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## NB AURORA SIGNS A BINDING AGREEMENT WITH NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN INDIRECT STAKE OF AROUND 2.8% IN ENGINEERING

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**NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF** ("**NB Aurora**"), listed in Italy on the MIV – Professional Segment ("MIV") market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., with the objective of acquiring minority interests in unlisted companies, announces that today it has signed a binding co-investment agreement with NB Renaissance Partners for the acquisition of Engineering Ingegneria Informatica S.p.A ("Engineering" or the "Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group").

The agreement is part of the transaction, announced to the market on 5 February 2020 with a press release, through which NB Renaissance Partners Holdings and funds managed by Bain Capital have signed a binding agreement to jointly acquire the entire share capital of Engineering.

The acquisition of Engineering is subject to the prior fulfilment of the relevant conditions precedent, in particular the granting of Golden Power authorization. If the conditions precedent are fulfilled, the closing of the transaction is expected in the coming weeks.

The investment of approximately 20 million euros by NB Aurora will be made entirely from its own resources. Following the transaction, NB Aurora will indirectly hold approximately 2.8% of Engineering.



Headquartered in Rome, Engineering is one of the main players in the field of digital transformation of public and private companies and organizations, offering an innovative range of platforms for the main market segments. With about 12,000 professionals in 65 locations (in Italy, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Serbia, Brazil, Argentina and the USA), Engineering designs, develops and manages innovative solutions for the business areas where digitalization is having the biggest impact, including Digital Finance, Smart Government & E-Health, Augmented Cities, Digital Industry, Smart Energy & Utilities, Digital Telco & Multimedia.

The Group's mission is to take part in the modernization of the world where we live and work, thanks to a combination of specialist skills in next-generation technologies and a proprietary state-of-the-art technological infrastructure in Cloud Computing, which comprises 4 data centers aligned to the best technological, quality and security standards. With significant investments in R&D, Engineering plays a leading role in research, by coordinating national and international projects thanks to its team of 420 researchers and data scientists and a network of academic partners and universities throughout Europe. Talent management stands as one of the key strategic assets of the Group: Engineering has a dedicated IT & Management School, with more than 21,000 days of training provided during the last year, constantly empowering and improving its employees' know-how.

In 2019 the Group reached revenues of approximately €1.3 billion (CAGR 2015-2019: +10%) and EBITDA of approximately €160 million (CAGR 2015-2019: +11%). During the last four years, the Company has completed 20 acquisitions both in Italy and abroad, with a track record of successful integration and expansion of its portfolio of proprietary solutions.

Engineering's reference market is made up by IT Services and Software, which add-up to €19 billion combined and show among the fastest growth rates within the broader IT market. Long-term positive outlook is driven by the digital transformation trend, with a transition from traditional IT spending to investments in digital platforms, and the fast-growing digital enablers' niches (e.g., Cyber Security, Cloud, IoT, Big Data).

## **NB** Aurora

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includes those top-class SMEs with a leading position in specialized niches and a strong export attitude with a turnover between €30 and €300 million. NB Aurora team will operate with an active minority approach, to partner with entrepreneurs with a medium-long term horizon.

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