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## Ambienta wins the *Claudio Dematté* Private Equity of the Year 2020 Award for Safim SpA

Ambienta SGR SpA, Europe's largest sustainability-focused investment fund, is pleased to announce that it has won the *Claudio Dematté* Award, Private Equity of the Year 2020, Buy Out Category, for its investment in Safim SpA ("Safim").

The recognition is awarded annually by *AIFI*, the Italian venture capital and private equity association, with the support of *Intesa Sanpaolo* and *EY* and in collaboration with *Corriere della Sera*, *Gruppo 24 Ore*, *SDA Bocconi* and *Borsa Italiana*. Competition was very intense in 2020 as well, with 19 deals by 17 different private asset managers selected as finalists, among exits generated between August 2019 and July 2020.

Safim is a leading manufacturer of critical components that allow for the safe and energy efficient use of hydraulic systems for off-highway vehicles and trailers, reducing vehicle energy losses through smart engineering solutions. Ambienta was able to unearth a sustainability gem and help the company fuel growth, expand globally and conquer blue-chip clients. With the support of Ambienta's proprietary *ESG in Action Programme*, Safim was able to transform its organisation and operations, double revenues and the number of employees in 24 months, increase profitability, attract the interest of a series of global trade buyers, and ultimately deliver an IRR of 80% for Ambienta's investors.

**Francesco Lodrini, Partner at Ambienta**, commented: "We are extremely pleased that the industry has recognized our achievements with Safim, a fantastic deal in which the heritage of the founding Mamei family and the strength of the new management team came together to achieve impressive results."

**Mauro Roversi, Partner and Chief Investment Officer at Ambienta**, said: "We feel blessed that the jury has selected Ambienta as Private Equity of the Year in the Buy Out Category for 3 out of the last 4 years, affirming our leadership position in Italy. Warm congratulations to the entire Ambienta investment team!"

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### About Ambienta

*Ambienta is a sustainability-focused European asset manager and a leader in applying environmental sustainability trends to investing. Operating out of Milan, London, Paris and Düsseldorf, Ambienta manages \$2 billion in assets with focus on investing in private and public*



*companies driven by environmental megatrends. On the private equity side, Ambienta runs the world's largest capital pool for this strategy and has completed thirty-nine investments to date in the areas of resource efficiency and pollution control throughout Europe. In public equity markets, Ambienta has pioneered the world's first absolute return fund entirely focused on environmental sustainability. [www.ambientasgr.com](http://www.ambientasgr.com)*

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