

PRESS RELEASE

Fondo Italiano d'Investimento: FICC II surpasses 500 million euros in raised capital

LGT Capital Partners onboard as key investor in FICC II closing

Milan, March 26, 2025 – Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR announces the successful finalization of a new closing for Fondo Italiano Consolidamento e Crescita II (FICC II), bringing its total to 503 million euros.

This closing, involving prominent Italian and international investors, follows the previous 400 million euro closing announced in September 2024 (see the press release at this <u>link</u>). Notably, it marks the entry of LGT Capital Partners, a leading global financial management firm specializing in alternative investments, as the fund's first international investor. LGT joins existing investors such as CDP Equity, Fondazione ENPAM, UniCredit, Intesa Sanpaolo and Inarcassa, who backed the first FICC fund, as well as the seven primary institutional investors from the previous closing.

Building on the successful track record of its predecessor, FICC II, under the leadership of Senior Partners Gianpaolo Di Dio, Aldo Di Bernardo, and Marzia Bartolomei Corsi, will continue to support the growth of leading Italian companies in strategic sectors including Made in Italy, Information Technology, Digital, Life Sciences, Healthcare, Tourism 4.0, and Industrial Technology & Products. Furthermore, the fund is classified as Article 8 under the SFDR, emphasizing ESG criteria.

Gianpaolo Di Dio, CIO and Senior Partner of Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR, stated: "We are highly gratified by this new fundraising milestone. Institutional investors have reaffirmed their confidence in our team and our distinctive investment strategy, which focuses on consolidating and aggregating Italian excellence across supply chains and strategic sectors, aligning with Fondo Italiano d'Investimento's mission. The FICC fund's strong performance has solidified our market position. Notably, the first three exits – Maticmind, Florence, and Marval – enabled us to distribute nearly all invested capital to our investors, despite a market downturn in distributions. Our remaining portfolio, featuring Mecaer, HNH, and RINA – the first investment of FICC II – gives significant optimism for the future. Securing an international investor of LGT Capital Partners' caliber, along with other new investors, was essential in reaching our current fund size, a source of great pride. We anticipate further closings in the coming months as discussions with other investors progress".



Founded in 2010 at the initiative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and participated by CDP Equity, Intesa Sanpaolo, UniCredit, ENPAM Foundation, ENPAIA Foundation, ABI, Banco BPM, and BPER Banca, Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR's main objective is to manage closed-end mutual funds aimed at channelling capital towards the system of excellent Italian companies, combining the goal of return on invested capital in line with international benchmarks with that of fostering the growth of the Italian productive system. Fondo Italiano manages 21 closed-end mutual funds reserved for qualified investors, totalling over Euro 4 billion of capital under management, and operates through direct and indirect investments (fund of funds). Fondo Italiano considers sustainability a fundamental value and is committed to integrating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria into its investment activities.

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