

**MONDADORI GROUP:
ACQUISITION OF 51% OF STAR SHOP DISTRIBUZIONE COMPLETED**

Segrate, 1 February 2024 - The Mondadori Group announces that, through its subsidiary Mondadori Libri S.p.A., it has today completed the **acquisition** of **51%** of the share capital of **Star Shop Distribuzione S.r.l.**, a company operating in the comics segment with publishing and gadgets, particularly as a distributor for third-party publishers in the comic book channel and operator of direct and affiliated retail outlets in the same segment.

As communicated to the market on 29 June 2023, following authorisation by the Italian Antitrust Authority pursuant to Law 287/1990 - as previously announced on 3 November 2023 -, the transaction is effective from today's date, as of which Mondadori will also proceed with the full consolidation of the company.

As previously stated, the acquisition makes it possible to replicate in the comics segment the vertically-integrated business model with which the Mondadori Group already operates in the book segment.

Under the agreement, Sergio Cavallerin and Matteo Cavallerin - who founded and have thus far successfully managed the company - will retain management responsibility and continue to hold the role of Executive Directors in the Company.

The price, based on an Enterprise Value of 9 million euros, covering 100% of the Company, is 4.6 million euros, entirely paid in cash today, and will be subject to adjustment based on the final net financial position on 1 February 2024.

As previously stated, the agreement includes the signing of put & call option contracts governing the transfer of the residual 49% share of Star Shop Distribuzione. The options will be available for exercise in two equal tranches respectively starting from the approval of the 2025 financial statements and of the 2028 financial statements, at a price to be defined on the basis of the company's results during the three-year periods 2023-2025 and 2026-2028.

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