

LYCEUM CAPITAL BOOSTS INVESTMENT TEAM

Mid-market growth investor Lyceum Capital has strengthened its Investment Team with the appointment of Martin Wygas.

Martin joins from the private equity team of law firm Travers Smith, where over the last five years he worked on numerous transactions including the buyout of luxury lingerie brand Agent Provocateur, the P2P of Expro, the sale of NCP to Macquarie and Lyceum's sale of Clinovia to BUPA.

His role as Investment Executive at Lyceum Capital will see him work with the firm's origination and execution team to identify and acquire innovative businesses capable of driving consolidation in growing markets.

Martin said: "I'm looking forward to playing a full part in the delivery of some great deals for Lyceum. Their research-driven investment model coupled with strong operational expertise, are both potent forces which strongly differentiate the firm."

Lyceum Capital invests £5 million-£30 million of equity in businesses operating in fragmented sectors with long-term underlying growth opportunities.

Since 2000 Lyceum Capital has invested in 11 platform businesses and made a total of 40 add-on acquisitions. It closed its £255 million Fund II in February 2008 and around 80% is currently available for investment.

Jeremy Hand, Managing Partner at Lyceum Capital said: "Having scaled back our portfolio in 2007/2008 and with cash to spend, Lyceum is in a great position to take advantage of improving market conditions. Martin joins us at an exciting time."

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Notes to Editors:

Lyceum Capital is an independent private equity firm which is investing in innovative and growing UK-headquartered businesses from its latest £255 million fund.

Using a research-driven approach to origination, Lyceum Capital makes highly targeted investments in businesses with the potential to become robust participants in fragmented and growing sectors.

It invests between £5 million - £30 million in deals with typical enterprise values of £10 million - £75 million.

Lyceum Capital works alongside management teams to increase scale and capture market share by driving operational improvements, supporting organic growth and sourcing and funding complementary acquisitions.

Through a combination of investment, operational and strategic input Lyceum Capital builds robust and successful businesses with good long-term growth prospects.

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