

PRESS RELEASE

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**Capital deployment continues
with a second investment in
Germany and a healthy pipeline**

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EQUITA Capital SGR – one of the primary multi-asset management platforms in Italy and part of the EQUITA Group, the leading independent Italian investment bank – **announces a new closing for EQUITA Private Debt Fund III** (the “Fund” or “EPD III”) **and a second investment in Germany.**

New investors include Solidarietà Veneto Fondo Pensione, Fondo Pensione Nazionale BCC-CRA and Banca di Credito Cooperativo di Milano allowing EPD III – which qualifies as an Article 8 product under the European SFDR, promoting ESG best practices – **to reach €160 million of total commitments.**

In parallel, **the Team continued to focus its efforts on deal sourcing activities, identifying new investment opportunities.** In June 2025, EQUITA Capital won **the 2025 Private Debt Award AIFI and Deloitte for the best deal of the year in the Leveraged Buyout – Small Deal category** in Italy, financing of the acquisition of C.O.C. Farmaceutici by Aksia Capital. Few weeks later, the Team successfully closed its **second investment in Germany** alongside a German family office, Rigeto, financing an add-on acquisition by Beat, a leading German independent distribution platform for digital music, electronic and physical books.

The Team is now aiming to further diversify the Fund’s portfolio in terms of sectors and geographies, with three potential new investments currently under due diligence – one of which located in Germany, as the country becomes an area of growing importance for EQUITA’s private debt strategy.

Paolo Pendenza, Chief Executive Officer at EQUITA Capital SGR and Head of Private Debt, commented: *“We are pleased to welcome three new important institutional investors. Thanks to their commitments, we can continue to build our capabilities, supporting EQUITA’s growth strategy in this asset class. With EPD III we aim to strengthen our presence in the DACH and Spanish regions, a crucial step towards becoming a successful multi-geography alternative asset manager in the lower mid-market.”*

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