

## LeadCrest Capital Partners appoints former Colony Capital / DigitalBridge senior executive to its Advisory Committee

**An experienced senior executive to support LeadCrest in the next phase of its development**

**PARIS, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023** – LeadCrest Capital Partners (“LeadCrest”), **the first fund exclusively dedicated to sale-leaseback and build-to-suit investments in Europe**, announced the appointment of Ronald Sanders to its Advisory Committee.



Mr. Sanders was up until recently Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of DigitalBridge (NYSE:DBRG), a global digital infrastructure investment firm with approximately US\$69 billion<sup>1</sup> of Assets Under Management, formerly known as Colony Capital (NYSE:CLNY).

Mr. Sanders joined Colony Capital in 2004, where he oversaw all global legal affairs, was a member of the firm’s executive committee and was actively involved in the firm’s strategic matters and operations. Over his circa 20-year tenure, he had a lead role in launching new products and funds, listing the general partner / management company, and working on several strategic mergers and acquisitions transactions.

Prior to that, Mr. Sanders was a partner at “Magic Circle” London-based multinational law firm Clifford Chance LLP, which he joined in 2000 when Clifford Chance merged with his previous firm, New York-based Rogers & Wells.

Mr. Sanders received his Bachelor of Science from the State University of New York at Albany in 1985, and his Juris Doctor from the New York University School of Law in 1988.

LeadCrest was launched in 2020 as a new fund manager focusing on Europe’s untapped sale-leaseback market. It was founded by Managing Director and Portfolio Manager Georges Asmar, who was previously Managing Director and Global Head of Net Lease Investments at Colony Capital.

Mr. Sanders joins a seasoned Advisory Committee which includes Net Lease experts Stuart Winssinger and Trevor Bond, respectively former Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer of US listed net lease investment firm W. P. Carey (NYSE:WPC), Real Estate expert Stuart Koenig, formerly Senior Partner and Chief Operating Officer of the real estate division of US asset management firm Ares (NYSE:ARES), Credit Expert Nicole Waibel, Managing Director at debt fund Crescent Credit Europe LLP, and Strategy expert

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<sup>1</sup> As of March 31, 2023



Olivier Chatain, Professor of Strategy and Business Policy at HEC Paris, and formerly Assistant Professor at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

**Georges Asmar, Portfolio Manager at LeadCrest Capital Partners**

“We are delighted to welcome Ron Sanders to our Advisory Committee. As LeadCrest has been experiencing tremendous growth, tripling its AUM over the past few months, Ron’s extensive experience will be instrumental in the next phase of our development, which will include new product offerings to global institutional LPs.”

**Ronald Sanders, Senior Advisor at LeadCrest Capital Partners**

“I am thrilled to join LeadCrest which is recognised by industry pundits as the premier net lease player in Europe. In a significantly changed macroeconomic environment, with volatile debt and public markets and limited bank financing, I am convinced that corporate real estate externalisations as an alternative source of funding will benefit from very strong tailwinds in the years to come. It is a unique product for both companies looking to unlock capital tied up in their real estate to redeploy in their core business activities, and global LPs looking for defensive investment strategies offering long-term protection to inflation. Finally, I am excited to be working again with many former colleagues.”

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**About LeadCrest Capital Partners:**

Founded by a team of experts with a global track record, LeadCrest Capital Partners is the first European fund exclusively dedicated to sale-leaseback and build-to-suit investments. With offices in Luxembourg and Paris, LeadCrest assists its corporate partners in meeting their strategic objectives by funding all their real estate needs. LeadCrest invests throughout Europe in all asset classes – ranging from traditional commercial real estate to highly specific operational properties – with a particular focus on the consumer goods, industrials, healthcare and education sectors.

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