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Johan Van de Steen joins IK Investment Partners

IK Investment Partners ("IK"), a leading Pan-European private equity firm, is pleased to announce that Johan Van de Steen has joined the firm as Operating Partner as of April 2017. Johan will head IK's Strategy, Operations and Business Control (SOBC) team.

Johan Van de Steen, 51, has substantial hands-on industrial experience, acquired over more than two decades in the corporate, management consulting and private equity environments. He began his career in industry, working for Siemens before joining McKinsey & Company as a strategy consultant. He then became one of the founding European team members of KKR Capstone. Johan spent 15 years in private equity before joining IK.

In total, Johan brings more than 23 years of operating experience to IK. He will work closely with IK investment professionals and management teams to support IK's existing portfolio companies to reach their full potential.

Johan holds a Master of Business Administration from INSEAD in France and a Master of Science degree in Electronics Engineering from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium.

"Johan has a unique background with an exceptional toolkit of operational skills, a vast network of industrial contacts and a firm command of several European languages. As such, he is particularly well fitted to contribute to IK's active ownership model. We are looking forward to taking a further step in sharpening our firm's operational skill set," said Christopher Masek, CEO of IK Investment Partners.

"I was very much attracted to IK's strong operational focus and hands-on approach as they partner with management teams to help businesses grow and expand. I look forward to collaborating closely with the investment teams and the companies across IK's portfolio," said Johan Van de Steen, Operating Partner at IK Investment Partners.

About IK Investment Partners

IK Investment Partners ("IK") is a Pan-European private equity firm focused on investments in the Nordics, DACH region, France, and Benelux. Since 1989, IK has raised more than €9 billion of capital and invested in over 100 European companies. IK funds support companies with strong underlying potential, partnering with management teams and investors to create robust, well-positioned businesses with excellent long-term prospects. For more information, visit www.ikinvest.com

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