zampa Group is promoted by Italian entrepreneurs and investors, as well as by the fund G Square Capital.

**Mauro Facchini**, Principal of Aurora, commented: “BluVet is the result of an ambitious aggregation process, initiated with a clear vision and transformed over time into a consolidated reality. The path, as challenging as it was rewarding, required Aurora’s constant commitment to managing the acquisition and integration processes. Together with the F&P team, BluVet’s founding shareholders Roberto Del Maso and Cecilia Accampi, and the company’s management, whom we thank for their joint efforts, we were able to complete the acquisition of more than 25 clinics in less than four years, establishing the Company as a leading player nationwide. Aurora strongly believes in the project started with BluVet and is enthusiastic about continuing this path through the investment in Ca’ Zampa. We are convinced that this transaction will contribute positively to the development and further growth of the veterinary sector in Italy.”

**Guglielmo Fiocchi** and **Maurizio Perroni**, founders and partners of F&P4BIZ, commented: “This complex transaction will make an extraordinary contribution to the consolidation process already underway in the Italian veterinary sector, in which BluVet has been a key player in recent years. BluVet’s successful role in the Italian market was the result of a rapid expansion consistent with the company’s plans, which, thanks to our dual expertise, we supported in both industrial organisation and financial operations. Over the past few years, we’ve worked with Aurora and BluVet’s management in an atmosphere of great cooperation and commitment on all sides, both on the M&A front and in the processes of integration and efficiency of the veterinary facilities, also achieved through the digitalisation of processes and the adoption of industrial management best practices”.

**Roberto Dal Maso** and **Cecilia Accampi**, BluVet’s founding shareholders, commented: “We are proud to have handed over a legacy of excellence, professionalism and passion: over 25 veterinary facilities with more than 600 extraordinary collaborators and the Gregorio VII Polyclinic, a national ‘unicum’, also the teaching hospital of the new Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Roma Tor Vergata. On our part, a heartfelt thanks to all BluVet colleagues who, from the Holding and in the Clinics, have made this exceptional result possible”.

## Aurora

Aurora is the first permanent capital vehicle listed in Italy on Euronext MIV Milan – Professional Segment. It was created with the aim of making growth capital investments in unlisted Italian SMEs, by channelling financial resources to support their growth and internationalisation. Aurora’s investment target consists of leading SMEs, niche market leaders with high added value and growth potential, with a turnover of between EUR 30 and 300 million and strong export propensity. The Aurora team works in partnership with entrepreneurs, supporting them in achieving their medium to long-term growth plans. The investment strategy focuses on five verticals: made in Italy, healthcare, environmental & sustainability, tech growth & digital transformation, and specialized industrial manufacturing & business services. Aurora has invested in 12 companies with an aggregate turnover of approximately EUR 2.6 billion and a workforce of over 18,000 employees.

## F&P Equity Partners

F&P Equity Partners was founded in 2023 as a continuation of F&P4BIZ from which it inherited experience, skills, network and an investment portfolio. Founded by Guglielmo Fiocchi, Maurizio Perroni, Andrea Lovato and the professional firm RTZ, F&P Equity Partners is an independent company that focuses on private equity and particularly on club deals. A tailor-made solutions boutique available to entrepreneurs and investors, F&P Equity Partners leverages its partners’ industrial, managerial and financial expertise. The company, which is based in Milan but has a strong international outlook, has the goal of facilitating, through means of private equity instruments and particularly club deals, bringing together companies ready to be taken to the next level and capital searching for opportunities.

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