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BDT & MSD Partners, an American investment company, acquires a minority stake in IMA Group, an Italian equipment manufacturing and design company, from the British investment company BC Partners. This is reported in the press release of the IMA.

The majority stake in IMA belongs to the Italian Vacchi family, whose representative, Alberto Vacchi, holds the posts of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of IMA.

The value of the transaction and the number of shares acquired as a result of the transaction are not disclosed.

BC Partners acquired 45% in IMA in 2020 for 3 billion euros to take the company private from the Milan Stock Exchange in 2020 at the height of the Covid pandemic.

During its joint ownership with BC Partners, IMA has made five major acquisitions, developed new product lines and a leading automation division, increasing investment in development by 30%.

Through the deal, IMA expects to begin a new stage of growth and strengthen its position in the transition to environmentally friendly packaging materials. The company is a participant in the IMA NoP and IMA Low programs aimed at decarbonization of the industry.

Completion of the transaction is expected at the end of 2023, subject to obtaining permits from regulatory authorities.

Poggi & Associati and BofA Securities act as financial advisors to IMA, while JPMorgan Chase & Co. provides the interests of BDT & MSD Partners.

IMA Group is a world leader in the development and production of automatic machines for the processing and packaging of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, cosmetics, tea, coffee, and the development of solutions for the automation of industrial processes. In 2022, IMA's revenue amounted to 2 billion euros (more than 86% accounted for exports). The company owns 3,000 patents, 30 branches and 53 production sites in Europe, North America, South America, Asia and the Middle East. The headquarters is located in Bologna (Italy).

BDT & MSD Partners is an American investment company with funds managed by subsidiaries BDT Capital Partners and MSD Partners. The headquarters is located in New York (USA).

BC Partners is a leading British investment company with assets worth 40 billion euros under management in the real estate sector. Since its foundation, BC Partners has made 127 direct investments in companies with a total value of more than 160 billion euros and is currently investing in the eleventh private equity fund. The headquarters is located in London (England).

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