



“Investing in the Growth Engine of America” – Star Mountain is a Strategic Fund Investment Partner and One-Stop-Shop Capital Provider for Growing Small and Medium-Sized Businesses

Star Mountain Continues to Expand with the Addition of the York Street Capital Partners Team

Having successfully originated and underwritten over \$750 million of lower middle-market and middle-market subordinated, unitranche and senior debt along with equity co-investments over the past decade and having participated in over \$4 billion in credit investments during their careers, Star Mountain is pleased to announce that the York Street Capital Partners team has joined the firm. The addition will further Star Mountain’s capabilities as a differentiated, value-added investor in SBIC funds, other Small and Medium-Sized Business Focused Fund Managers and to Growing U.S. Small and Medium-Sized Businesses.

PRESS RELEASE

New York, NY, January 7, 2015 — [Star Mountain Capital, LLC](#), a specialized alternative asset manager providing qualified individuals and institutional investors with customized, diversified, high-yield debt with equity-upside and other investment opportunities in the underserved small and medium-sized business marketplace, is pleased to announce the addition of the York Street Capital Partners team including Co-Heads and Co-Founders, Robert M. Golding and Christopher A. Layden who built a successful credit investment firm having sourced and underwritten over \$750 million of investments over the past decade and having participated in over \$4 billion in credit investments during their careers.

Prior to York Street, Mr. Golding was a Managing Director and the Group Head of Corporate Finance at the CIT Group and was responsible for investing over \$1.4 billion in 57 sponsored and non-sponsored transactions. Former Managing Director and Group Head of Structured Finance at AT&T Capital Corporation (subsequently acquired by Newcourt Capital and CIT) and was responsible for investing approximately \$1 billion in debt and equity, primarily in the transportation and manufacturing industries. Mr. Golding also worked at Salomon Brothers, Merrill Lynch and the Irving Trust Company.

Prior to York Street, Mr. Layden was a former Senior Director of Corporate Finance at the CIT Group and was responsible for investing over \$950 million in 48 sponsored and non-sponsored transactions. Former Director in the Structured Finance Group at AT&T Capital Corporation (subsequently acquired by Newcourt Capital and CIT) and was responsible for investing approximately \$700 million of debt and equity, primarily in the transportation and manufacturing industries. Mr. Layden also worked in the credit and collection groups of R.H. Donnelley Corporation and Xerox Credit Corp.

Messrs. Golding and Layden, who have worked together for over 20 years, join a growing list of Senior Partners 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** – Star Mountain Investment Committee Member. 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.
- **Ryan McGovern** – 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** – 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 (\$2.5 billion private equity/special situations credit fund); Former Director of \$10bn AUM Citigroup Alternative Investments.
- **Randall Kutch** – Star Mountain Investment Committee Member and 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.
- **Harry Haskins** – Star Mountain Investment Committee Member. 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** – Star Mountain Investment Committee Member. 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.
- **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.
- **Diane Rinnovatore** – Star Mountain Managing Director and Investment Partner. Former Co-Head of U.S. Securitized Products Origination at Barclays Capital. Prior to her role at Barclays, Ms. Rinnovatore held several leadership roles at Lehman Brothers including Head of U.S. Bank Debt Capital Markets and Head of Consumer Securitization Banking.

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.

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