

## CLESSIDRA CAPITAL PARTNERS GREEN HARVEST: THE NEW FUND DEDICATED TO ITALIAN AGRIFOOD SMEs

Milan, 14 July 2025 – Clessidra Private Equity SGR ("Clessidra PE") – the Private Equity firm part of Clessidra Group, one of the leading players in the Alternative Investment sector in Italy - announces the launch of the new fund Clessidra Capital Partners Green Harvest, a closed-end alternative investment fund focused on companies operating in the broad Italian agrifood sector.

With a target size of €150 million and a hard cap of €200 million, the new fund aims to invest, with a preference for majority stakes, in the Italian agrifood small and medium-sized enterprise sector, an area highly attractive due to both the number of opportunities and its strong potential for growth and consolidation. The fund will leverage the solid track record that Clessidra PE and its team have built over more than twenty years of investment activity in this sector in Italy.

**Clessidra Capital Partners Green Harvest**, classified as an Article 9 fund under the SFDR Regulation due to its **decarbonization strategy aligned with Science Based Targets (SBTIs)**, has already attracted strong interest from both the long-standing Group investors and new stakeholders.

Along with Andrea Ottaviano, CEO of Clessidra Private Equity SGR, investment activities will be managed by a dedicated team led by Emanuele Cuccio and Marco Guglielminetti, both Managing Directors of Clessidra PE with extensive investment experience in the Italian market.

"Clessidra Capital Partners Green Harvest marks a strategic milestone for our Group, expanding our presence in the SME market and focusing on the agrifood segment which has been central to our private equity investment strategy for over twenty years, while maintaining the same philosophy and vision - commented Andrea Ottaviano. Our goal is to capitalize on the long-standing experience of our network in a highly attractive segment such as the Italian agrifood value chain — among our country's main contributors to GDP — characterized by a wealth of family-owned businesses with significant growth potential. Clessidra PE has expanded in both structure and size of its investments, but continues to see significant opportunities in this market segment, within a solid and profitable value chain, with genuine and lasting competitive advantages rooted in environmental sustainability."

## **About Clessidra Private Equity**

Clessidra Private Equity SGR is a leading private equity firm in Italy, with more than €3 billion of capital commitments raised through its funds. Founded in 2003, Clessidra PE is controlled by Clessidra Holding and since its foundation has completed more than 30 investments totaling over €2 billion, along with more than 30 add-on acquisitions for its portfolio companies. In 2023 Clessidra PE completed the fundraising of its fourth private equity fund, which is currently in the investment stage.

## **About Clessidra Group**

With a track record spanning over 20 years, Clessidra Group stands out as one of the leading alternative investment operators in Italy, providing SMEs with financial resources, qualified expertise, and experience in ESG integration, while also meeting the strong demand for diversified products and services from major domestic and international institutional investors. The Group has invested over  $\{2.3\}$  billion in capital and over  $\{1.2\}$  billion in financing provided.



Founded in 2003 as an asset management company operating in the Italian private equity industry, Clessidra Group has quicky become one of the key players in the market. In 2016, Clessidra Group was acquired by Italmobiliare SpA, an investment holding company listed on the Milan Stock Exchange and controlled by the Pesenti Family. In 2019, Clessidra Group launched a diversification strategy, gradually expandeding its activities beyond its traditional private equity focus. Today, Clessidra Group is an independent platform operating in alternative investments, asset management and factoring, offering a wide range of products and services for institutional investors and Italian SMEs. Clessidra Group is headed by Clessidra Holding, which controls three companies: Clessidra Private Equity SGR, Clessidra Capital Credit SGR and Clessidra Factoring, specializing respectively in private equity, distressed and non-distressed credit and factoring.

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