

PRESS RELEASE

**DEA CAPITAL'S FUND *SVILUPPO SOSTENIBILE* INVESTS IN
OMB SALERI, LEADER IN INNOVATION AND PRODUCTION OF
VALVES FOR HYDROGEN AND NATURAL GAS ENGINES**

Milan, 2nd August 2021 – ***Sviluppo Sostenibile***, a private equity fund specialized in investments in Italian SMEs promoting ESG themes, managed by DeA Capital Alternative Funds SGR, has entered into definitive agreements for a minority stake in **OMB Saleri**, primarily through a capital increase, to support the future growth of the company.

OMB Saleri, owned by the Saleri family, was founded over 40 years ago as a manufacturer of gas safety valves for domestic use. Over the years, it has specialized in high-pressure valves, establishing itself as a primary operator in LPG and natural gas (CNG / LNG) for automotive and, since 2012, as a technological leader in the valves and pressure regulators for hydrogen applications.

With approx. € 45 million turnover in 2020, mainly with international clients, OMB Saleri is a company devoted to innovation with a cutting-edge manufacturing and has become the reference partner with leading transportation OEMs (Heavy Duty, Bus, Train, Aerospace & Defence, Shipping) and TIER 1 system integrators.

OMB Saleri is also very receptive to ESG issues, through its solutions promoting in the decarbonization of the transportation industry and best practice initiatives on governance and social themes such as management participation in the shareholder base and a kindergarten for its employees.

Sviluppo Sostenibile aims to assist OMB Saleri in its growth path and in its ESG improvement, through a capital increase that will support an ambitious investment plan focused on R&D and manufacturing capacity primarily for the hydrogen-division.

Paride Saleri, who will remain Chairman and CEO of the company, commented: "With DeA Capital *Sviluppo Sostenibile* we found the ideal partner to supporting company's growth in an increasingly evolving market, and to maximizing business opportunities also with the possibility of a future IPO".

Giuliano Palazzo, Managing Director of *Sviluppo Sostenibile*, commented: "We are excited to start this journey with Paride Saleri and the entire OMB management team, which sees an Italian excellence positioning itself as a global leader in hydrogen and CNG-based transport solutions for heavy duty, railway, shipping and aerospace & defence segments, confident in OMB ambitious targets".

Sviluppo Sostenibile was assisted by Pavia e Ansaldo law firm (Legal and Tax Due Diligence), by EY (Financial Due Diligence), by Alix Partners (Business Due Diligence) and by ERM (ESG Due Diligence).

OMB Saleri's shareholders were assisted by Galgano law firm (Legal).

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