GRUPPO 24 ORE

Press release

Il SOLE 24 ORE S.P.A. ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL ISSUANCE OF 45 MILLION EUROS IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NON-CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND THE REFINANCING OF ITS DEBT UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH A POOL OF BANKS.

Milan, 29 July 2021 – Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A. announces that today it has successfully issued unsecured and non-convertible notes for an aggregate principal amount of 45 million Euro and with a maturity of 7 years, placed exclusively with qualified investors and issued in exemption from the rules on public offering under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.

The notes are issued pursuant to the subscription agreement entered into on 23 July 2021 between Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A., Goldman Sachs International, MPS Capital Services and Banca Popolare di Sondrio, as announced with the press release published on the same date, to which reference should be made for further details.

Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A. also announces that today it has refinanced in full the indebtedness under the loan agreement with a pool of Banks, which was announced with the press release published on 21 July 2020.

The law firms Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and Tombari D'Angelo e Associati acted as legal advisors to Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A., and the law firm Simmons & Simmons acted as legal advisor to the Joint Bookrunners and the Co-Manager. BGB Weston acted as financial advisor to Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A..

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