

CAM Private Markets and DB Private Equity GmbH join forces

Cologne, 22 March 2018 -- CAM Private Markets GmbH ("CAM Private Markets"), the independent investment management company for non-traditional assets, today announced it has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire DB Private Equity GmbH ("DBPE") from Deutsche Asset Management. Thereby, two Cologne-based Private Equity specialists with a long and successful shared history are reunited.

DBPE is a fully licensed alternative investment fund manager (AIFM), advising and managing investor commitments across several fund-of-funds and managed accounts with a focus on Private Equity and Infrastructure. The largely European investor base comprises predominantly institutional clients (Insurance Companies, Financial Institutions and Pension Funds) as well as selected wealthy private clients.

CAM Private Markets, a specialist in providing bespoke investment solutions for institutional clients in Private Equity, has been identified by Deutsche Asset Management as the natural partner for DBPE thanks to the excellent past working relationships with the management and team as well as long-standing relationships with key clients. The transaction presents a unique opportunity to combine two highly complementary Private Equity investment management companies who share a common history. Dr. Rolf Wickenkamp, CEO of CAM Private Markets, co-founded Cologne Asset Management in 1999, which later formed the nucleus of today's DBPE. Through the combination of CAM Private Markets and DBPE, both companies are expected to benefit from their synergistic product offerings and complementary investment focus. This acquisition will also allow CAM Private Markets to broaden its client base, expand the capabilities of the team and grow its assets under management.

"We see this as an opportunity to refocus our business again to a flexible and fast-acting niche player. Combining our team of highly skilled professionals and the deep product know-how of the platform with the long experience and the entrepreneurial spirit of CAM Private Markets will allow us to extend our product offering and be even closer to our clients" said Andreas Schmidt, CEO of DBPE.

"This strategic acquisition perfectly complements our existing business in terms of product offering and investment focus. We are reuniting two teams in a partnership with a joint heritage and common mindset" said Dr. Rolf Wickenkamp, CEO of CAM Private Markets. "The merger is a unique opportunity for both companies to create a strong combined platform, to continue doing what we are good at and at the same time create fresh momentum. Going forward, our focus will be on integrating the businesses and building a leading Private Markets investment platform with a high-calibre team and comprehensive product offering, following the specific needs of institutional clients."

The transaction is planned to be completed during the second half of 2018. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

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About CAM Private Markets

Founded in 2016 by Dr. Rolf Wickenkamp, Cologne-based CAM Private Markets is an independent investment management company for non-traditional assets with a focus on Private Equity. CAM Private Markets is specialized in providing bespoke solutions for institutional clients, servicing total client commitments of approx. €1bn. CAM Private Markets draws on a team of highly experienced professionals with deep knowledge of Private Markets and institutional asset management. The team is led by Dr. Rolf Wickenkamp and Dr. Frank Albrecht, who have been working together since 2001 and have built a long-standing track record with more than 50 years of combined experience in alternative asset management. CAM Private Markets is registered with BaFin as alternative investment fund manager (AIFM) and is affiliated with Wickenkamp Consulting GmbH, a BaFin-licensed placement and advisory company.

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