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NB AURORA SOTTOSCRIVE UN ACCORDO VINCOLANTE CON NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS PER L'ACQUISIZIONE DI UNA QUOTA INDIRETTA PARI A CIRCA 2,8% IN ENGINEERING

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NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), quotata in Italia sul mercato MIV - Segmento Professionale ("MIV") organizzato e gestito da Borsa Italiana S.p.A., con l'obiettivo di acquisire partecipazioni di minoranza in società di eccellenza non quotate, annuncia di aver sottoscritto in data odierna un accordo vincolante di co-investimento con NB Renaissance Partners per l'acquisizione di Engineering Ingegneria Informatica S.p.A. ("**Engineering**" o la "**Società**" e, unitamente alle società facente capo alla stessa, il "**Gruppo**").

L'accordo si inserisce nell'ambito dell'operazione, annunciata al mercato lo scorso 5 febbraio 2020 mediante la diffusione di un comunicato stampa, tramite la quale NB Renaissance Partners Holdings e fondi gestiti da Bain Capital hanno sottoscritto un accordo vincolante per acquisire congiuntamente l'intero capitale sociale di Engineering.

L'acquisizione di Engineering è soggetta al previo avveramento delle relative condizioni sospensive, in particolare il rilascio dell'autorizzazione *Golden Power*. In caso di avveramento delle condizioni sospensive, il *closing* dell'operazione è previsto per le prossime settimane.

L'investimento di circa 20 milioni di euro da parte di NB Aurora avverrà facendo integralmente ricorso a mezzi propri. In seguito all'investimento, NB Aurora deterrà indirettamente circa il 2,8% di Engineering.

Con sede a Roma, Engineering è tra le principali realtà impegnate nella trasformazione digitale di aziende e organizzazioni pubbliche e private, con un'offerta innovativa di piattaforme per i principali segmenti di mercato. Con circa 12.000 professionisti in 65 sedi (in Italia, Belgio, Spagna, Germania, Svizzera, Norvegia, Svezia, Repubblica di Serbia, Brasile, Argentina e Usa), Engineering disegna, sviluppa e implementa soluzioni innovative per le aree di business in cui la digitalizzazione genera i maggiori cambiamenti, tra cui *Digital Finance*, *Smart Government & E-Health*, *Augmented Cities*, *Digital Industry*, *Smart Energy & Utilities*, *Digital Telco & Multimedia*.

Il Gruppo ha l'obiettivo di contribuire a cambiare il modo in cui il mondo vive e lavora, combinando competenze specialistiche nelle tecnologie di ultima frontiera e una infrastruttura proprietaria di eccellenza nel *Cloud Computing*, che conta 4 data center allineati ai migliori standard tecnologici, qualitativi e di sicurezza. Con importanti investimenti in Ricerca & Sviluppo, Engineering svolge un ruolo di primo piano nella ricerca, coordinando progetti nazionali e internazionali grazie a un team di 420 ricercatori e *Data Scientist* e a una rete di partner scientifici e universitari in tutta Europa. Asset strategico del Gruppo è l'attenta politica di formazione del personale a cui ha dedicato una Scuola di *IT & Management*.

Nel 2019 il Gruppo ha registrato ricavi per circa 1,3 miliardi di euro (CAGR 2015-2019: +10%) e un EBITDA pari a circa 160 milioni di euro (CAGR 2015-2019: +11%). Negli ultimi quattro anni, la Società ha completato 20 acquisizioni sia in Italia che all'estero, realizzando un *track record* di successo nell'integrazione ed espansione del proprio portafoglio di soluzioni proprietarie.

Il mercato di riferimento di Engineering è costituito dai Servizi e Software IT, e vale complessivamente circa 19 miliardi di euro, con un tasso di crescita tra i più rapidi all'interno del più ampio mercato IT. Le positive prospettive a lungo termine sono guidate dal trend della trasformazione digitale, con una transizione dalla spesa IT tradizionale ad investimenti in piattaforme digitali, e dalla forte crescita attesa nelle nicchie di '*digital enablers*' (ad esempio *Cyber Security*, *Cloud*, *IoT*, *Big Data*).

NB Aurora

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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 circa \$330 miliardi in gestione (al 31 marzo 2020). 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 opera con un approccio di *active minority*, in un'ottica di *partnership* con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine.

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