

# HYDRA S.P.A. LAUNCHES SALE OF A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF 2.922.323 SHARES OF DATALOGIC S.P.A. THROUGH AN ACCELERATED BOOKBUILD OFFERING TO INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

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Bologna, 16th May 2017 - Hydra S.p.A. has launched the sale of a maximum amount of 2,922,323 shares of Datalogic S.p.A., corresponding to 5% of Datalogic share capital, through an accelerated bookbuild offering to institutional investors.

Hydra reserves the right to close the books at any time. Hydra will announce the outcome of the placement upon completion.

As part of the transaction and in line with market practice for placements of this nature, Hydra has agreed to a 180 day lock-up period with respect to the remaining shares of Datalogic owned.

Upon completion of the sale of all the shares offered in the accelerated bookbuilding, Hydra will own 36,365,000 shares of Datalogic, equal to 62.2% of the relevant share capital.

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