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NEXTALIA ADOPTS THE UNITED NATIONS PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

Milan, May 4, 2022. In order to uphold its commitment to responsible investment, in line with international best practices, **Nextalia SGR** announces the signature of the **United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment** (PRI). PRI identify a range of possible actions aimed at incorporating ESG factors into the investment process and at identifying best practices in sustainable investment choices as part of the United Nations broader commitment towards sustainable finance.

Adhering to the PRI has been one of Nextalia's priorities since its set-up, given the SGR's strong commitment to promote ESG factors as a strategic component of value creation. In light of the above, Nextalia has developed a proprietary approach - ESG Next - based on the adoption of the PRI and promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), thus emerging as a distinctive player in the Italian private equity market.

In particular, ESG Next is systematically applied across three dimensions: (i) Nextalia decision-making processes, (ii) investment policies and (iii) portfolio companies. This approach naturally let to the definition of the environmental and social characteristics that "Nextalia Private Equity" fund is promoting within each portfolio company, pursuant to art. 8 of the SFDR Regulation.

In addition, our proprietary rating model allows the systematic monitoring of the environmental and social characteristics along with ESG performance indicators, thus providing a fundamental support in their promotion. In addition, the validation of the ESG proprietary rating results is carried out by an independent third party, ERM Group, one of the reference international consulting companies in the field of sustainability.

Francesco Canzonieri, CEO of Nextalia SGR and Chairman of the ESG Committee, commented: "Signing the PRI is a goal Nextalia has been very committed to since its set-up. ESG factors represent a strategic driver of value creation for Nextalia, thus enabling its unique positioning among other Italian private equity firms and supporting the sustainable growth of our portfolio companies and communities."

Giulia Volla, Head of ESG, added: "In the coming years Nextalia will face new challenges in terms of sustainability, including finding suitable formulas and strategies to promote environmental and social characteristics along with ESG factors within the portfolio companies. In this perspective, the ESG Next proprietary rating will serve as a fundamental tool in identifying the most suitable ESG strategy and monitoring tools for each portfolio company."

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Nextalia SGR is an asset management company promoted by Francesco Canzonieri together with leading Italian institutional investors (Intesa Sanpaolo, UnipolSai Assicurazioni, Coldiretti, Confindustria and Micheli Associati), set-up with the aim of investing in Italian excellences to accelerate the path of sustainable growth. Nextalia is positioned as the reference platform in Italy dedicated to investments in private markets, leveraging its network and the skills of a team of highly qualified professionals. Nextalia has set-up "Nextalia Private Equity", a closed-end mutual investment fund under Italian law, reserved for professional investors, focused on Italian SMEs.

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