



## **KKR to Acquire Novaria Group from Rosewood Private Investments and Tailwind Advisors**

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All Employees to Become Owners in Company

FORT WORTH, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

KKR, a leading global investment firm, today announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire Novaria Group, a leading manufacturer of specialty aerospace hardware, from Rosewood Private Investments and Tailwind Advisors. The transaction, the financial details of which were not disclosed, is being funded through KKR's Americas XII Fund.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here: <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20191125005243/en/>

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, Novaria Group is a premier independent supplier of complex, highly engineered components and specialty processes for the aerospace and defense industry. Founded in 2011 by CEO Bryan Perkins, Novaria Group aims to improve the aerospace supply chain with an emphasis on better technology, processes and infrastructure. Today, the company serves more than 500 customers.

"Our team has been in search of a differentiated platform in the commercial aerospace sector and are thrilled to have found our partner in Bryan Perkins and his team at Novaria Group," said Josh Weisenbeck, KKR Member and senior leader on KKR's Industrials investment team. "We look forward to working together to scale the company and build an aerospace engineered parts supplier that is uniquely focused on excellence in quality and customer service."

"Since our founding, Novaria Group has always prided itself on being a customer-focused supplier of aerospace parts. Importantly, KKR shares this vision of improving the aerospace supply chain through delivering value to our customers and, through their innovative employee ownership and engagement model, extending the shareholder value we will create through this business strategy to our employees," said Bryan Perkins, Novaria Group CEO.

Since 2011, KKR's Industrials team has focused on employee engagement as a key driver in building stronger businesses. The strategy's cornerstone has been to allow all employees to take part in the benefits of ownership by granting them the opportunity to participate in the equity return alongside KKR. Beyond sharing ownership, KKR also supports employee engagement by investing in training across multiple functional areas and by partnering with the workforce to give back to the community.

"We are extremely excited to support Novaria Group on the next leg of its journey. Similar to what we have done at KKR's other industrials portfolio companies in the U.S., we plan to implement a broad-based employee ownership and engagement model at Novaria Group to recognize the employees and ultimately position the company to better serve its customers," said Pete Stavros, KKR Member and Co-Head of Americas Private Equity.

"We've enjoyed working with the Novaria management team over the past five years. Since our initial investment in Novaria, we have supported numerous additional acquisitions and substantial organic growth. We are thrilled that Bryan and his team have found a new equity partner to take Novaria to even greater achievement," said G.T. Barden, Rosewood Private Investments.

This transaction, which is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions, is expected to close by 1Q 2020. Fully committed financing has been led by lead arrangers KKR Capital Markets and RBC Capital Markets LLC. KKR was advised in the transaction by Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Deloitte and AeroDynamic Advisory. Novaria Group was advised in the transaction by Lazard, Riveron, and Foley & Lardner LLP.

### **About Novaria Group**

Novaria Group is a cohesive family of precision aerospace & defense component companies, a sum made greater by the value of its parts, that consistently delivers optimum performance and sustainable growth. With deep industry knowledge, demonstrated integrity and an abiding regard for human capital, Novaria Group provides its business units unmatched access to unique innovations and best practices. Investing and strategically operating in defined segments of the precision component sector, Novaria Group deploys its significant leadership experience to improve the operational and business capabilities and capital resources of small to mid-market commercial aerospace manufacturing firms. Since our founding in 2011, we have been building a new kind of precision aerospace & defense components supplier, developing robust business processes and long-standing customer relationships, while making organizational and operational improvements designed to sustain and expand our business.

For more information about Novaria Group, please visit [www.novariagroup.com](http://www.novariagroup.com).

### **About KKR**

KKR is a leading global investment firm that manages multiple alternative asset classes, including private equity, energy, infrastructure, real

estate and credit, with strategic partners that manage hedge funds. KKR aims to generate attractive investment returns for its fund investors by following a patient and disciplined investment approach, employing world-class people, and driving growth and value creation with KKR portfolio companies. KKR invests its own capital alongside the capital it manages for fund investors and provides financing solutions and investment opportunities through its capital markets business. References to KKR's investments may include the activities of its sponsored funds. For additional information about KKR & Co. Inc. (NYSE: KKR), please visit KKR's website at [www.kkr.com](http://www.kkr.com) and on Twitter @KKR\_Co.

For more information about KKR's Industrials team and the employee engagement model, please visit the [KKR Industrials page](#) on LinkedIn, [@KKR\\_Industrials](#) on Twitter and [KKR Industrials](#) on YouTube.

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