

## **European Capital – now LGT European Capital Ltd. – arranges EUR 24 million unitranche financing to support the acquisition of Lateral by Bluegem Capital Partners**

Paris/Pfaeffikon, 10 July 2017 – **European Capital Fund Management Limited ("European Capital") – now LGT European Capital Ltd., and a member of LGT Capital Partners – is pleased to announce that entities it manages arranged and underwrote EUR 24 million in unitranche financing to support the acquisition of Lateral (the "Company") by BlueGem Capital Partners (the "Sponsor"). This is the second time European Capital is arranging financing for a Spanish company, and it shows European Capital's willingness to offer private debt financing solutions to companies in the attractive Spanish market.**

Founded in 1997, Lateral is a leading brand in the growing fast-casual dining market in Spain, focused on high-quality Spanish tapas and modern recipes. The Company operates seven restaurants in prime locations, with a differentiated concept reflecting a lifestyle associated with arts and interior design.

"European Capital is pleased to accompany BlueGem Capital Partners and the management of Lateral for the primary buyout of the Company," stated Kevin Abrial, managing director of European Capital in Paris. "We have worked with BlueGem on several occasions, and we are partnering with them again for this acquisition in Spain, as we are firmly convinced that this will enable the Company to grow in the next stages of its development."

"European Capital has proven to be a very responsive and flexible partner," said Marco Anatriello, co-founder and partner at BlueGem Capital Partners. "They took the time to understand the Company's strengths and intrinsic potential. They were also very committed to delivering the best financing solution to meet the Company's needs, which will enable growth through further roll-out of the concept."

"We are very pleased to partner with European Capital on this transaction," said Mercedes Moraleda, CEO of Lateral. "We appreciate their capacity to quickly understand the strategic value of our brand and positioning."

### **European Capital/LGT European Capital/LGT Capital Partners**

European Capital has been acquired by LGT Capital Partners recently. As LGT European Capital, it now forms the private debt competence center of LGT Capital Partners and manages private debt funds that invest in pan-European senior, unitranche and subordinated debt, as well as equity co-investments. LGT European Capital manages approximately EUR 800 million of assets and its strategies include unitranche and subordinated debt investment opportunities from 5 million to 100 million in either euros or sterling. LGT Capital Partners is a leading alternative investment specialist with over USD 55 billion in assets under management and more than 450 institutional clients in 36 countries. An international team of over 400 professionals is responsible for managing a wide range of investment programs focusing on private markets, liquid alternatives and multi-asset class solutions. Headquartered in Pfaeffikon (SZ), Switzerland, the firm has offices in New York, Dublin, London, Paris, Vaduz, Dubai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Sydney.



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