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Star Mountain Capital Adds Additional Strategic Investor and Senior Advisor

Former Co-Head of Bank of America Merrill Lynch’s \$6 Billion Private Equity Business and former Managing Director in Leveraged Finance at Merrill Lynch Joins Star Mountain as Strategic Investor and Senior Advisor to Further Star Mountain’s Unique “Collaborative Ecosystem” Value as a Strategic Partner to SBIC funds, other Smaller Business Focused Fund Managers and to Growing U.S. Small and Medium-Sized Businesses.

PRESS RELEASE

New York, NY, November 13, 2014 — Star Mountain Capital, LLC (www.StarMountainCapital.com), a specialized alternative asset manager providing qualified individuals and institutional investors with customized, diversified, high-yield debt with equity-upside investment opportunities in the underserved smaller business marketplace, is pleased to announce that Christopher Birosak has joined Star Mountain as a Strategic Investor and Senior Advisor.

Mr. Birosak was, most recently, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of North Cove Partners (formerly BAML Capital Partners, the internal private equity group of Bank of America Merrill Lynch) through which they managed approximately \$6 billion of private equity investments. Prior to his role as Co-Head of BAML Capital Partners, he was a Managing Director in Leveraged Finance at Merrill Lynch and a Managing Director at JP Morgan Chase. Mr. Birosak has worked with early-stage businesses, middle-market companies as well as Fortune 500 firms and completed over 150 transactions.

“Christopher’s nearly 30 years of private debt and equity investment and investment banking experience across a wide range of industries is a tremendous addition to the Star Mountain team” commented Brett Hickey, Star Mountain’s Founder and CEO. “Christopher’s expertise and relationships will bring significant value to our portfolio of top quality SBIC and other small and medium-sized business-focused fund managers and directly to growing small and medium-sized businesses in the U.S.”

Mr. Birosak said, “Star Mountain has developed a truly unique way for investors to participate in this large, fragmented marketplace where attractive investment opportunities can be generated. It’s nice to be part of a creative and disciplined platform that adds value to all constituents.”

Mr. Birosak joins a growing list of strategic advisors at Star Mountain whose investment professionals include:

- **Brett Hickey** – Star Mountain’s CEO, an experienced financial institutions entrepreneur and investor with over 15 years of financial services experience, having started his career in the financial institutions coverage group at Salomon Smith Barney / Citigroup Global Markets. YPO member and LP Board member of multiple top performing lower-middle-market investment funds.
- **Brian Finn** – Star Mountain’s Chairman of the Compensation Committee and former CEO of Credit Suisse USA and Global Head of Alternative Assets where he oversaw over \$100 billion in alternative investment strategies. Mr. Finn is also a Strategic Advisor to KKR.
- **Gene Martin** – former Co-Head of Leveraged & Acquisition Finance and Chairman of the High Yield Underwriting Committee at Morgan Stanley through which he participated in nearly \$500 billion in credit investments.
- **Randall Kutch** – a Senior Investment Partner at Star Mountain SBIC portfolio fund, Bay Capital and former Director in the private equity and mezzanine fund and direct investments group at MetLife.

- **Ryan McGovern** – a Star Mountain Managing Director and Investment Committee Member. Former Partner at Ember Capital, a private credit fund management business spin-out of Nomura with over \$500 million in senior and mezzanine investments, and former investment professional at MezzVest, an AIG-sponsored European mezzanine fund.
- **Rakesh Jain** – a Star Mountain Managing Director and Investment Committee Member. Former Founder & Managing Partner at Green Brook Capital Management LLC; Former Principal at Stone Tower Capital LLC (\$2.5bn private equity/special situations credit fund); Former Director of \$10bn AUM Citigroup Alternative Investments.
- **Harry Haskins** – the former Head Career Executive and Investment Committee member of the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program at the US Government’s Small Business Administration (SBA) overseeing approximately \$18 billion in SBIC fund capital.
- **David Javdan** – a Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal’s private equity practice and the former General Counsel of the SBA and a former Investment Committee member of the SBIC program.
- **Angel Morales** – a Senior Advisor and Equity Investment Partner leading Star Mountain’s Equity investment activities. With nearly 20 years of private equity investment experience, Angel was formerly a Managing Partner of North Cove Partners (formerly Bank of America Merrill Lynch (“BAML”) Capital Partners, the internal private equity group of Bank of America Merrill Lynch) through which they managed approximately \$6 billion of private equity investments.
- **Dr. Lev Borodovsky** – Star Mountain’s Chief Risk Officer and former founding team member & Chief Risk Officer of GSO / Blackstone. Former Partner and Chief Risk Officer at Bell Point Capital, a \$500 million credit hedge fund launched by former Head of High Yield at DLJ, Joe Russell, and former Head of Risk Management of the Alternative Capital Division at Credit Suisse First Boston.
- **Christopher Gimbert** – Star Mountain’s Chief Operating Officer and former Managing Partner of Scope Ventures (interim CFO and advisory to small businesses). Former Vice President of Governing Dynamics Ventures (Growth Equity & Advisory) as well as prior private equity-related experience at KPMG M&A Advisory and Merrill Lynch Alternative Investments.

ABOUT STAR MOUNTAIN CAPITAL / STAR MOUNTAIN FUND MANAGEMENT

Star Mountain Fund Management, LLC is a New York City-based specialized small business-focused asset management firm with a unique strategic partnership approach to investing in private equity and private credit fund managers and investing directly into U.S. small and medium-sized businesses. Star Mountain’s unique “Collaborative Ecosystem” and network of top performing fund managers allows them and their portfolio of fund managers to provide **“One-Stop-Shop Flexible Capital Solutions” to U.S. based businesses looking to grow or sell their businesses.**

Star Mountain invests (i) as a strategic limited partner into private equity and private credit fund managers focused on small and medium-sized business investing (including SBIC funds), (ii) as a secondary fund investor, providing liquidity to existing private fund investors and (iii) directly into companies to help them grow (in the form of debt, mezzanine and/or equity investments). Star Mountain often partners with its top performing portfolio fund managers to help “match” businesses with investment partners who are best suited to maximize value for business owners.

Star Mountain seeks to create diversified and customized portfolios of high-yield debt with equity upside investment opportunities in the underserved small business marketplace with attractive risk-adjusted returns for institutional and high-net-worth qualified investors in the United States and around the world. Please visit www.StarMountainCapital.com for additional information.