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Nexi S.p.A. colloca con successo il prestito obbligazionario senior unsecured equity-linked da un miliardo di Euro con scadenza al 2028

Milano, **17** *febbraio* **2021** – Nexi S.p.A., una società per azioni incorporata in Italia ("Nexi" o l'"Emittente"), ha concluso con successo il collocamento da un miliardo di Euro (il "Collocamento") di obbligazioni senior unsecured equity-linked con scadenza al 2028 (le "Obbligazioni"). Le Obbligazioni non corrisponderanno interessi.

L'operazione rappresenta il più grande collocamento *equity-linked* denominato in Euro e con il più alto premio di conversione sul mercato italiano dal 2015 ed il più grande mai effettuato da parte di una *digital payments company* europea. Questa emissione è la prima senza corresponsione di interessi per Nexi e permette di allungare la vita media del debito, di abbassarne il costo medio e rafforzare ulteriormente la posizione di liquidità, anche in vista delle prospettate operazioni di fusione con Nets e SIA per dar vita vita alla PayTech leader in Europa.

Il prezzo di conversione iniziale sarà di Euro 24,5525 incorporando un premio di conversione del 52,50% al di sopra del Reference Share Price di Euro 16,10, il quale è il prezzo del collocamento delle Azioni Ordinarie nel Concurrent Equity Offering (come definito e meglio descritto nel prosieguo).

Le Obbligazioni saranno convertibili in azioni ordinarie dell'Emittente (le **"Azioni Ordinarie**"), subordinatamente all'approvazione di una delibera di un aumento di capitale con esclusione del diritto di opzione da riservare esclusivamente al servizio della conversione delle predette Obbligazioni (l'**"Aumento di Capitale**"). Successivamente a tale approvazione, l'Emittente emetterà un'apposita nota (la **"Physical Settlement Notice**") per gli obbligazionisti.

Antecedentemente alla notifica della Physical Settlement Notice da parte dell'Emittente,



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gli obbligazionisti avranno il diritto di ricevere il rimborso anticipato delle Obbligazioni durante il c.d. *Settlement Period* (così come definito e secondo quanto disciplinato nelle condizioni del prestito) al c.d. *Cash Alternative Amount* (così come definito nelle condizioni del prestito).

Nel caso di mancata approvazione dell'Aumento di Capitale entro la Long-Stop Date, come di seguito definita, l'Emittente potrà, con avviso scritto agli obbligazionisti da pubblicare entro i 10 giorni di negoziazione di Borsa successivi alla Long Stop Date (come di seguito definita), rimborsare integralmente, e non parzialmente, le Obbligazioni, ad un importo pari al maggiore tra (a) il 102% dell'importo nominale del prestito e (b) il 102% del *Fair Bond Value* delle Obbligazioni (come definito delle condizioni del prestito). La data entro cui potrà essere deliberato l'Aumento di Capitale è il (i) 31 dicembre 2021, nel caso in cui la c.d. *Nets Merger Effective Date* (come definita nelle condizioni del prestito) cada entro il 31 ottobre 2021 oppure (ii) in qualunque altro caso, il 28 febbraio 2022 (la "Long-Stop Date").

Le Obbligazioni, sottoscritte con taglio minimo unitario di €100.000, salvo che non siano state precedentemente rimborsate, convertite o acquistate e cancellate in base alle condizioni del prestito, saranno rimborsate al loro valore nominale intorno alla scadenza del 24 febbraio 2028 (7 anni).

L'Emittente avrà diritto di rimborsare in toto, ma non in parte, le Obbligazioni al loro valore nominale a partire dal giorno che cade 5 anni e 15 giorni di negoziazione dopo la Data di Emissione (c.d. *Issue Date*), nel caso in cui il c.d. *Parity Value* (come definito nelle condizioni del prestito) sia (i) per almeno 20 giorni di negoziazione su 30 giorni di negoziazione consecutivi superiore a Euro 150.000,00 o (ii) in qualsiasi momento se l'85% o più delle Obbligazioni emesse inizialmente sarà stato convertito, rimborsato o acquistato e cancellato. Inoltre, come da prassi l'Emittente avrà la facoltà di rimborsare anticipatamente e integralmente il prestito per ragioni fiscali, qualora lo stesso debba farsi carico, in relazione ai pagamenti dovuti, di imposte di competenza degli obbligazionisti, fermo restando il diritto degli obbligazionisti di scegliere di non essere rimborsati (c.d. *tax call*).

A ciascun investitore sarà concessa la facoltà di richiedere il rimborso anticipato al valore nominale delle Obbligazioni, al verificarsi di un c.d. *Change of Control* o c.d. *Free Float Event* (come definiti nelle condizioni del prestito).

Le Obbligazioni saranno, al momento dell'emissione, *unsecured* e non assistite da alcuna garanzia reale e non garantite da alcuna società controllata ma potrebbero essere garantite in circostanze limitate definite dalle condizioni del prestito tra cui, *inter alia*, l'estensione alle Obbligazioni delle eventuali garanzie reali e/o personali fornite in relazione al prestito obbligazionario "€825,000,000 1.75% Senior Notes due 2024" emesso il 21 ottobre 2019, ove ancora in circolazione.

I Joint Bookrunners hanno effettuato, contestualmente al Collocamento, il simultaneo collocamento accelerato di Azioni Ordinarie dell'Emittente (la "**Concurrent Equity Offering**"), per conto dei sottoscrittori delle obbligazioni che intendano procedere con la vendita allo scoperto di tali Azioni Ordinarie con finalità di *hedging* relativamente al rischio





di mercato derivante dall'investimento nelle Obbligazioni, ad un prezzo di mercato di Euro 16,10 determinato attraverso un c.d. *accelerated bookbuidling process*. L'Emittente non riceverà proventi dalla Concurrent Equity Offering.

I proventi derivanti dal Collocamento saranno utilizzati per finanziare parte dell'indebitamento di Nets in essere al momento della fusione comunicata al mercato il 15 novembre 2020 e/o per il perseguimento dell'attività caratteristica dell'Emittente. Alcuni dei Managers del Collocamento o società ad essi affiliate hanno in precedenza già concesso per analoghe finalità un finanziamento *bridge* all'Emittente che intende ridurre parzialmente l'importo disponibile di tale finanziamento in ragione dell'ottenimento dei proventi derivanti dal Collocamento.

L'Emittente, anche per conto delle società controllate, assumerà, in linea con la prassi di mercato per operazioni similari e per un periodo di 90 giorni dalla Data di Emissione (come definita nel proseguo), impegni di inalienabilità (c.d. *lock-up*) in relazione all'emissione di Azioni Ordinarie nonché di eventuali strumenti finanziari alle stesse collegate, salve (i) alcune eccezioni in linea con la prassi di mercato (quali, *inter alia*, i piani di stock-option), (ii) le eccezioni previste dagli accordi di fusione tra l'Emittente e Sia S.p.A. o Nets TopCo 2 S.a.r.l., la conversione in Azioni Ordinarie del prestito "€500m 1.75%. Equity Linked Bonds due 2027", e (iii) la rinuncia espressa al *lock-up* da parte dei Joint Global Coordinators per conto dei Managers.

Il regolamento delle Obbligazioni avverrà in data 24 febbraio 2021 (la "Data di Emissione").

La Società presenterà richiesta di ammissione delle Obbligazioni alla negoziazione sul mercato Vienna MTF gestito dalla Borsa di Vienna entro 90 giorni dalla Data di Emissione.

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