

PRESS RELEASE

NEXTALIA SGR: NEXTALIA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND COMPLETES FIRST CLOSING ABOVE HALF BILLION EURO

Milan, 26 November 2021. The Board of Directors of **Nextalia SGR S.p.A.** ("**Nextalia**" or the "**Company**"), the asset management company established by Francesco Canzonieri together with leading Italian institutional investors (Intesa Sanpaolo, UnipolSai Assicurazioni, Coldiretti, and Micheli Associati), **is pleased to announce the successful first closing of Nextalia Private Equity** (the "**Fund**"), a closed-end reserved alternative investment fund.

Nextalia attracted commitments for Euro 563 million, completing the first closing of the Fund in just two months of fundraising following Consob's clearance. The final closing of the Fund is expected to reach its hard cap of Euro 800 million within the first half of 2022, **thus confirming Nextalia's position as the reference Italian private equity fund focused on the domestic market.**

Nextalia Private Equity has welcomed a broad spectrum of leading investors, primarily Italian and exclusively private, confirming a widespread and significant interest in the initiative. These include:

- more than 15 leading banks and insurance companies (approximately 45% of commitments);
- several family offices and entrepreneurs (around 35% of commitments);
- more than 10 pension funds and banking foundations (approximately 20% of commitments, including those executed by Nextalia SGR and the management team).

The CEO **Francesco Canzonieri** commented: *"The success of our fundraising represents clear evidence of the commitment of our shareholders and investors to contribute to the growth of Italian companies and of our Country as a whole. I firmly believe that private equity can act as a key enabler for the growth and success of Italian enterprises, by unleashing resources to invest in acquisitions, human capital and technology. We believe Nextalia is uniquely positioned to take advantage of this opportunity thanks to an exclusive network of strong relationships across the business community, a team of highly qualified professionals and an industrial approach to long-term sustainable value creation"*.

The Chairman of Nextalia's Board of Directors, **Francesco Micheli**, commented: *"On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to express our appreciation for the results achieved. I would particularly like to thank our shareholders, our investors and the members of our Strategic Advisory Board for having contributed to the establishment of a unique initiative of such scale, in a very short timeframe"*.

Nextalia Private Equity's **investment strategy** focuses primarily on **majority investments in Italian companies with high growth potential**. The Fund acts as the reference partner for Italian companies by enabling sustainable value creation and growth through investments, managerial support and access to the Company's proprietary network, while preserving ties to their heritage. To date, Nextalia has developed a proprietary pipeline of investment opportunities in advanced negotiation, some of which are exclusive.



The investment team, led by Francesco Canzonieri together with its partners Alberto Vigo, Matteo Ricatti and Giorgio Libotte, will be further strengthened by welcoming a third Investment Director, who will join the Company in January 2022 from a leading private equity fund.

Finally, Nextalia's experienced group of Industrial Advisors has recently been expanded with the appointment of **Professor Vincenzo Morabito** (Bocconi University), a highly regarded expert in Digital & IT.

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Nextalia is an asset management company established by Francesco Canzonieri together with leading Italian institutional investors (Intesa Sanpaolo, UnipolSai Assicurazioni, Coldiretti and Micheli Associati). The Company aims to invest in the real economy and to promote sustainable growth. Nextalia acts as the reference platform for private market investments in Italy, leveraging its proprietary network and in-house professional capabilities. Nextalia has established "Nextalia Private Equity", a closed-end alternative investment fund under Italian law, reserved to professional investors and focused on Italian SMEs.