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Ricardo Caupers appointed as Vice President at Palamon Capital Partners

Palamon Capital Partners, one of Europe's leading mid-market private equity firms, has appointed Ricardo Caupers as a Vice President.

Mr Caupers joins Palamon from the Boston Consulting Group, where he was a Principal in the London office. Prior to this he was based in the New York office as Consultant and, latterly, Project Leader. Mr Caupers graduated from the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon with a BA in Business Administration and Finance and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Mr Caupers joins Palamon's London-based team, which comprises 15 investment professionals from 10 different countries, at a time of significant investment opportunity. The Firm, with €1.1 billion of equity under management, is currently investing its second pan-European fund, Palamon European Equity II, L.P.

Daan Knottenbelt, Partner and Member of Palamon's Operating Committee, commented: "We continue to build our team and are delighted to now welcome Ricardo. The recruitment of high calibre individuals such as Ricardo is consistent with our strategy to steadily build out our pan-European capabilities. Particularly in the current environment, we see many new opportunities throughout Europe to enhance and expand businesses in selected service sectors."

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Caupers said: "Palamon's strategy of investing on a pan-European level in growth services business is very exciting for me. I look forward to working with the experienced Palamon team to develop opportunities not only in my home country, Portugal, but also across the whole of Europe."

In November 2008, Palamon invested in DS Produkte, one of Germany's leading distributors of innovative consumer products. Other investments include Retail Decisions, a UK-based, global payment card service provider, which recently accelerated its European expansion with the acquisition of the fuel card operations of Lomo, the leading German operator.

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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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