



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The BoD of Fondo Italiano d'Investimento appoints Gianpaolo Di Dio as Chief Investment Officer**

*Milan, December 9th 2020* - The Board of Directors of Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR ("FII SGR" or "Fondo Italiano"), chaired by **Andrea Montanino** and led by the CEO **Antonio Pace**, appointed **Gianpaolo Di Dio** as **Chief Investment Officer** (CIO), whose main tasks will be to coordinate the investment activities carried out by the managed funds, in order to ensure maximum harmony among all the instruments put in place for the development of the Italian SMEs system.

Gianpaolo Di Dio, at Fondo Italiano since its foundation (2010), is Senior Partner of Fondo Italiano Consolidamento e Crescita - FICC, the private equity fund of 500 million euros, focused on consolidation processes of companies operating in sectors of excellence. Before joining Fondo Italiano, he was CEO of Arcotronics and Netscalibur Italia, for which he successfully completed the turnaround activities, and the co-founder and General Partner of TLcom Capital LLP, a venture capital fund launched in 1999 as a JV with Morgan Stanley Capital Partners. He was also a Senior Manager at Bain&Co., where he was mainly involved in strategic consulting and business development for the TMT industry.

During the same board meeting, a restoration project was approved, with which Fondo Italiano, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its foundation, affirms its role as a promoter of culture, aimed at enhancing Italian genius and excellence in the arts. The project, named "**L'Arte del Fare**" ("The Art of Making"), will initially involve support for the restoration of a selection of drawings from Leonardo's Codex Atlanticus, preserved in the Veneranda Biblioteca Ambrosiana in Milan. The initiative intends to recall the creative and innovative component that characterizes the Art of Making, understood in its artistic, but also productive and industrial dimension, which in its highest expressions, has made the history of our "made in Italy". FII SGR thus associates its commitment to the promotion of Italy's artistic heritage and cultural values with the founding values of the mission of Fondo Italiano which are devoted to excellence and to the enhancement of Italian spirit, while aiming at the sustainable development of the Country, also in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.



### **Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR**

Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR ("Fondo Italiano" or "FII SGR") was created in 2010 on the initiative of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and its shareholders include CDP Equity, Intesa Sanpaolo, Unicredit, Abi and Confindustria. The main goal of Fondo Italiano is to favor the growth of the Italian economy by managing closed-ended funds. The funds managed by FII SGR are aimed at conveying patient capital to Italian companies of excellence with a return on investment in line with international benchmarks.

To date, FII SGR manages a total of 10 closed-ended investment funds reserved to qualified investors, with Assets Under Management in excess of 3 billion euros and operates both through direct investments and fund of funds' activity.

FII SGR considers sustainability a fundamental value and is committed to integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into its investment activities.

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