

PRESS RELEASE

NEXTALIA SGR RECEIVED AUTHORISATION FROM BANK OF ITALY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED “NEXTALIA PRIVATE EQUITY” FUND RULES

Milan, July 29th, 2021. **Nextalia SGR S.p.A.** (“Nextalia” or the “Company”) – established in February 2021 by Francesco Canzonieri together with leading Italian institutional investors (**Intesa Sanpaolo, UnipolSai Assicurazioni, Coldiretti and Micheli Associati**) – received authorisation from Bank of Italy, on July 20th 2021, to manage alternative investment funds (**Società di Gestione del Risparmio or “SGR”**).

While sharing the successful outcome of the authorisation process with the Board of Directors, Francesco Canzonieri – Nextalia’s CEO – commented: *“I would like to thank our shareholders, our Board of Directors and our team for their distinctive contribution to the creation of Nextalia in such a short time frame. Nextalia aims to become the reference platform for private market investments in Italy”*.

The Company will manage alternative closed-end investment funds reserved to professional investors. The **Board of Directors** – composed of the Chairman **Francesco Micheli**, the CEO Francesco Canzonieri and the Directors Cristina De Benetti, Vincenzo Gesmundo, Emanuele Grippo, Maria Leddi and Matteo Ricatti – **approved today the Rules of the first fund, “Nextalia Private Equity”**. The marketing of the fund will begin upon completion of the notification process to Consob.

Moreover, Nextalia’s Board of Directors established a **Strategic Advisory Board** chaired by **Francesco Micheli**, who commented: *“The Strategic Advisory Board will act as a “think tank”, providing professional expertise in the assessment of economic and social trends, while supporting the identification of potential investment opportunities”*. The Strategic Advisory Board is composed of a highly regarded group of professionals with a diverse background across finance, business, social community engagement and academia, including – in addition to the Chairman - **Umberta Gnutti Beretta, Giustina Mistrello Destro, Danilo Iervolino, Gaetano Micciché, Monica Mondardini, Livia Pomodoro and Massimo Tononi**.

Nextalia features a **team of highly qualified professionals** with complementary experience in private equity, M&A, strategic consulting and ESG, sharing the same ambition to support real economy and promote Italian excellence and sustainable growth. In particular, the Investment team is led by **Francesco Canzonieri** - previously Global Co-Head of Corporate & Investment Banking and Country Head of Italy at Mediobanca - together with **Alberto Vigo** (Partner and Head of Origination; from October 1st, 2021), **Matteo Ricatti** (Partner and Head of Execution) and **Giorgio Libotte** (Partner and Head of Strategy & Portfolio Management). The Investment team also includes **Giulia Volla** (Head of ESG & Investor Relations), **Federico Grossi** (Investment Director), **Alessandro Drudi** (Investment Associate), **Martina Sgalippa** (Investment Associate) and, starting from September 1st, 2021, an additional Investment Director from a leading international private equity player.

Nextalia’s Management team includes **Benedetta Volpi** (Head of Legal & Compliance) and **Laura Foresti** (Chief Financial Officer).

The Company and the Investment team will also be supported by an experienced group of **Industrial Advisors**, with deep knowledge and expertise in their respective industries and functions. As of today, Nextalia’s Industrial Advisors **Claudio Calabi, Luca Nicodemi, Fabio Romeo, Mauro Selvetti and Andrea Zambon**.

Nextalia has been assisted by law firm Cappelli RCCD as legal advisor and by law firm Gatti Pavesi Bianchi Ludovici as tax advisor.

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