

Cairngorm Capital adds to its investment team

London and Edinburgh, 1 September 2022: Cairngorm Capital Partners LLP (Cairngorm Capital) is delighted to announce the appointment of **Matt Anstead**, **Maria Mikhailova** and **Mark Robson** to the firm's investment team. All three will be based in the firm's Edinburgh office. Cairngorm Capital has over £400m of committed equity capital. These appointments enhance the firm's capacity to continue its disciplined investment selection, value creation and transformation strategies, which have delivered strong returns since the firm's inception in 2014.

Matt Anstead joins as Managing Director following 8 years with EV Private Equity and will focus on investments that support the energy transition to Net Zero. He brings considerable experience of the energy sector, having spent over 20 years both as an executive and an investor in the UK, European, US and Canadian markets, working with businesses that are transitioning to sustainable forms of energy and emissions reduction. Prior to EV, Matt held senior roles in investment banking, consulting and equity research with Simmons & Co. International, Booz & Co. and Wood Mackenzie. Matt earned his engineering degree at Imperial College London and his MBA at London Business School.

With 15 years' investment experience, **Maria Mikhailova** is relocating from Kyiv to join Cairngorm Capital's team. She joins as Investment Advisor from Diligent Capital Partners, a private equity firm with a focus on Ukrainian agribusiness, export and technology investments. Earlier in her career, Maria was a member of the investment teams at Horizon Capital, a leader in Ukrainian and East European mid-market investments, and Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF), a regional private equity fund, funded by the US Government. Maria earned her Executive MBA from the University of Chicago's London campus.

Mark Robson joins Cairngorm Capital as an Investment Associate, from Deloitte's Edinburgh M&A advisory team. He is a Chartered Accountant with a strong background in corporate finance, spanning multiple industries. Mark will bring his expertise to sourcing new opportunities, executing transactions and supporting the management teams of Cairngorm Capital's portfolio companies.

Matt, Maria and Mark join an existing team 12 investment professionals and 13 operating partners and associates, whose unique mix of sectoral expertise and investment skills has built a portfolio of 10 rapidly growing companies with over 6,500 employees and combined revenues in excess of £1.25 billion.

Andrew Steel, Managing Partner of Cairngorm Capital, said, *"We are delighted to welcome Matt, Maria and Mark to our team. The breadth and calibre of their experience adds further diversity to our firm and complements our existing expertise perfectly – we look forward to their contribution. They are joining the firm at an exciting time and their skills and expertise will help us to pursue investments in successful companies with scope for transformational growth"*

Lee Hess, Chairman of Cairngorm Capital added, *"Matt, Maria and Mark are terrific additions to our firm and we are delighted to attract such talented individuals to join us. Their skills and personalities will help us to continue building our firm and increase our capacity to pursue more of the opportunities that arise in our target sectors."*

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Notes for editors

Cairngorm Capital Partners LLP is a specialist private investment firm providing equity capital and management expertise to leading UK companies. It invests in privately-held, strongly-performing, mid-market growth companies with long-term growth potential, operating in manufacturing, distribution and services industries. The firm's goal is to build and realise value through growth and performance improvements. Cairngorm Capital's unique mix of sectoral expertise and investment skill enables it to be actively involved in the strategy and operational focus of portfolio companies, partnering with management teams to grow revenue, enhance margins, improve cash flow or consolidate industry leadership positions.

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