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PRESS RELEASE

**FRANCESCO ZANTONI IS BACK IN KAIROS
WITH STRONG SKILLS
ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY**

**The launch of the new thematic fund of Kairos, dedicated to climate change,
is expected in the summer**

Kairos Group announces the entry of Francesco Zantoni into the Asset Management team of Kairos Partners SGR led by Guido Maria Brera.

After being responsible for the management of some flexible equity funds from 2001 to 2012, as well as partner and member of the Board of Directors from 2005 to 2010, Zantoni returns to Kairos after gaining an important entrepreneurial experience in the design and construction of plants for the oil & gas and power generation sector and reinsurance of natural risks linked to the weather.

Zantoni in fact launched in 2014 his buyout for Industrial Plants, a company permanently included in the international supply chain of the main oil majors with a production focus on energy and environmental efficiency for the combustion cycle, filter systems and gas treatment plants.

From 2012 to 2015 he was partner and responsible for the methodology and calculation systems development for the pricing of weather insurance coverage at Satec Srl and Meteotec Srl, now part of the Cattolica Assicurazioni Group.

Zantoni graduated in Business Administration - Finance at the Luigi Bocconi University in Milan and began his career first in the Capital Markets department of Bank of America NT&SA and Caboto Holding SIM Spa and later in Investment banking of Lehman Brothers International SIM.

"Today our ideas factory is growing more and more: Francesco returns to Kairos, of which he shares values and methodologies, in order to further grow our asset management offer by leveraging investment opportunities linked to the climate change" Guido Maria Brera, Chief Investment Officer - Asset Management of Kairos Partners SGR and co-founder of the Group, commented. "There is no future without reconstruction of the production system, there is no growth without commitment towards the environment: starting from these assumptions, together with Francesco, we will begin to develop a new strategy that aims to have a positive impact for all the stakeholders. And it will not be the only one: a range of active investment solutions will be ready in the short term which, following the new trends, will allow Kairos, on the one hand, to maintain an active role in the development of the real economy and, on the other hand, to preserve a distinctive positioning in the market".

"I'm very proud to join again Kairos, as a fund manager, with a strong background in energy and environmental efficiency achieved through these eight years as an entrepreneur" Francesco Zantoni declared. "I'm excited to be part of such a great professional team, as well as good friends, which is very well known in the market and to have the opportunity to develop an innovative and stimulating project, in line with Kairos' sustainable commitment, which will focus on companies whose main driver of earnings growth is the ability to offer solutions, or to adapt their business model to climate change".

KAIROS

Kairos, a Julius Baer Group company, was founded in 1999 as an entrepreneurial initiative in the asset management industry sector. With a significant strategic presence in the main financial markets, Kairos offers a selected platform of services and investment solutions for private investors, professional players and institutional clients.

Kairos represents a point of reference both in Asset Management and Wealth Management: the Asset Management activity is characterized by a flexible management methodology, oriented towards performance and risk control, while the Wealth Management service offers valuable responses to financial and asset management needs.

The shareholder Julius Baer, the most important Swiss asset management Group and a premium brand in this global industry, contributes to enhance the investment boutique business model also at European level.

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