

## H.I.G Capital Acquires a Majority Stake in Protos S.p.A.

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H.I.G. Capital ("H.I.G."), a leading global alternative investment firm with \$67 billion of capital under management, is pleased to announce that one of its affiliates has completed the acquisition of Protos S.p.A. ("Protos" or the "Company"), a leading independent technical consulting firm. H.I.G.'s investment is in partnership with the Company's current management.

Headquartered in Rome, with additional offices in Milan and Genoa, Protos provides technical advisory and consulting services, including inspections and certifications. The Company's multidisciplinary team of engineers and professionals deliver highly customized solutions at all project stages, while guaranteeing technical expertise, independence, and transparency to its clients. Protos' cross-sector expertise supports investors, financial institutions, asset managers, developers, and insurance companies in the infrastructure, energy, real estate, and financial services industries.

Raffaele Legnani and Giovanni Guglielmi, Managing Directors at H.I.G. in Italy, commented: "Protos is an industry leader in the rapidly growing technical consulting market, a market driven by long-term trends in energy transition, infrastructure renewal, and increasingly stringent regulatory requirements. The Company benefits from clear competitive positioning, recognized technical know-how, and an attractive business and financial model. We are looking forward to supporting its growth in Italy and abroad."

"Franco Masera, Chairman, and Luca Mazzoni, Deputy Chairman of Protos, added: "The partnership with H.I.G. will further accelerate our growth trajectory and strengthen our position as a leading Italian player in the technical consulting sector. We believe that H.I.G. is the ideal partner to support the management team, and look forward to the next stages of the Company's growth and development."

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