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20th edition of the Claudio Dematté Private Equity of the Year Award. Winners: Ambienta, Apollo Global Management, Ardian Italy, CDP Venture Capital, Digital Magics, FSI, Fondo Italiano d'Investimento, NB Renaissance, Tikehau Investment Management, Wise Equity

Venture Capital category winners: Digital Magics and CDP Venture Capital SGR for the operation Plurima Insurance Services;
Expansion category winner: FSI for the Kedrion operation;
Special IPO award: Tikehau Investment Management for the EuroGroup Laminations deal;
Infrastructure category winner: Ardian Italy for the HISI deal;
Buy Out category winner: Wise Equity SGR for the Tapì deal; Small Deal award: Ambienta SGR for the Next Imaging deal; Large Deal award: NB Renaissance for the Biolchim deal;
Big Buy Out category winner: Apollo Global Management for the Lottomatica Group transaction;
ESG Award: Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR for the Maticmind operation;
Special Jury Mention: EUREKA! Venture SGR, BlackSheep MadTech Fund for the operation Roibox;
Special Mention Replacement Capital: Alto Partners SGR for the Diatech transaction. Pharmacogenetics.

Milan, Dec. 14, 2023 - AIFI, together with main partner **Intesa Sanpaolo**, with the support of **EY** and with the participation of **Corriere della Sera**, **Il Sole 24 Ore, SDA Bocconi** and **Borsa Italiana, is** promoting the 20th edition of the Claudio Dematté Private Equity of the Year Award.

The names of the winners were selected from the **25 deals** made by **25** private equity and venture capital **investors that made** it to the finals. The Jury that proclaimed the winners, chaired by Innocenzo Cipolletta, consisted of: Francesco Billari, Giampio Bracchi, Giovanni Brugnoli, Mirja Cartia d'Asero, Stefano Caselli, Silvana Chilelli, Stefano Firpo, Aldo Fumagalli, Marco Ginnasi, Gian Maria Gros-Pietro, Sandra Lanzi, Daniele Manca, Andrea Moltrasio, Roberto Nicastro, Umberto Nobile, Claudia Parzani, Angelo Provasoli, Carlo Secchi, Andrea Sironi, Fabio Tamburini, Fabrizio Testa and Federico Visconti.

In the Venture **Capital category** (venture capital investment made in the early stages of a company's life, including seed, startup and later stage ventures) the award went to **Digital Magics and CDP Venture Capital SGR** for the operation **Plurima Servizi Assicurativi**, an Italian platform for independent insurance intermediaries;

in the **Expansion category** (capital investment transactions for financing business development), the winner was **FSI** for the **Kedrion** transaction, a multinational pharmaceutical company specializing in plasma derivatives used in highly critical therapeutic areas; for the **Special IPO Award**, the winner was **Tikehau Investment Management** for the **EuroGroup Laminations** transaction, a company that designs and manufactures stators and rotors for electric motors and generators; in the **Infrastructure category** (acquisition of controlling interests in infrastructure, often related to transportation and communication systems) the award was presented to **Ardian Italy** for the **HISI** transaction, an Italian platform active in investments for the hospital sector; in the **Buy Out category** (transaction involving the purchase of a majority or total stake in the company by private equity funds working alongside management) **Wise Equity SGR** won for the **Tapì** deal, a company that designs, produces and distributes closures for the spirits and beverages segment; the **Small Deal Award** went to **Ambienta SGR** for the **Next Imaging** deal, an imaging and machine vision distribution platform for the industrial, healthcare and entertainment sectors; the **Large Deal** Award went to **NB Renaissance** for the **Biolchim** deal, a company that produces and distributes natural and organic fertilizers, mainly biostimulants. For the **Big Buy Out category** (Buy Out deals with an investment ticket of more than 300 mln euros), **Apollo Global Management** won for the **Lottomatica Group** deal, a company active in the Italian gaming market, particularly for the online, sports and gaming franchise sector. The **ESG award** went to **Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR for the Maticmind** deal, a company that designs, integrates and manages technology solutions in networking, datacenter, cybersecurity and IoT. Finally, in the **Venture Capital category,** a **Special Jury Mention was** awarded to **EUREKA! Venture SGR, BlackSheep MadTech Fund** for the operation **Roibox**, an optimization SaaS platform to increase performance in digital advertising campaigns; while in the **Buy Out category,** a **Replacement Capital Special Mention was awarded** to **Alto Partners SGR** for the operation **Diatech Pharmacogenetics**, a company active in molecular diagnostics applied to the oncology sector.

"This year the Jury decided to award special mentions in addition to the usual category prizes given the very high quality of the finalist operations," said **Innocenzo Cipolletta, AIFI President.** "For the 20th edition of the Award, we felt it was the right recognition due to our member funds that have worked over the years to enhance the value of companies and management by aiming to create true national champions."

AIFI*, the Italian Association of Private Equity, Venture Capital and Private Debt, was founded in May 1986 and is internationally recognized as an institutional and promotional representative of private capital activity. AIFI associates financial institutions that, stably and* *professionally, invest in unlisted companies, developing them and offering debt instruments that are flexible and adaptable according to the needs of individual companies. In addition, the Association brings together an important network of institutions, institutional investors and professionals who are interested in the development of the industry. In addition to representing its members and being a point of reference for key analysis and research on alternative investments, AIFI plays an important role in cultural dissemination on financial markets.*

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