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GREEN ARROW CAPITAL AND ANTARES OPEN THE “RILANCIO ITALIA” MEETING

Round table on strategies to relaunch Italian businesses with institutional and private capital investors, under the patronage of MEF and Associazione tra Fondazioni di Origine Bancaria dell’Emilia-Romagna.

The “Green Arrow Antares Rilancio Italia” fund was presented at today’s debate in Bologna. The fund was created to support SMEs with solid growth and profitability prospects.

The investment strategy is part of MEF’s “Patrimonio Rilancio” initiative, dedicated to Italian businesses through the “Fondo Nazionale Ristrutturazione Imprese” (FNRI).

Bologna, 18 October 2023 – The “Rilancio Italia” meeting was held today at Palazzo Carisbo in Bologna, and was set up by **Green Arrow Capital**, one of the main leading independent operators in alternative investments, and **Antares**, consultancy boutique specialised in private capital, under the patronage of MEF and **Associazione tra Fondazioni di Origine Bancaria dell’Emilia-Romagna**. The meeting allowed institutional and *private capital* investors to discuss the tools and initiatives needed to accelerate the relaunch of Italian businesses, challenged by global exogenous events over the last three years - the pandemic, geopolitical crisis, and climate change – that have generated unprecedented economic shock that has gravely impacted the real economy, the stability of many Italian businesses, and the development of the Italian market. An example of this is Emilia-Romagna, a region characterized by a dynamic and lively entrepreneurial network, where the meeting is held.

The meeting, along with Eugenio de Blasio, founder and CEO of Green Arrow Capital, and Stefano Romiti, founder of Antares, was attended by institutional and financial world representatives as well as Banks, Asset Management Companies Savings Banks, Pension Schemes, Insurance, Banking Foundations and Pension funds, for an operational debate from the investors’ side.

The meeting also hosted the speech of Hon. Federico Freni, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, on the current and prospective role of institutional investors in support of the real economy.

In this context, the meeting was an opportunity to present the *Green Arrow Antares Rilancio Italia* Fund; promoted by Green Arrow Capital SGR and Antares Rilancio, the fund is focused on Italian SMEs with solid industrial bases that find themselves in a state of temporary capital or financial imbalance due to the macroeconomic context, but that still retain solid industrial fundamentals and adequate profitability prospects.

The Rilancio Italia Fund is in line with the Government’s initiative, with the DL 34/2020 (c.d. Decreto Rilancio), that outlined the framework of measures to support Italian companies

through the “Fondo Nazionale Ristrutturazione Imprese” (FNRI), managed by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and intended for the relaunch of Italian companies affected by the crisis.

With a raising target of €200 million and a hard cap of €300 million, *Green Arrow Antares Rilancio Italia* Fund’s strategy is to generate value through the realisation of an effective relaunch plan that supports the organic and extraordinary growth of businesses, predominantly through the insertion of equity and eventual debt, and through a “hands on” approach in all phases of the relaunch process.

The plan includes operations such as strengthening management, managing of current and prospective markets, the implementation of the internationalization process, the integration of ESG principles in all aspects of the business, while simultaneously protecting the Italian know-how, employment levels and the entrepreneur created value.

Eugenio de Blasio, Founder and CEO of Green Arrow Capital and Member of the “Rilancio Italia” Fund’s Investment Committee commented: *“We are delighted with the meeting’s success, as it saw a strong adherence by part of institutions and investors who hold the common goal of supporting the economic structure of our Country and of generating value. This shows how important is, in this current scenario, to implement extraordinary measures with public and private synergistic interventions to enhance our excellence, preventing them from becoming a target for foreign companies. Through this Fund, we intend to support entrepreneurs to restore the competitive positioning that their companies deserve, protect the Italian know-how and employment levels, through an investment strategy that can guarantee a return to investors as well”.*

Stefano Romiti, founder of Antares, Member of the Investment Committee and Key Man of the Rilancio Italia Fund added: *“We are happy to have strengthened our historical partnership with Green Arrow Capital. We are confident that our expertise in the field of restructuring and financing, combined with Green Arrow’s expertises in investment management, fundraising and opportunity origination sectors, will ensure our active participation in the economic relaunch of our Country”.*

GREEN ARROW CAPITAL

Green Arrow Capital is one of the leading Italian Independent Asset Managers in the alternative investment world, with €2 billion assets of historical raised. To date, around 200 entities have invested into GAC’s funds, almost 90% of which are represented by institutions (Banks, Sovereign Funds, Funds of Funds, Banking Foundations, Insurance Funds, Pension Funds, and Insurance Companies) and around 20% are of international origin. GAC operates three different investment strategies – Clean Energy & Infrastructure, Private Equity, and Private Credit – led by dedicated and independent teams and has currently in fundraising the second Private Debt fund (GAPDF II) and the fourth Private Equity fund (GAPEF IV Italian Champions) supporting excellent Italian SMEs as well as the Infrastructure of the Future Fund (GAIF), which invests in renewable energy and digital infrastructure in high-potential markets in Europe.

Green Arrow Capital was founded in 2012 by Eugenio de Blasio, major shareholder as well as Chairman and CEO, together with the co-founder Daniele Camponeschi (Group CIO). Aside from its founders, Green Arrow Capital includes partners Alessandro Di Michele (Group CFO), Francesco Maria Giovannini, Stefano Russo and Luisa Todini.

ANTARES

Antares boasts an extensive experience in private equity and private debt fund management, as well as in the advisory sector, focusing always on Italian SMEs. In 2009, Stefano Romiti and Guido Vesin fund Antares Advisory Srl, advisor and shareholder of the holding company Antares Private Equity SpA. In 2016, Antares Advisory Srl promotes one of the first operating Private Debt funds in Italy, Antares AZ I, with a financial envelope of approx. € 130M, fully invested, in the process of monitoring and repaying of its own portfolio. In 2023, in light of the general economic scenario, Antares Advisory Srl gathers skills in the restructuring sector and, along with GAC, launches the Fondo Rilancio Italia.

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