

PRESS RELEASE

VIA equity announces final closing of VIA equity Fund V

VIA equity is pleased to announce the final closing of VIA equity Fund V.

The VIA equity Fund V closing of DKK 1.865 billion (EUR 250 million) ends a very successful fundraising process.

Managing partner Benjamin Kramarz says: “We are extraordinarily proud that we, on plan, had a very successful closing of our Fund V during a period with unusual economic uncertainties and with a fundraising market in turmoil.”

“The inbound international investor interest for committing to VIA equity Fund V has been extraordinary and overwhelming. We have been in a situation where the interest was larger than our fundraising maximum. Accordingly, VIA equity unfortunately had to disappoint interested investors that did not get into Fund V”, Benjamin Kramarz continues.

“Simultaneously, we are humbled and at the same time very pleased with the fact that all the important participants in VIA equity Fund IV, as for example J.P. Morgan Global Alternatives, Rothschild Merchant Banking, eQ, Cubera, Nordea and Gaardboe-Jensen family office, have committed to continue the cooperation with VIA equity in VIA equity Fund V.”

The new limited partners in VIA equity Fund V are high caliber international brand name investors and other acknowledged organisations, among others including Qualitas, RAG Stiftung, Chr. Augustinus Fabrikker, Private Equity Club SCSp, AKF Invest CPH, Penguin Capital, and Dansk Vækstkapital.

VIA equity’s strategy remains unchanged, and VIA equity has been fundraising on a strong platform of excellent performance for VIA equity Fund II, VIA equity Fund III and VIA equity Fund IV.

The VIA equity Fund V finances all new VIA platform investments.

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ABOUT VIA equity

Headquartered in Copenhagen, VIA equity is a leading Northern European private equity firm investing in software and IT-service companies. VIA focuses on buyouts of profitable small to mid-sized companies in the Nordics and DACH region. VIA equity has a history of excellent returns and is currently ranked among the best-performing small cap PE firms in the world according to an acknowledged institute’s latest ranking. In 2023, VIA equity established its 5th fund, a SFDR Article 8 fund dedicated to promoting social characteristics. VIA equity’s investment team currently consists of 14 investment professionals from four countries, located in two offices, overseeing a portfolio of 14 companies.

About J.P. Morgan Global Alternatives Private Equity Group

The J.P. Morgan Global Alternatives Private Equity Group (PEG) as the Private Equity platform of J.P. Morgan Asset Management has been investing in Private Equity since 1980. An extensive history in the space has enabled strong relationships with some of the world's most successful private equity managers. While PEG's corporate finance portfolios cross industry sectors and stages of business development, the majority of the focus has historically been in the small to mid-sized market. The Group's investment targets have been high-growth oriented investments, typically generated through acquisition, fundamental business change, or top line growth. While PEG's largest target market is in the U.S the Group also actively invest in China, Europe, the U.K, India and Israel.

About eQ

eQ has been investing in private equity funds since the end of 1990s. eQ's fund of funds focus exclusively on lower midmarket buyout and growth capital funds that invest in Northern Europe and North America. In addition, the private equity team manages venture capital and private credit strategies. As of 30 June 2023, eQ Asset Management's assets under management totaled to EUR 9,9 billion, out of which EUR 3,9 billion in private equity funds and mandates.

About Rothschild Merchant Banking

Merchant Banking is the investment arm of Rothschild & Co. It deploys Rothschild & Co's capital, alongside that of a select set of leading institutional and private investors. With global assets under management of more than €24bn, Rothschild Merchant Banking manages a series of funds dedicated to corporate and secondary private equity, multi-managers funds and co-investments, as well as senior and junior credits. The team has offices in Paris, London, New York, San Francisco and Luxembourg.

About Qualitas

Qualitas Funds is a leading investment firm with c.EUR 1 billion in assets under management, focusing on private equity solutions in the lower mid-market including fund of funds, co-investment, and NAV lending strategies for PE funds in Europe. Headquartered in Madrid (Spain), the firm serves more than 1000 institutional, family offices and retail clients with a dedicated team of over 25 professionals. Recent vehicles launched include Qualitas Direct II, Qualitas Continuation Finance I, and Qualitas Funds VI.

About RAG Stiftung

RAG-Stiftung is a private foundation that was established in 2007. At the beginning of 2019, the RAG-Stiftung took over the responsibility for financing the perpetual obligations of the German hard coal mining industry in the Ruhr and Saar regions. In addition, RAG-Stiftung supports numerous projects in the areas of education, science, and culture in the former mining regions. RAG-Stiftung has been investing in Private Equity since 2012. The market value of the PE investments currently amounts to more than EUR 3 billion.

Further information on RAG-Stiftung is available at: www.rag-stiftung.de

About Cubera

Cubera is a specialized investment firm offering investors tailored and diversified exposure to private equity. On behalf of Nordic and international clients, the firm advises EUR 4.5 billion out of offices in Oslo and Stockholm.

About Chr. Augustinus Fabrikker

Chr. Augustinus Fabrikker is a foundation owned investment company with extensive interests in the Danish business community. The asset base of approx. DKK 35 billion enables Chr. Augustinus Fabrikker to secure the philanthropic activities of Augustinus Fonden as well as actively reinvest in Danish businesses. As part of a strategy to be a long-term, committed, and value-adding owner Chr. Augustinus Fabrikker portfolio comprises considerable ownership in broad range of successful Danish businesses. For more information: <https://augustinusfabrikker.dk/en/>

About AKF Invest CPH

AKF Invest CPH is the private equity investment part of the AKF Group. AKF is a real estate owner, developer, and investment firm, owned by the big Danish unions, with a real estate portfolio of 5,5 billion DKK, projects under development of 1 billion DKK and investment commitments of 1,2 billion DKK. The focus of our private equity investments is to allocate capital mainly through private equity funds to enhance and build companies and thus increase production, export, and employment primarily in Denmark.

About PE Club

Private Equity Club (PE Club) is a fund of funds headed by Nicolas Paulmier, who has worked more than 30 years in private equity, notably Cinven. PE Club's investors are qualified individuals (high-quality entrepreneurs, CEO's, PE Partners) and family offices, collaborating to build a balanced high-quality portfolio. PE Club sources, selects and provides access to top performing funds across North America and Europe.

About Dansk Vækstkapital

Dansk Vækstkapital is a fund-of-funds partnership between the Danish state and Danish private- and institutional investors and invests on commercial terms in unlisted venture funds and buy-out funds with a Danish focus. The purpose of Dansk Vækstkapital is to channel risk tolerant capital to Danish entrepreneurs and SMEs and to ensure investors an attractive return. In this way Dansk Vækstkapital delivers both economic value and social returns in the form of growth and jobs in Denmark.

About Penguin Capital

Penguin Capital is a lower mid-market fund of funds where science, data and experience converge. The firm's pioneering approach is driven by data, harnessing the power of a proprietary database enriched with over 20 million data points. This empowers Penguin Capital to meticulously select and connect with top-tier managers. Being amongst the largest investors in our fund of funds, we relentlessly pursue attractive, risk-adjusted returns through a diversified portfolio of lower mid-market private equity managers.