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**PRESS RELEASE**

**NB AURORA COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF 42.75% OF EXACER, A  
COMPANY ACTIVE IN THE SPECIALTY CHEMICALS BUSINESS  
THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF CATALYST  
SUPPORTS FOR THE WORLD'S LEADING CHEMICAL GROUPS**

*Luxembourg, 21 October 2021* - NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), listed in Italy on the MIV market - Segmento Professionale ("MIV") organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., with the aim of acquiring holdings in unlisted Italian SMEs, announces, following the fulfilment of the conditions precedent, that it has completed the acquisition of a 42.75% stake in Exacer S.r.l. ("Exacer") from the majority shareholder FinExacer S.r.l., in execution of the sale and purchase agreement signed on 29 September 2021. The acquisition was completed through NewCo Ex Club S.r.l., a wholly-owned subsidiary of NB Aurora Holdings S.à r.l..

Exacer, active in the specialty chemicals business through the development and production of supports for catalysts, thanks to a significant R&D activity and a peculiar technical-productive know-how, is increasingly positioning itself, in a market characterised by the presence of large international competitors, as a primary supplier of the most important world chemical groups thanks to the development of new supports for high quality catalysts made *ad-hoc* to meet the specific needs of each customer.

From today and for 18 months thereafter, NB Aurora Holdings S.à r.l. will have the right to syndicate, in one or more tranches, a minority stake in the investment vehicle Ex Club S.r.l..

For further information on the transaction, please refer to the previous press release of 29 September 2021.

## NB Aurora

NB Aurora, the first permanent capital vehicle listed in Italy on the MIV professional segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, has been created with the purpose to invest in unlisted SMEs, conveying financial resources to support their growth and international expansion, thus helping to support the real economy. NB Aurora is promoted by Neuberger Berman, a private, independent, employee-owned investment manager, with \$433 billion AUM (as of 30 June 2021). The investment target includes 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 operates with an active minority approach, partnering with entrepreneurs with a medium-long term horizon. After the first deal that led NB Aurora to acquire 44.55% of the shares of Fondo Italiano di Investimento (17 initial shareholdings of which it currently still holds the investments in Ligabue, DBA Group, Amut Group and Zeis Excelsa), NB Aurora invested in 10 companies: Club del Sole (leader in the camping-village sector in Italy), Dierre Group (leader in Italy in the production of tech components for industrial automation), PHSE (Italian leader in the temperature-controlled transport of drugs and biological samples), BluVet (network of veterinary clinics), Rino Mastrotto Group (world leader in the production and marketing of leathers for fashion, automotive and furniture industries), Engineering (leader in Italy in the digital transformation of companies, public and private organizations), Veneta Cucine (Europe's leading manufacturer of fitted kitchens), Comet (leader in Italy in the development and production of tailor-made organic rubber and silicone compounds), Farmo (italian leader in the production of gluten free, organic, plant-based and rich-in healthy packaged food for own brands, third party brands and private label channels) and Exacer, active in the specialty chemicals business through the development and production of catalyst supports.

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