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As the theme of SME direct lending continues to rise in prominence, so Certior Capital finds itself in high demand as a speaker on the European conference circuit. The team will shortly be participating in SuperReturn International (Berlin), LPGP Connect Private Debt (London) and SuperReturn Private Credit Europe (London).

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Private Credit Europe**

Certior Capital, a leading European fund-of-funds manager focused on SME private credit, has been asked to speak at three major private credit events in London and Berlin in the coming weeks. The team has now been a pioneer in the sector for exactly two decades. It made its first primary investment in a private credit fund back in 1998 and has since made over 50 investments. In 2017 it transacted on 3 primaries, 1 secondary and 5 coinvestments on behalf of its institutional client base.

On 26 February, Ari Jauho, Chairman of Certior Capital, will once again participate in a panel at SuperReturn International in Berlin. The discussion will focus on LP perspectives on allocations to private debt. Two weeks later, Timo Hara, a partner at the firm, has been asked to participate in a private credit panel discussion at the 4th LPGP Connect Private Debt Conference in London on 13 March. Ari Jauho has also received an invitation to chair a debate at the SuperReturn Private Credit Europe event in London which takes place on 24-25 April. The topic of the discussion is "Sponsored versus sponsorless lending: do the returns justify the risk?".

Commenting on increasing levels of interest in SME direct lending, Ari Jauho remarks: *"Many European investors have allocated to larger private credit managers in recent years. Now they are starting to look at SME direct lending funds which can offer increased returns, conservative capital structures, lender friendly terms and a very large deal universe. For many investors this represents the last piece of the private credit jigsaw."*

About Certior Capital

Certior Capital is a value-add focused private equity and private credit advisor and alternative investment fund manager. The firm's core experience and expertise is in European lower- and mid-market private equity and credit markets, where the team's experience is one of the longest in Europe. Over the years Certior team members have closed over 180 primary fund, secondary and coinvestment transactions. Certior Capital currently manages two funds. Certior Credit Opportunities Fund invests in opportunistic private credit and SME private credit funds and makes investments directly in loans while Certior Credit Investments invests in European mid-market direct lending transactions. Certior Capital is a registered AIFM and supervised by the Finnish FSA.

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