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NEXTALIA SGR: NEXTALIA PRIVATE EQUITY CLOSES AT €800 MILLION HARD CAP

Milan, June 29, 2022. **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, Confindustria, Coldiretti and Micheli Associati), is pleased to announce **the successful final closing of Nextalia Private Equity, reaching its hard cap of Euro 800 million.** This result, higher than its target size of Euro 600 million, was achieved in only six months following the first closing of Euro 563 million, as previously announced.

Nextalia Private Equity, a closed-end alternative investment fund, 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 20 leading banks and insurance companies (approximately 38% of commitments);
- several family offices and entrepreneurs (around 33% of commitments);
- approximately 20 pension funds and banking foundations (approximately 29% of commitments, including those executed by Nextalia SGR and the management team).

Francesco Canzonieri, Nextalia's CEO, commented: *"First and foremost, I would like to thank our investors for having made such an ambitious and unique project possible: today's achievement confirms the soundness and distinctiveness of our initiative, aimed at contributing to the development of Italian companies and of Italy's economy as a whole.*

In less than a year since Bank of Italy's authorisation, we can proudly announce not only the final closing of the Fund, among the largest recorded closing in Italy in recent years, but also the execution of four acquisitions in leading companies operating in strategic sectors for the country, reflecting the strong commitment of the entire team, together with the Partners Matteo Ricatti, Alberto Vigo and Giorgio Libotte.

Nextalia's purpose is to achieve a dual mission: to create value for investors while contributing to the development of the country's real economy. I strongly believe that granting exclusive access to our proprietary network, and providing financial and managerial support, will enable to significantly promote the growth of our portfolio companies".

Francesco Micheli, Chairman of Nextalia's Board of Directors, added: *"We are grateful for the significant support received and, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to sincerely thank our shareholders, our investors, and the members of Nextalia's Strategic Advisory Board, for having contributed to the establishment of such an ambitious initiative, which is demonstrating its position as the reference platform for private market investments in Italy".*

Nextalia Private Equity's **investment strategy** focuses primarily on majority investments companies with high growth potential in Italy. In just six months from the first closing, Nextalia was able to execute four acquisitions: (i) **the strategic partnership with Intesa Sanpaolo and the acquisition of Intesa Sanpaolo Formazione**, focused on training and education targeting the Group's employees and its customers; (ii) the acquisition of **Altaformazione**, a leader in Italy in the development of cutting-edge solutions for engaging and interactive learning experiences. The combination of these two companies has led to the creation of **DIGIT'ED**, a leading player in education and digital learning; (iii) the acquisition of **First Advisory**, a leading insurtech platform in private insurance for the wealth management market; and (iv) the acquisition of **Deltatre**, a leading sports and entertainment technology provider, announced on June 23rd.

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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, Confindustria, Coldiretti 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 closedend mutual investment fund under Italian law, reserved for professional investors, focused on Italian SME.

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