

LeadCrest Capital Partners Promotes 3 Senior Team Members

PARIS, 22nd February 2024 – LeadCrest Capital Partners (“LeadCrest”), the first fund exclusively dedicated to sale-leaseback and build-to-suit investments in Europe, announced a series of promotions among its ranks:

- In Paris:
 - **Jean-François Bost** is promoted to Managing Director and Head of Investments, France & Benelux;
 - **Diego Vidal Ponte** is promoted to Principal and Head of Investments, Southern Europe.
- In Luxembourg, **Jean-François Renson** is promoted to Managing Director and Head of Finance & Accounting.

Jean-François Bost – Managing Director, Head of Investments, France & Benelux (Paris)



Mr. Bost is promoted to Managing Director and Head of Investments for France & Benelux. He is responsible for sourcing and executing sale-leaseback investments with a particular focus on that region.

Since joining LeadCrest in 2019, Mr. Bost has been involved in several transactions in France, including sale-leasebacks with grocery retailer Monoprix in 2021/2022, as well as the acquisition of a portfolio of private education campuses from Sports Etudes Academy in 2022/2023. He was also instrumental in transactions in other European markets involving both French (Adeo) and foreign companies (3W, KGL).

Prior to joining LeadCrest, Mr. Bost worked at Oak Investment Management Group, a London-based investment management firm with a pan-European focus, where he was responsible for executing opportunistic and core equity and debt transactions across various asset classes. During his tenure, he closed on numerous equity transactions and related loans, and took part in several lease negotiations.

Mr. Bost received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Business Studies from the University of Warwick (United Kingdom). He is based in Paris and holds dual French-British citizenships.

Diego Vidal Ponte – Principal, Head of Investments, Southern Europe (Paris)



Mr. Vidal Ponte is promoted to Principal and Head of Investments for Southern Europe. He is responsible for sourcing and executing sale-leaseback investments with a particular focus on that region.

Since joining LeadCrest in 2022, Mr. Vidal Ponte has led several transactions including notably the acquisition of a portfolio of DIY stores in Italy from leading player Tecnomat (Adeo Group). In Portugal, Mr. Vidal Ponte has been overseeing a build-to-suit programme whereby LeadCrest develops brand new



supermarkets for several grocery retailers. Mr. Vidal Ponte also was instrumental in closing investments in countries such as Poland, France or Denmark.

Prior to joining LeadCrest, Mr. Vidal Ponte worked for 7 years as an investment professional at Victoria Capital Partners, a leading private equity firm in Latin America, where he analysed and executed private equity investments between US\$45 and US\$450 million across multiple countries in Latin America. During his tenure, Mr. Vidal Ponte participated in transactions across a variety of sectors, including consumer products and services, agribusiness, building materials, healthcare, and education. Prior to that, Mr. Vidal Ponte worked for 2 years at the corporate development team of Cresud (NASDAQ: CRESY), Argentina's largest real estate developer and operator.

Mr. Vidal Ponte holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina), the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation from the CFA Institute, and a Master of Business Administration with Distinction from INSEAD (France). He is based in Paris and holds Argentinian citizenship.

Jean-François Renson – Managing Director, Head of Finance & Accounting (Luxembourg)



Mr. Renson is promoted to Managing Director and Head of Finance and Accounting. Mr. Renson is responsible for managing all accounting and finance processes at LeadCrest, which include financial accounting and reporting for the General Partner and its affiliates as well as the various investment vehicles (Funds, co-investment partnerships, Separate Managed Accounts). He has been instrumental in setting up reporting and disclosure for LeadCrest's Limited Partners.

Prior to joining LeadCrest in 2021, Mr. Renson was Senior Manager, Accounting & Tax, at Colony Capital (now Digital Bridge / NYSE:DBRG), a global real estate and investment management firm.

Before joining Colony Capital in 2018, Mr. Renson spent 10 years with PwC in Luxembourg where he was part of the accounting and tax department working with various clients across a diverse range of sectors.

Mr. Renson obtained his qualification as a Luxembourg Certified Chartered Accountant in 2013. He holds a Master of Business Administration from HEC-University of Liège (Belgium) and a bachelor's degree in accounting (specialising in taxation) from the Sainte-Marie Institute (Belgium). He is based in Luxembourg and holds Belgian citizenship.

Georges Asmar, Portfolio Manager of LeadCrest, commented:

"We are very pleased to announce these promotions within both our investment and our operations teams. Those come following a record year for LeadCrest in 2023, and in recognition of these team members achievements and dedication. Boosted by the current macroeconomic environment, we expect 2024 to be pivotal as we engage in the next phase of our development which will include the launch of new products and further recruitments, building on a very robust pipeline."



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 across Europe in all asset classes – ranging from traditional commercial real estate to specific operational properties – with a particular focus on the consumer goods, industrials, healthcare and education sectors.

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