

## Two months after its first closing, Anima Alternative 2 Fund reaches €181.5 mln in investments, increasing its inflows by 50%

Milan, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Two months after its first closing, Anima Alternative Sgr's **Anima Alternative 2 Fund** - the first diversified debt instrument in Italy supported by the **European Union's InvestEU programme** - has increased its inflows by 50%, reaching **€181.5 million**.

The Fund has also completed its first investment and has approved three others, which will be completed shortly, bringing the deployment rate to around 15% of the Fund within a few weeks since the start of its operations.

*"Despite a complex context for fundraising operations, Anima Alternative 2 can announce a second closing that is quite meaningful in terms of both size and quickness,"* comments **Philippe Minard, Investment Director of Anima Alternative Sgr**. *"The intense deployment activity confirms the presence of an important market space for an Italian direct lending operator supporting small and medium-sized enterprises alongside the traditional banking channel."*

Anima Alternative 2<sup>1</sup>, a direct lending alternative investment fund supporting SMEs and focused mainly on Italy, adopts an investment strategy comprising the provision of mostly senior and variable rate loans and the diversification of the portfolio to reduce risk.

Since its launch, the Fund mobilized subscription commitments from Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) and the European Investment Fund (EIF, part of the EIB Group) as cornerstone investors worth €70 million (€40 million from CDP and €30 million from the EIF, respectively). The funds committed by the EIF are backed by [InvestEU](#), the EU programme aiming to trigger €372 billion worth of investments by 2027 via a guarantee of €26.2 billion.

### ANIMA

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