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NEXTALIA VENTURES LEADS €10 MILLION SERIES A IN DATAPIZZA, ITALY'S FIRST AI IMPLEMENTATION COMPANY

THE ROUND ACCELERATES DATAPIZZA'S GROWTH AND BRINGS AI TO ITALIAN BUSINESSES

Milan, 22nd July 2026 – **Nextalia Investment Management** ("Nextalia") announces a new investment by the **Nextalia Ventures** fund, which is leading a €10 million Series A financing round in **Datapizza S.r.l.** ("Datapizza" or the "Company"), an Italian technology company specialized in implementing artificial intelligence ("AI") processes and systems within businesses. The transaction represents the first significant opening of the Company's capital.

Datapizza originated from one of Italy's largest tech communities, with over 500,000 members, and today brings together more than 90 AI specialists. The Company supports medium and large enterprises from strategy definition through employee training, from change management initiatives to the deployment of AI solutions in production, with the aim of bridging the gap between the technology's potential and its concrete impact on business processes. In this context, Datapizza has developed a proprietary suite of AI products that can be integrated with existing systems and customized, enabling a concrete measurement of return on investment.

The €10 million Series A round, led by Nextalia Ventures, will support Datapizza's continued growth, strengthening its ability to meet demand from large enterprises while also making AI solutions accessible to small and medium-sized Italian companies.

This investment reflects Nextalia's confidence in Datapizza's positioning and innovation strategy, and Nextalia Ventures' commitment to supporting Italian technology companies capable of turning AI's potential into concrete solutions for businesses. In a context where the competitiveness of production systems increasingly depends on the ability to adopt artificial intelligence independently from individual model providers, Datapizza's vertically integrated approach – combining technology, people and strategy – represents a distinctive factor in the Italian landscape.

Francesco Canzonieri, CEO of Nextalia, commented: "Datapizza demonstrates that the real challenge of AI in Italy is not about the models themselves, but about the ability to embed them into business processes in a neutral and secure way, generating concrete value. We consider this approach strategic for the competitiveness and technological sovereignty of Italy's production system, and this is why we chose to support its growth through Nextalia."

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Pierpaolo D'Odorico and Alessandro Risaro, co-founders of Datapizza, added: "After having nearly grown tenfold in revenue over the past three years, our goal is to close the gap between the potential of artificial intelligence and its concrete impact on businesses. This round will allow us to strengthen our team, accelerate the development of our products and support a growing number of Italian companies. In Nextalia Ventures we have found the ideal partner for this new phase of growth, thanks to the shared vision, network and experience of the team."

Nextalia Ventures was assisted by Grant Thornton for financial, tax and tech due diligence, and by Cappelli Riolo Calderaro Crisostomo Del Din & Partners for legal due diligence and deal structuring.

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