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PAI partners is pleased to announce that Hamish Mackenzie has joined the team as a partner in charge of the UK office

Hamish Mackenzie has joined PAI partners, a leading European private equity firm headquartered in Paris and formerly known as Paribas Affaires Industrielles. He will be located in London and will be in charge of PAI partners' activity in the United Kingdom.

Hamish Mackenzie, 42 years old, has worked in the private equity industry for 13 years, initially with The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (at its subsidiaries Charterhouse and Royal Bank Development Capital) for seven years. Thereafter he spent six years as a Director with Candover.

Hamish Mackenzie said "I am delighted to join PAI partners and believe that I can help develop the business in the UK. I strongly share PAI's investment philosophy that is based on using the team's sector expertise to create value in our investments, in close co-operation with the best management teams".

Amaury de Seze, Chairman & CEO of PAI partners said "London is a major financial centre where a large number of private equity transactions are originated. We have key investments in the UK and, with the support of Hamish Mackenzie, intend to take advantage of our sectorial expertise to further increase our presence in this market".

PAI partners is a leading European private equity firm with offices in Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Madrid and Milan. It manages and advises dedicated buy-out funds as well as the former Paribas Affaires Industrielles' portfolio of direct investments for an aggregate equity value of over Euros 5 billion.

In recent years, PAI partners has led several of the largest European leveraged buy-outs of sector-leading companies. Acquisitions have included United Biscuits in the UK, a public to private of the N°2 biscuits manufacturer in Europe (€2.3 billion); Ipsen, a French pharmaceutical company (€1.5 billion), Antargaz, the leading LPG distributor in France (€540 million), Yoplait, the n° 2 world-wide producer of dairy products, and Elis, the European leader in the textile rental and well being services industry (€1.5 billion).

PAI partners can be characterised by its industrial and sectorial expertise. It is a value-added investor focused on providing portfolio companies with the financial and strategic support required to pursue their development.

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