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Access Capital Partners launches Co-investment Fund to be run by Paul Bekx and Benjamin Barrière

European private assets group Access Capital Partners (“Access”) announces the creation of an in-house private equity co-investment activity, reflecting the increasing number of co-investment opportunities offered by portfolio General Partners (“GPs”) as well as clear market demand for professionally managed additional co-investment exposure.

Access has through 5 consecutive European small & mid cap buy-out Funds of funds (ACF I-V) established longstanding relationships with more than 100 European GPs, often as a corner stone investor. By creating its own co-investment activity, Access now wishes to partner even further with key GPs by offering additional equity support for jointly pursued deal opportunities. For this purpose, Access has attracted a dedicated co-investment team with extensive direct deal experience across Europe and well known to Access for many years: Paul Bekx and Benjamin Barrière who are joining from Gilde Buy Out Partners (“Gilde”) to become Advising Partners in charge of Access Capital Co-Investment Fund I, in close collaboration with Access’ wider team.

Paul Bekx said: *“After 13 years at Gilde, from organizing its first international LP based fund GBOF II, to subsequently growing into GBOF IV presently being invested, I have decided to move to longstanding reference investor Access. Proud of our joint achievements at Gilde, I thank both colleagues and investors for our privileged time together, and look forward to setting up a new small & mid cap co-investment fund at Access, together with former partner Benjamin Barrière.”*

Ralph Wyss (Gilde) said: *“On behalf of Gilde, I would like to express our gratitude to Paul and Benjamin for their important contribution to Gilde and we wish Paul and Benjamin every success in the new venture at Access. We will undoubtedly maintain contact, and we look forward to our first co-investment opportunities together with Access.”*

Philippe Poggioli (Access) said: *“Having known them from Gilde since 2000, we are delighted that Paul and Benjamin are joining Access as Advising Partners. Their pan-European direct deal experience will strengthen our co-investment capabilities across Europe. We are pleased to see that this move was achieved to all parties’ satisfaction.”*



About Access Capital Partners

Access Capital Partners (www.access-capital-partners.com) is a leading, independent European provider of investment solutions in private assets for investors with circa €4.7 billion under management. The firm currently employs 52 people operating or advising from Paris, Brussels, London, Helsinki and Munich.

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About Gilde Buy Out Partners

Gilde Buy Out Partners (www.gilde.com) is one of Europe's foremost mid-market private equity investors, with managed funds in excess of €2.0 billion. Gilde operates in the Benelux, Germany, Switzerland and Austria, with offices throughout this region and a multinational team.

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