

PREMIUM EQUITY PARTNERS

PRESS RELEASE

PREMIUM Mittelstand Fund II closes at € 134m

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PREMIUM Equity Partners, a lower mid-market private equity firm, has raised € 134m for PREMIUM Mittelstand Fund II above the € 125m original target. The fund focusses on hidden champions with innovative and high-value products and services in the DACH-region. PREMIUM invests between € 5m and € 20m and targets companies that have sales between € 10m and € 50m.

Limited partners include German and other European institutional investors, family offices, as well as entrepreneurs, managers, industry partners and advisors from the German Mittelstand. PREMIUM Mittelstand Fund II also benefits from the financial backing of the European Union under the European Fund for Strategic Investments (“**EFSI**”) set up under the Investment Plan for Europe. The purpose of EFSI is to help support financing and implementing productive investments in the European Union and to ensure increased access to financing.

PREMIUM was founded in 2011 and is led by four partners who have been investing in the lower mid-market since the early nineties. Prior to PREMIUM, Marcel van Wijk was a Partner at Halder Germany and started his career as Investment Manager at Halder Netherlands. Dr. Thomas Duhnkrack was a Board Member at DZ Bank, Chairman at DZ Equity Partner (now VR Equitypartner) and Operating Partner of Advent International. Fabian Walesch was with Cross Equity and Halder where he worked with Marcel. Pieter van Halem was CEO at CornerstoneCapital and Investment Director at 3i. The partners are supported by an investment team of four investment professionals. All team members made a substantial investment commitment.

Since inception, PREMIUM completed 9 deals with 3 exits generating a gross money multiple of 3.4 and a gross IRR of 34%.

PREMIUM Mittelstand Fund II has already made three investments, committing around 36% of the fund: LKE, a provider of intralogistics equipment; heinekingmedia, an Ed-Tech company digitalizing education in schools, and Human Med, a medical devices company for water-jet-assisted liposuction.

PREMIUM was advised by Clifford Chance, Munich, by a team led by Sonya Pauls and engaged Valery Capital, an Amsterdam based placement agent and advisory firm.

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