

EQUITA AND PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS (PEP) TOGETHER FOR A SPAC

The Spac will be the first venture between Equita and PEP in the sector of private capital

Milan, 2nd June 2017 - Equita – Leading Independent Investment Bank in Italy - and Private Equity Partners (PEP) – Primary Independent Investment Company founded by Fabio Sattin and Giovanni Campolo – are promoting the establishment of a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) as the first initiative in their joint venture, which was announced last March to develop shared and innovative projects in the sector of private capital investment.

The SPAC, whose listing is expected in the coming months, will pursue an industrial logic in its choice of targets, addressing companies which aim to enhance their value and increase their international dimension. The dual objective, to be pursued in the immediate future, is to offer a solid investment for institutional investors and access to the capital market for companies with tangible growth opportunities. The initiative will be aligned with market best practice with regard to investor returns and remuneration for the promoters linked to long-term investment success.

The project enhances the skills of both Equita and PEP, since they provide respectively over 40 years of investment and advisory in stock market processes, and over 20 years of expertise in acquiring, managing and developing Italian industrial companies.

Equity and PEP, therefore, distinguish themselves as institutional promoters which consider their expertise in raising capital, selecting target companies and their subsequent listing as a natural evolution of their core business operations, leveraging both professional support and the relationship network of both companies.

Fabio Sattin, President of PEP, comments: *“This Spac is the first private capital venture launched by the Equita-Pep JV, which has an industrial logic and which offers support for the development and internationalization of businesses, generating value for companies and investors in the medium to long term”.*

Francesco Perilli, President of Equita Group, says: *“A short time after the launch of our joint venture, we are keen to announce the first initiative that sees us together in a private capital project where our shared professional expertise and operational experience in the financial markets and private equity will be put at the service of the target company” .*

Further information about:

EQUITA

Equita is a key partner for Italian companies and institutional investors thanks to its established presence on the Italian financial scene for over 40 years. With a clear and focused business model, Equita unites the Sales & Trading activities on equities and bonds for domestic and international institutional clients with a solid Investment Banking platform dedicated to advising corporate and financial institutions on extraordinary transactions, both supported by best-class Equity Research franchise. The combination of independence advisory, tradition and in-depth knowledge of the dynamics of stock markets – assured by the credibility and privileged access to domestic and international institutional investors – endow Equita with a unique position in the Italian market.

PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS

Private Equity Partners (PEP) is a leading independent investment company, established and wholly owned by Fabio Sattin and Giovanni Campolo, and operating in Italy for nearly 30 years. The main activity of PEP is investing venture capital in unlisted companies, either directly or through funds managed by its subsidiary PEP SGR and underwritten by leading international institutional investors, with the aim of supporting their development at both national and, above all, international levels, maximizing their value, in order to get a premium return on investment. PEP operates directly or via its representatives in key emerging nations: China, Brazil, Russia, Poland and India. The PEP team has nearly thirty years' experience in private equity and venture capital investment in Italy, with over 60 completed transactions and a number of completed listings on the stock exchange both in Italy and abroad.

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