

## 7. Anthilia beats the durum for ESG with pasta maker deal



**Investor:** Anthilia Capital Partners  
**Company:** De Matteis Agroalimentare

Anthilia Capital Partners excludes companies operating in sectors such as arms, tobacco and gambling as part of its funds' regulations. When dealing with other ESG requirements, fund managers carry out specific analyses during the investment process.

De Matteis Agroalimentare operates in the pasta production sector with an integrated business model which allows constant control of the entire supply chain.

Anthilia BIT and Anthilia BIT Parallel Fund issued a €5 million bond to fund the acquisition and adaptation of a new plant for one of the company's brands. The company and the purpose of the loan were in line with the ESG requirements of the Anthilia BIT Fund, as De Matteis has always invested in projects that create value in the territory and reduce environmental impact.

During the due diligence phase, Anthilia found that De Matteis contributes to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through the reduction of imports of durum wheat from abroad. It also reduces pollutants and greenhouse gases through a co-generation plant capable of producing more than 80% of the energy needed. This confirms the company's constant commitment to a sustainable future.

The company also initiated the "Filiere Armando" initiative, a contract signed by 1,836 farms, which provides a guaranteed minimum wage meaning farmers can cultivate the land without sacrificing the quality of their produce.

In addition, every year, De Matteis draws up a social report where it sets out its objectives, its commitments and the results obtained in terms of ESG. This allows for proper monitoring by external parties including Anthilia BIT.