

Capital Dynamics Partners with Industry Leaders for Expansion into France

Local presence will offer French investors access to Capital Dynamics' private equity and clean energy infrastructure products

ZUG, Switzerland – October 6th, 2020: Capital Dynamics, an independent global asset management firm, today announced its commitment to the French market and French investors with the opening of its office in Paris, France. The office will be led by two French industry veterans who have a deep understanding of the local market and requirements of French institutional and private wealth investors looking to access mid-market private equity secondaries and co-investments, and clean energy infrastructure investments. Capital Dynamics' private equity strategy focuses on middle-market companies that help drive local and global economic growth and job creation. The firm's clean energy infrastructure platform of solar, wind and battery storage investments actively contributes to the transition to a low-carbon and greener future.

The firm's expansion and initiatives in France will be spearheaded by Martine Sessin-Caracci and Jean-Yves Lagache, each of whom brings over 30 years of French private assets experience, working closely with local French investors in private equity, private debt and infrastructure strategies. Ms. Sessin-Caracci joins from the French manager Omnes Capital (Crédit Agricole spin out), where she led the firm's Investor Relations and Marketing & Communications function for 15 years, while Mr. Lagache spent the majority of his career at Amundi (Crédit Agricole Group's asset management division), where he led the firm's private equity Fund-of-Funds activity for 20 years. Both professionals are strong champions of corporate responsibility, and share Capital Dynamics' enthusiasm for the integration of responsible investment principles across the firm's corporate and investment strategies, and the wider private assets industry. Ms. Sessin-Caracci is deeply committed to improving the gender balance within the European private equity industry through her leadership in Level 20 – a not-for-profit organization with the ambition for women to hold 20% of senior positions within this dynamic industry, while Mr. Lagache brings extensive experience, having led responsible investment initiatives in his previous role.

"We truly believe that being deeply committed and involved in the local markets in which we operate enables us to deliver the best service for our investors and business partners. This is a philosophy we have successfully executed for our clients for over three decades," said Martin Hahn, CEO of Capital Dynamics. "We are delighted to welcome our new colleagues, Martine and Jean-Yves, two of the best-known industry professionals in France. Both Martine and Jean-Yves share our firm's strong passion for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices and advancement across the private markets industry – values that are a top priority for our investors and business partners, and are very much part of our firm's DNA."

Ms. Sessin-Caracci and Mr. Lagache added: "We are thrilled to join Capital Dynamics, a leading multi-asset manager with a worldwide reputation for quality and innovation and a deeply rooted responsible investment ethos. Our in-depth knowledge of France's investor base will help provide French investors with an attractive range of investment solutions and services to meet their specific requirements and investment appetite. We are very excited to be a part of Capital Dynamics' global investment platform and establish a strong presence in our home market."

About Capital Dynamics

Capital Dynamics is an independent global asset management firm focusing on private assets, including private equity, private credit, and clean energy infrastructure. Capital Dynamics offers a diversified range of tailored offerings and customized solutions for a broad, global client base, including corporations, family offices, foundations and endowments, high net worth individuals, pension funds and others. The firm oversees more than USD 17 billion in assets under management and advisement¹. Capital Dynamics is distinguished by its deep and sustained partnerships with clients, a culture that attracts entrepreneurial thought leaders and a commitment to providing innovative ideas and solutions for its clients.

Capital Dynamics' roots go back to 1988, the year our predecessor (Westport Private Equity) was founded in the UK. Our headquarters were established in Zug, Switzerland in 1999. The firm employs approximately 160 professionals globally and maintains offices in Paris, New York, London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Munich, Milan, Birmingham, Dubai and Seoul.

In 2020, Capital Dynamics was awarded the highest rating (A+) from the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment for (i) Strategy & Corporate Governance, (ii) private equity strategy, and (iii) clean energy infrastructure strategy. For more information, please visit: www.capdyn.com.

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