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## **COMUNICATO STAMPA**

*Milano, 10 maggio 2018*

**NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF**, quotata in Italia sul segmento MIV con l'obiettivo di investire in piccole e medie imprese non quotate, comunica che, essendosi verificate le condizioni previste dall'accordo di co-investimento stipulato con NB SOF IV Holdings LP nel novembre 2017 (come modificato più recentemente il 4 aprile 2018), finalizzerà l'acquisto delle quote fino al 44,55% del Fondo Italiano d'Investimento entro il 21 maggio p.v.

Con riferimento al portafoglio detenuto da Fondo Italiano di Investimento, si segnala che in data odierna è stata ceduta alla famiglia fondatrice Bacchini, già azionista di riferimento, la partecipazione del 16% detenuta dal Fondo Italiano nella società Surgital S.p.A.

L'operazione si è perfezionata per un controvalore di Euro 18 milioni, rispetto ad un net asset value (NAV) di Fondo Italiano di Investimento al 31 dicembre 2017 pari a Euro 10,6 milioni.

### **NB Aurora**

NB Aurora è il primo veicolo di *permanent capital* quotato in Italia sul segmento MIV che nasce con l'obiettivo di investire in PMI non quotate, convogliando risorse finanziarie a supporto della loro crescita ed internazionalizzazione, contribuendo così a sostenere l'economia reale del Paese. NB Aurora è promosso da

Neuberger Berman, società di investimento privata, indipendente e controllata dai propri dipendenti, con \$299 miliardi in gestione (al 31 marzo 2018).

Parte dei proventi raccolti sarà utilizzata per rilevare, a determinate condizioni, fino al 44,55% delle quote del Fondo Italiano d'Investimento, acquisite a novembre 2017 da fondi gestiti da Neuberger Berman, e un'altra parte per acquistare in una fase successiva partecipazioni di minoranza in altre PMI, attraverso la sottoscrizione di operazioni di aumento di capitale finalizzate a supportare piani di crescita.

Il target di investimento di NB Aurora sono PMI italiane di eccellenza, leader in nicchie di mercato ad alto potenziale di crescita, con fatturato compreso tra 30 e 300 milioni di euro e una forte propensione all'export. Il team di NB Aurora opererà con un approccio di *active minority*, in un'ottica di partnership con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine.

## Gruppo Surgital

Surgital è la prima azienda italiana produttrice di pasta fresca surgelata, piatti pronti surgelati e sughi in pepite surgelati per la ristorazione, il catering e il canale bar.

Alla sede produttiva di Lavezzola (Ra) si aggiungono due filiali commerciali in Francia, a Lione, e negli Stati Uniti, nello stato della Florida, e la presenza di area manager diretti in Germania e in Uk.

Fondata dalla famiglia Bacchini nel 1980 come piccolo laboratorio artigianale, ha saputo portare la genuinità dei suoi prodotti su scala industriale, arrivando a produrre ogni giorno 135 tonnellate di pasta fresca, 60.000 piatti pronti monoporzione e 8 tonnellate di sughi in pepite, impegnando oltre 340 dipendenti.

Nello stabilimento che copre una superficie di 60.000 metri quadrati, sono attive 29 linee di produzione. Parte importante dell'azienda, oggi governata dall'intera famiglia Bacchini, sono i 70.000 metri cubi di celle frigorifere, con un magazzino automatizzato a -20 °C da 14.000 posti pallet in cui sono stoccate oltre 600 referenze di prodotto, tutte preparate con ingredienti eccellenti della tradizione italiana e materie prime acquistate integre e lavorate nelle cucine interne, molte delle quali certificate Dop.

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