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## **Lyceum Capital Expands Team**

Lyceum Capital, the private equity firm that invests in mid market consumer and business service businesses, today announced the expansion of its team with two new appointments.

Mark Hall joins Lyceum as an Associate Partner and will be responsible for identifying portfolio acquisitions and working with Lyceum's portfolio companies on business development. Mark, a graduate of Durham University with an MBA from Yale, has several years' in private equity and leveraged and acquisition finance in the UK and internationally, including two years with JP Morgan in London and Sydney and three years with Gresham Private Equity in Sydney.

Rob Gershon joins Lyceum as Associate Partner - Operations and will work closely with David Harland, one of Lyceum's Operations Partners, on portfolio company performance and strategic business development. Rob has a number of years' experience in business development and financial planning with Whitbread and J. Sainsbury. A qualified chartered accountant, Rob recently completed an MBA from the Cass Business School, City University.

Philip Buscombe, Lyceum Capital's Chief Executive, said: "We are delighted to welcome Mark and Rob to a team that now numbers 17, including several experienced Operational and Industrial Partners."

Since 2000, Lyceum Capital has returned £139 million to fund investors and co-investors from exits and recapitalisations and achieved above-average EBITDA growth in the portfolio. Eight portfolio companies have made 26 acquisitions over the last six years.

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### **Note to editors:**

#### **About Lyceum Capital**

Lyceum Capital invests in mid market consumer and business service businesses principally headquartered in the UK. The firm, which achieved its independence with the assistance of AlInvest Partners, AXA Private Equity, GIMV and European Investment Fund earlier this year, has established a reputation for helping its management teams build businesses through investment in profits growth and strategic consolidation.

Lyceum Capital's investments include Clinovia, Southern Cross, the elderly care homes group sold to Blackstone for £167 million, Asquith Schools, acquired by Cognita, and Coperion, the global market leader in application technology and services for the plastics, chemicals and minerals industries.

Since 2000, Lyceum has acquired 34 companies around 8 platforms in healthcare, education, outsourcing and technology and industrial services.

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