

PRESS RELEASE

Gardant Investor SGR launches the new Caesar fund

EUR 100 million raised and first investment already made

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Gardant Investor SGR S.p.A., an asset management company belonging to the Gardant Group, a leader in credit management in Italy, announces the establishment of the **“Caesar”** fund.

Caesar is a credit fund intended to provide secured real estate financing in Italy. This strategy aligns with the experience and track record of the Gardant Group – originally evolved from a banking entity – in the entire credit sector, from performing loans, to the management and investment in distressed credit. **Caesar** focuses on providing financing to enterprises and real estate projects, i.e. refinancing or debt restructuring for companies with solid fundamentals and underlying real estate assets.

Guido Lombardo, Chief Investment Officer and Director of Gardant Investor SGR S.p.A., stated: *“This operation is a perfect example of how our SGR positions itself in the market, leveraging the Gardant Group’s ecosystem, and represents a major signal for the Italian lending sector. In a short span of time, Gardant Investor SGR has become a benchmark for Italian and foreign investors who want to invest in Italy also in the sector of performing loans, thanks to the extensive skills and experience our team has developed over the years.”*

Caesar has been subscribed to by institutional investors for an amount of **EUR100 million**: through this operation, Gardant Investor SGR, managed by General Manager Federico Roggerini, exceeds **EUR 700 million** of funding and **EUR 140 million** of real estate financing approved.

Mirko Briozzo, Chief Executive Officer of the Gardant Group, commented: *“The fund is part of the Gardant Group’s positioning strategy, which aims, also through Gardant Investor SGR, to establish itself as the leading fully integrated operator in the Italian credit sector, capable of working alongside investors and banks across the entire value chain – from direct lending activities to the management of reperforming and non-performing assets.”*

Caesar, managed by **Antonio Alfano, Head of Lending Strategies at SGR**, has already completed its first investment operation in favour of a leading Italian construction and real estate development company.

Gruppo Gardant

Gardant S.p.A. is an Italian company, headquartered in Rome, the parent company of the Gardant Group, Italy’s leading operator in alternative asset management and servicing of impaired loan portfolios. With more than EUR 700 million in funds raised, over EUR 44 billion in AuM and approximately EUR 22 billion in assets managed as

special servicer, the Gardant Group presents the widest range of products and services for investors and banks in the illiquid and impaired loans sector. Special Gardant S.p.A. (licensed pursuant to Article no. 115 TULPS – the Italian Consolidated Law on Public Security) is the company specialised in judicial and extrajudicial recovery activities; Master Gardant S.p.A. is the company (financial intermediary pursuant to Article no. 106 TUB – Italian Consolidated Law on Banking) specialised in UTP credit management support activities and in servicer activities of securitisation vehicles; Gardant Investor SGR S.p.A. is the Group's management company specialised in alternative investments in the credit sector.

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