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**New appointment at Palamon Capital Partners**

Palamon Capital Partners, one of Europe's leading mid-market private equity firms, has appointed Braam Verster as a Vice President. Mr Verster joins Palamon from McKinsey & Company where he was an Associate Principal in the London Private Equity Practice, working with private equity firms and their portfolio companies across Europe, the US and Africa. Mr Verster is a graduate of the University of Stellenbosch and the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Daan Knottenbelt, Partner and Member of Palamon Capital Partner's Operating Committee, commented: "Reflecting our growth plans, we are significantly expanding our team of investment professionals. We are very pleased to be attracting candidates of Braam's quality and are delighted to welcome him to Palamon."

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Verster said: "Palamon has a first class reputation built on a number of strengths: a close-knit, high calibre team, an exciting portfolio, high quality deal flow, and of course, a track record of successful investments. I look forward to the challenges and the opportunities the new role will bring."

Palamon's investment team, which is based in Palamon's London headquarters, comprises 12 investment professionals from eight different countries and targets mid-market investment opportunities across Europe. The Firm, with €1.1 billion of equity under management, is currently investing its second Pan-European fund, Palamon European Equity II, L.P. which at this point is nearly 40% committed.

Recent investments made by Palamon include D&D Media Group, one of the leading independent European audiovisual producers, Cambridge Education Group Ltd, one of the foremost providers of pre-university and English language teaching in the UK, Si Collection SpA, an Italian debt collection business, and the take-private of Retail Decisions plc, a group that has a global reach in payment cards and fraud prevention.

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**Palamon Capital Partners**

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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