



iM Global Partner international clients to gain access to Polen Capital's new credit platform

Paris, Boca Raton, February 15, 2022. iM Global Partner is delighted to congratulate Polen Capital Management on its acquisition of DDJ Capital Management - a high yield, bank loan, private credit and special situations manager.

This acquisition marks Polen's expansion into the high yield market and strengthens its capabilities with the introduction of a fourth autonomous investment unit, U.S. High Yield.

It also furthers their objective of delivering superior active returns to preserve and grow clients' assets with offerings that meet the increased demand for sustainable income.

With approximately US \$75 billion in client assets across its high-conviction growth portfolios, including Large Company Growth, Small and Mid (SMID) Company Growth, and Emerging Markets Growth, Polen Capital has generated attractive returns over more than three decades.

As of 31 December, 2021, DDJ managed US \$8.3 billion in assets across a range of investment strategies focused on the high yield bond and leveraged loan markets.

Stan Moss, Chief Executive Officer of Polen Capital said: "Acquiring a differentiated high-yield credit capability furthers Polen Capital's mission to preserve and grow client assets to protect their present and enable their future. DDJ's high-yield capabilities will enable us to meet increasing client demand for sustainable income solutions"

David Breazzano, President and Chief Investment Officer of DDJ added: "Our team at DDJ is thrilled to join Polen Capital, a firm which shares our core mission and fundamental values. This transaction will enable us to continue our focus on delivering the strong investment results and high-quality service our clients want with the support and added resources of Polen Capital's successful organization."

Philippe Couvrecelle, founder and CEO of iM Global Partner commented: "We are very pleased to see a company of the quality of DDJ join forces with Polen Capital, our Partner since 2015. Our international clients will be able to benefit from all the synergies this acquisition offers through the iMGP US High Yield fund."

iM Global Partner selected DDJ Capital in June 2020 to manage the iMGP US High Yield UCITS fund. Having monitored DDJ Capital for many years, iM Global Partner was convinced by the

ability of the firm to successfully navigate throughout various credit cycles. Led by an experienced and entrepreneurial investment team, the firm has consistently implemented its process in products managed internationally for institutional clients. It has also started its journey towards ESG integration very early.

About iM Global Partner

iM Global Partner is a worldwide asset management network. It selects and builds long-term partnerships with talented and independent asset management companies through direct capital ownership. iM Global Partner is present in 16 locations across Europe and the United States and provides its clients with access to the best management strategies of its Partners. It represented over US\$38 billion of assets under management as of December 2021.

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About Polen Capital Management

Polen Capital Management is a global investment management firm advising \$75 billion in assets, providing high value investment strategies to a wide range of institutional and individual clients around the world. Since 1989, the firm has been committed to attracting, developing, and retaining exceptional professionals who are aligned with its mission of preserving and growing clients' assets to protect their present and enable their future. Polen Capital currently has three autonomous investment teams that oversee a global equities universe of high-quality growth companies: the Boca Raton, Fla.-based Large Company Growth team, Boston-based Small Company Growth team, and London-based Emerging Markets Growth team. The firm has been recognized by Pensions & Investments as one of the industry's "Best Places to Work" every year for the past six years.

About DDJ Capital Management

DDJ is a privately-held investment manager that specializes in investments within the leveraged credit markets, including high yield bonds, syndicated bank loans, private credit and other special situations. Since its inception in 1996, DDJ has sought to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns for its clients by adhering to a value-oriented, bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy. DDJ believes that its disciplined investment approach and exhaustive research process positions the firm to deliver attractive, risk-adjusted returns to its clients throughout various market cycles. DDJ's investment professionals bring a substantial breadth of experience in portfolio management, research analysis, legal analysis, and trading. As of December 31, 2021, DDJ managed approximately \$8.3 billion in assets on behalf of corporate pension and public retirement funds, mutual fund sponsors, insurance companies, and other institutional investors located in North America and Europe.
