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**NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS COMPLETES FARNESE VINI ACQUISITION  
ANTONIO SALA HAS JOINED THE BOARD AS EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIRMAN**

London/Milan, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – NB Renaissance Partners (“NBRP”), the private equity fund formed in 2015 from the partnership between Neuberger Berman and Intesa Sanpaolo, is pleased to announce the completion today of the acquisition, from 21 Investimenti, of 100% of Farnese Group (“Farnese” or the “Company”), together with the current management of the Company.

NBRP has acquired a 75% stake from 21 Investimenti, a European investment firm founded and led by Alessandro Benetton, whereas the two founders of Farnese, Mr. Sciotti and Mr. Baccalaro, retained a combined 25% minority interest.

Antonio Sala, a highly experienced manager in the food and beverage sector (former CEO of Galbani and Deputy General Manager of Lactalis Groupe), has joined the Board of Directors as Executive Vice-Chairman with the goal of supporting the management team in the development of the Company.

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Further information:

**NB RENAISSANCE PARTNERS AND NEUBERGER BERMAN**

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## 21 PARTNERS

21 Partners is a European investment group led by Alessandro Benetton and Gérard Pluvinet that invests in mid-market companies based in France, Italy, Switzerland and Poland, bringing strategic guidance and propelling them to their next stage of development through acceleration of growth and increase in efficiency. Over the past 24 years, 21 Partners has completed in excess of 90 investments.

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