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Palamon Capital Partners appoints new Chief Financial Officer

Palamon Capital Partners, one of Europe's leading mid-market private equity firms, is pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Pritchard as Chief Financial Officer.

Mr Pritchard joins Palamon Capital Partners from Catlin Group, the international specialty insurance and reinsurance group, where he has worked for 12 years in a number of positions, most recently as CFO of the UK division and Head of Finance Operations. He graduated from the University of Hull, UK with a BSc in Economics & Accounting and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1995 having started his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Pritchard said: "I am delighted to be joining Palamon at such an exciting time in the Firm's development, and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead."

Michael Hoffman, Chairman of Palamon Capital Partners, commented: "We are very pleased to welcome Gary to the team as we continue to build and expand our Firm. Gary's first hand experience in managing financial operations for a firm like Catlin which grew explosively over the last decade will ensure that Palamon maintains strong financial control as we continue on our own fast growth trajectory."

Palamon operates across Europe from the Firm's base in London. The Firm, with €1.1 billion of equity under management, is currently investing its second Pan-European fund, Palamon European Equity II, L.P. Recent investments made by Palamon include Dress-for-Less, Europe's largest on-line designer fashion outlet, D&D Media Group, one of the leading independent European audiovisual producers and Si Collection SpA, a provider of debt collection services to Italian corporate business.

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Palamon Capital Partners, LP is an independent private equity partnership founded in 1999, which is focused on providing equity for European growth services companies. Palamon, as a pan-European investor, originates, executes and manages investments in the UK, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, France, and Germany. The Firm targets investments in companies where it can be the lead private equity provider and where the partnership's experienced principals can provide strategic direction and support to help build equity value.

The Firm manages Palamon European Equity, L.P. and Palamon European Equity II, L.P., capitalised at €1.1 billion, and making up one of the largest pools of private equity capital dedicated to growth investment opportunities in Europe's mid market arena. Investors in Palamon funds are based mainly in the US and Europe and are among the most significant investment institutions in the world.

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