

PRESS RELEASE

INTESA SANPAOLO SUPPORTS AQUAFIL'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY WITH €30 MILLION IN CIRCULAR FINANCING

- **Giulio Bonazzi, CEO of Aquafil:** *“This agreement with Intesa Sanpaolo marks another step forward in our circular growth and sustainability strategy.”*
- **Michele Sorrentino, Head of the Italian Network at Intesa Sanpaolo’s IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division:** *“Our commitment is to continue offering financial tools that support increasingly responsible production models aligned with the green transition.”*
- **Since 2021, Intesa Sanpaolo has provided €85 billion to support the Green Economy, including over €15 billion for the Circular Economy**

Milan/Arco (TN), 16 December 2025 – **Intesa Sanpaolo** and **Aquafil**, one of the leading nylon producers in Italy and worldwide and listed on the Euronext STAR segment of Borsa Italiana, have finalised two new financing operations totalling **€30 million**, supporting the company’s sustainable development programmes.

The credit lines, both with a five-year term, are aimed at strengthening the Aquafil Group’s financial structure and supporting investments planned in its annual strategy. One of the loans is backed by the SACE Growth Guarantee, highlighting the project’s strong focus on sustainable development goals.

Financing aligned with sustainability targets

Both loans adopt a circular approach, based on a pricing mechanism linked to the achievement of specific ESG KPIs. In particular, the targets relate to:

- increasing the share of electricity from renewable sources, including company-owned systems for self-generation;
- reducing global water consumption, in line with the company’s sustainability strategy.

Giulio Bonazzi, CEO of Aquafil, commented: *“This agreement reinforces our commitment to a growth model based on sustainability and the circular economy. With the support of Intesa Sanpaolo, we can accelerate investment in renewable energy, process efficiency and consumption reduction, continuing the journey that has long guided Aquafil’s strategy.”*

Michele Sorrentino, Head of the Italian Network at Intesa Sanpaolo’s IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division, stated: *“This transaction confirms our Group’s commitment to supporting innovative industrial companies on their path to sustainable growth. Aquafil is*

a concrete example of how Italian manufacturing can combine competitiveness, environmental responsibility and long-term vision. We remain committed to offering financial tools capable of supporting increasingly responsible production models aligned with the green transition.”

A shared ESG commitment

The financing was structured by Intesa Sanpaolo’s **IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division**, led by **Mauro Micillo**, which also acted as Sustainability Coordinator, with input from the Circular Economy Desk of **Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center**.

The collaboration between Intesa Sanpaolo and Aquafil began in 2021 with a circular financing operation and continues within the Alleanza Italiana per l’Economia Circolare (Italian Circular Economy Alliance), of which both groups are members.

This initiative forms part of Intesa Sanpaolo’s ongoing environmental transition strategy, under the leadership of **CEO Carlo Messina**. From 2021 to the first nine months of 2025, the Group provided almost €85 billion to support the Green Economy, including over €15 billion for the Circular Economy – confirming its role as a driver of sustainable finance. Moreover, 95% of its electricity supply comes from renewable sources.

For many years, Aquafil has placed sustainability and the circular economy at the core of its values and development strategy, steering industrial decisions and investments towards models that combine innovation, competitiveness and a focus on the impact of activities across the entire value chain.

This renewed joint commitment confirms how collaboration between finance and industry can foster growth models based on innovation, responsibility and long-term vision, reinforcing the role of both parties in the transition towards a more sustainable economy.

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Intesa Sanpaolo

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About Aquafil

Founded in 1965, Aquafil is one of the leading producers of nylon in Italy and worldwide. The Group operates across three continents, employing around 2,400 people in 19 plants located in Italy, Slovenia, the United States, China, Croatia, Chile, Thailand and Japan.

Aquafil is a pioneer in the circular economy, notably through its ECONYL® regeneration system, an innovative and sustainable process that creates new products from waste, enabling an infinite cycle. Nylon waste is collected from various global sources and includes industrial waste, as well as end-of-life products such as fishing nets and carpets. This waste is processed to obtain caprolactam, a raw material with the same chemical and performance characteristics as that derived from fossil sources.

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