

## **OVOSONICO PARTNERS AGAIN WITH 505 GAMES FOR A NEW IP**

*Award-winning game studio moves its headquarters to new modern offices in Milan to strengthen its relationship with Digital Bros and 505 Games.*

**MILAN, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018** – Digital Bros S.p.A., digital entertainment company listed on the Star segment of the Milan Stock Exchange and BAFTA nominated independent studio Ovosonico, awarded this year at the IVGA, announce today a partnership for a new project.

Ovosonico and 505 Games, Digital Bros subsidiary, are working on a new, ambitious and original IP. Through this partnership, the studio aims to expand its business into the Independent AAA growing market. In order to support the necessary growth in terms of both team size and infrastructures, Ovosonico has moved its headquarters to the new modern offices of Digital Bros Group, in the heart of the world-renowned design and fashion district of via Tortona. The partnership with 505 Games will provide Ovosonico resources and know-how of a recognized and successful international team.

“Moving our focus to Independent AAA is all about creating IP with high production values and mainstream appeal, but with the more focused game design, lower price point and open development process that defines indie games.” said **Massimo Guarini, Ovosonico CEO and Creative Director**. “We’re very excited to partner up again with 505 Games. Through this collaboration we can exploit synergies with a recognized and successful company, maintaining our independence having access to important resources on this journey to create spectacular, exciting and unique game experiences that can compete with triple-A within a fraction of their budget.”

Ovosonico’s founder and industry veteran, Massimo Guarini, has extensive experience with triple-A development pipelines, having spent most of his career working with huge teams on mainstream titles with publishers such as Ubisoft and Electronic Arts. The studio’s most recent effort, “**Last Day of June**”, has been recently honored with a nomination at the **BAFTA** (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) and an award at the **IVGA** (Italian Video Game Awards) within the Game Beyond Entertainment category.

“We are very enthusiastic to strengthen our partnership with Massimo Guarini and his team, proving once again our efforts towards spreading the Italian creativity around the world and our will to invest on national talents.” added **Raffaele Galante, CEO of Digital Bros Group**. “We are proud to have the possibility to participate, once again, in the growth of this studio that has demonstrated during the past years great value, competences, capabilities and huge talent and creativity.

Ovosonico is currently running a recruitment campaign to expand its team with new talents. If you would like to apply for a position, please visit [www.ovosonico.com/jobs/](http://www.ovosonico.com/jobs/).

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## **DIGITAL BROS GROUP**

Listed on the STAR segment of Borsa Italiana, Digital Bros Group is a Global Company operating since 1989 as a developer, publisher and distributor of videogames in the international market through its brand 505 Games. The Group distributes its contents on both retail and digital channels. Digital Bros Group is active around the world through its own direct operations in Italy, United States, UK, France, Spain, Germany and China, with approximately 180 employees. For more information on Digital Bros Group and its products please visit [www.digitalbros.com](http://www.digitalbros.com).

## **ABOUT 505 GAMES**

505 Games is a global video game publisher focused on offering a broad selection of titles for players of all ages and levels. The company publishes and distributes premium and Free to Play games on leading consoles, PC and mobile. Upcoming titles include *OVERKILL's The Walking Dead*, *Control*, *Bloodstained: Ritual of the Night*, *Indivisible*, *Underworld Ascendant*. Publishing in Premium Games highlights are *PAYDAY 2*, *Terraria*, *Portal Knights*, *Assetto Corsa*, *ABZÛ*, *Virginia*, *Brothers – A Tale of Two Sons* and *How to Survive*. Whilst among the Free to Play publishing highlights are *Battle Islands*, *Gems of War* e *Hawken*. 505 has offices in California, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and China. It works with a network of distribution and sublicensing partners in all other markets. For more information on 505 Games and its products please visit [www.505games.com](http://www.505games.com).

## **ABOUT OVOSONICO**

Ovosonico is an award-winning game development studio founded in 2012 by BAFTA nominated Director Massimo Guarini, famous for his collaborations with legendary creators *Goichi Suda*, *Shinji Mikami* and *Akira Yamaoka*. Located in Milan in the heart of the design district of Via Tortona, Ovosonico has reached worldwide critical acclaim through emotional titles such as "Last Day of June", published by *505 Games*, and "Murasaki Baby", published by *Sony Computer Entertainment Europe*.

The studio's most recent effort, "Last Day of June", has been honoured with a nomination at the BAFTA (*British Academy of Film and Television Arts*) and an award at the IVGA (*Italian Video Game Awards*) within the Game Beyond Entertainment category. Since its debut, the studio mission is to expand the boundaries of video games by creating emotional and artistically crafted experiences characterized by a strong sense of authorship. In 2015 Ovosonico announced its partnership with *Digital Bros S.p.A.*, the global digital entertainment company active worldwide with the brand *505 Games* and listed on the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange.

For more information on Ovosonico and its products please visit [www.ovosonico.com](http://www.ovosonico.com).

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