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NB AURORA SOTTOSCRIVE UN ACCORDO PER L'ACQUISIZIONE DEL 47% DI FARMO, LEADER NELLO SVILUPPO E PRODUZIONE DI PRODOTTI GLUTEN-FREE

Lussemburgo, 30 luglio 2021 - 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 in PMI italiane di eccellenza non quotate, annuncia di aver sottoscritto in data odierna - attraverso il veicolo interamente controllato NB Aurora Holdings S.à r.l. ("**NB Aurora Holdings**") - un contratto di acquisizione (il "**Contratto**") avente ad oggetto l'acquisto di una quota di minoranza nel capitale sociale di Farmo Holding S.r.l. ("**Farmo Holding**") socio unico di Farmo S.p.A. ("**Farmo**").

Il Contratto prevede, in particolare, che NB Aurora Holdings, direttamente o mediante un veicolo neo-costituito e controllato dalla stessa NB Aurora Holdings ("**Newco**"), venga a detenere il 47% del capitale sociale di Farmo Holding, a fronte di un investimento complessivo di Euro 14,7 milioni comprensivo dei costi di transazione, investimento che si perfezionerà, in parte, mediante acquisto di quote dai soci attuali e, in parte, mediante la sottoscrizione di un aumento di capitale riservato a NB Aurora Holdings (o, a seconda dei casi, a Newco) in Farmo Holding. L'investimento di NB Aurora in Farmo Holding avverrà facendo integralmente ricorso a mezzi propri.

Il completamento dell'operazione - soggetto al previo avveramento del rilascio di autorizzazione *golden power* - è previsto entro il terzo trimestre 2021.

A partire dalla data odierna e per un periodo di 18 (diciotto) mesi successivi al completamento dell'operazione, NB Aurora Holdings avrà il diritto di sindacare, in una o in più *tranche*, una partecipazione di minoranza di Newco (e indirettamente di Farmo Holding).

Nata nel 2000 grazie ad una intuizione di successo dell'attuale Presidente Remo Gai, Farmo è leader nello sviluppo e produzione di alimenti "better for you", gluten free, plant based, high protein e keto friendly. Farmo produce interamente in Italia nel sito produttivo di 20.000 mq a Casorezzo, in provincia

di Milano e copre tutta la *value chain*, a partire dalla ricerca, alla produzione e infine alla distribuzione dei suoi alimenti di alta qualità. Concentrata inizialmente sul mercato italiano, l'attività oggi si è estesa al business internazionale attraverso prodotti *private label* con oltre il 65% delle vendite in USA e Canada e il 30% in Europa.

Nel 2020 l'azienda, che conta 80 persone, ha realizzato ricavi per circa 20 milioni di euro, il 35% circa in più rispetto all'anno precedente, grazie soprattutto alla ricerca e innovazione.

NB Aurora

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Dopo la prima operazione che ha portato NB Aurora ad acquisire il 44,55% delle quote di Fondo Italiano d'Investimento (17 partecipazioni iniziali quali attualmente mantiene ancora l'investimento in Ligabue, DBA Group, Amut Group e Zeis Excelsa), il fondo ha investito in 8 aziende: Club del Sole (leader nel settore camping-village in Italia), Dierre Group (leader in Italia nella produzione di componenti tech per l'automazione industriale), PHSE (leader italiano nel trasporto a temperatura controllata di farmaci e campioni biologici), BluVet (rete di cliniche veterinarie), Rino Mastrotto Group (leader mondiale nella produzione e commercializzazione delle pelli per i settori fashion, automotive e dell'arredamento), Engineering (leader in Italia nella trasformazione digitale di aziende, organizzazioni pubbliche e private), Veneta Cucine (leader nella progettazione, produzione e realizzazione di mobili per cucina, living e complementi d'arredo) e Comet (leader in Italia nello sviluppo e produzione di mescole in gomma naturale e sintetica).

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