

NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS ANNEX FUND REACHES €300M

**NEUBERGER BERMAN PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS PLATFORM IN ITALY
INCREASES TO €920M**

***NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS ANNEX FUND WILL CO-INVEST TOGETHER WITH
NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS TO ENHANCE THE GROWTH AND THE
INTERNATIONALIZATION OF MID SIZED ITALIAN COMPANIES, LEADERS IN
THEIR OWN MARKETS***

Milan / London / New York 24st July 2017 – NB Renaissance Partners (“NBRP”), Neuberger Berman’s private equity business in Italy, is pleased to announce that NB Renaissance Partners (Annex) SCSp (the “NBRP Annex Fund”) has closed on €300 million in total capital commitments. Neuberger Berman is a private, independent, employee-owned leading global asset manager with \$271 billion of AUM as of June 30, 2017.

NBRP currently manages €920 million of total capital commitments across two funds, NBRP Annex Fund and the first NB Renaissance Partners fund which launched in 2015 with total capital commitments of €620 million from both domestic and international investors (together with the NBRP Annex Fund, the “NBRP Funds”).

The NBRP Funds acquire both majority and minority interests in leading Italian mid-sized companies, with the primary objective of supporting their growth and internationalization. The NBRP Funds are currently invested in 13 Italian companies, including Engineering, Alfasigma, Camfin/Pirelli, Guala Closures, Rina, Esaote and Farnese Vini.

The NBRP Funds are led by Messrs. Marco Cerrina Feroni, Fabio Cané and Stefano Bontempelli, each of whom has significant private equity experience in Europe. The NBRP team includes 14 professionals and is further supported by the global private equity platform of Neuberger Berman which has a dedicated team of over 120 professionals and manages over \$50 billion of commitments since inception through June 2017.

Mr. Cerrina Feroni commented: “We are thrilled to have seen such strong interest for the NBRP Annex Fund, from both existing and new investors, taking us quickly to our target size of €300 million and bringing the total platform dedicated to private equity investments in Italy to €920 million in less than two years since the inception of NBRP”.

“We believe there are many excellent Italian companies which, with the right partner, the appropriate financing and a skilled management team, can consolidate their leadership position in the global markets” noted Mr. Cané.

“We are delighted that the NBRP Funds can support the growth of Italian mid-sized companies and we believe that NBRP Annex Fund represents another important step to position NBRP as a leading Italian private equity platform partnering with mid-sized companies” said Mr. Bontempelli.

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