



PRESS RELEASE

STRENGTHENING OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH NEXI, FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE BASE DIGITALE GROUP OF THE BUSINESS UNIT OPERATING IN THE CAPITAL MARKET, SOLD BY NEXI PAYMENTS

THE BUSINESS UNIT GENERATES ANNUAL REVENUES FOR ROUGHLY EU 3.8 MILLION, WITH 10 HEADCOUNTS AND A CUSTOMER PORTFOLIO INCLUDING SOME OF THE MAJOR ITALIAN BANKS

THIS ACQUISITION WILL ALLOW BASE DIGITALE GROUP TO COMPLETE ITS SOFTWARE SOLUTION PLATFORM IN THE FIELDS OF TRADING, PRE-TRADING, COMPLIANCE AND MARKET ABUSE

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Sesa (“SESA” – SES.MI), reference player in Digital Technology, System Integration and Business Application for the business segment, with about Eu 3.2 billion consolidated revenues and 5,700 employees as of April 30, 2024, has signed, through its subsidiary Base Digitale Group (“BDG”), a binding agreement for the acquisition of a Business Unit operating in the Capital Markets software solutions sold by Nexi Payments S.p.A (“Nexi”), thus strengthening the already existing partnership.

The Business Unit generates annual Revenue for roughly Eu 3.8 million, 10 headcounts and a customer portfolio, which includes some of the main Italian banks.

The business unit will be integrated and contribute to the development of the Business Service Sector (consolidated by Sesa through BDG), which offers Digital Platform solutions, Vertical Banking Applications, Security and Consulting in the Securitization for the Financial Services segment.

The acquisition is part of a strategic development aimed at strengthening the role of BGD in the Capital Market, and complete the portfolio already characterized by innovative platforms on low latency, quantitative trading and AI, with the Compliance and Market Abuse components. BDG’s Capital Markets software solution platform will therefore extend along the entire operational chain of pre-trading, trading, post-trading and Compliance, confirming BDG as a benchmark for the market operators.

The software platform of the Capital Market Business Unit, already developed under license by ATS (controlled by Sesa through BDG), provides a trading surveillance system that uses real-time data to detect market abuse and manipulative practices, representing a compliance dedicated to support the monitoring of the various obligations of the financial market regulations, as market abuse, insider trading and internal dealing. The platform is addressed to intermediaries, market management companies and Supervisory Authorities and guarantees immediate surveillance of the financial markets.

The acquisition has been closed on evaluation criteria in line with those usually adopted by Sesa Group. The Sesa Group thus continues to strengthen its growth path, both in terms of resources and digital skills, through bolt-on industrial M&A operations, with the aim of generating sustainable value in the long term for all stakeholders.



“We further strengthen our digital platforms at the service of the Financial Services Industry, in an extremely relevant area such as Compliance and Market Abuse, thus completing the coverage of the entire operational chain from trading to market supervision and further strengthening the value-added offer characterized by innovative platforms on low latency, quantitative trading and AI”, stated **Leonardo Bassilichi, CEO of Base Digitale Group.**

“We continue to invest in digital resources and platforms through M&A and bolt-on industrial partnerships which further enrich customer sets and Vertical Applications for the Financial Services market, which is constantly evolving and requiring consistent investments in digitalisation and technological platforms. We will continue to invest in supporting our Group's industrial transformation path, increasingly oriented towards consultancy, digital platforms and System Integration, generating sustainable and long-term value for stakeholders”, stated **Alessandro Fabbroni, CEO of Sesa.**

Sesa S.p.A., with Headquarters in Empoli (Florence), is the operating holding company of a Group with presence on the whole Italian territory and foreign countries as Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Romania and China, that represents the reference player in Italy in technological innovation, consultancy and Vertical Applications for the business segment, with consolidated revenues of Eu 3,210.4 million (+10.4% Y/Y) and 5,691 employees as of April 30, 2024 (+21.0% Y/Y).

Sesa Group has the mission of offering technological solutions, consulting and business applications to support the digital evolution, transformation and innovation towards sustainability of Enterprises and Organizations, through the following business Sectors:

- SSI (Software and System Integration) with revenues of Eu 823 million and 3,852 Human Resources as of April 30, 2024;
- BS (Business Services) with revenues of Eu 114 million and 721 Human Resources as of April 30, 2024;
- VAS (Value Added Solutions) with revenues of Eu 2,143 million and 696 Human Resources as of April 30, 2024;
- DG (Digital Green) with revenues of Eu 245 million and 55 Human Resources as of April 30, 2024;
- Corporate with revenues of Eu 46 million and 367 Human Resources as of April 30, 2024.

Sesa Group pursues a sustainable development strategy for the benefit of its Stakeholders, with a track record in the period 2012-2024 of continuous growth in revenues (CAGR revenues 2012-2024 +12.1%), profitability (CAGR Ebitda 2012-2024 +15.8%) and employment (CAGR Human Resources 2012-2024 +17.0%). The long-term value generation strategy is based on skills development, environmental sustainability and social responsibility, with continuous improvement of ESG performance.

As of April 30, 2024, the Group generated a net economic value of about Eu 390 million (+26% Y/Y), distributed for over 65% to the remuneration of Human Resources, with 5,691 employees (+21.0% Y/Y), with improved hiring programs, education and Welfare programs to support diversity, work-life balance and well-being of Human Resources. Sesa introduced in its corporate bylaw the sustainable growth as Board of Directors priority and starting from FY 2022 Sesa has published the Integrated Annual Report, which represents both financial and ESG performance in a single complete and transparent document, in application of international reporting standards. In terms of sustainability governance, the Group’s main companies achieved the ISO 14001 certification and the UN Global Compact membership.

Sesa has confirmed the Ecovadis rating at Gold level, the sustainability rating issued by MSCI at BBB level and the ESG rating issued by CDP at B level. Sesa is listed on the Euronext STAR Milan market (ISIN Code: IT0004729759) and is part of FTSE Italia Mid Cap index. Sesa is also part of Euronext Tech Leaders, Euronext's initiative dedicated to high-growth Tech companies.

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