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Abac Capital incorporates ESG metrics to fund Capital Call Bridge Facility

Abac Capital reinforces its sustainability commitment by linking its fund Capital Call Bridge facility to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) metrics.

In line with Abac Capital's ("Abac") continued commitment to sustainable value creation, a sustainability link to its second fund, Abac Sustainable Value II, FCR, has been introduced to the Capital Call Bridge Facility provided by Raiffeisen Bank International's London Branch.

The facility's margin is linked to the performance of the fund's portfolio companies based on the following three ESG-metrics:

1. Green House Gas ("GHG") emissions reporting in line with set targets
2. Gender diversity in management teams, and
3. Establishment of governance policies, specifically anti-corruption and a code of conduct.

This action is part of an established strategy to drive change by developing ESG matters with equal focus on risk mitigation and value creation throughout the business.

"Abac is an investor with impact, where sustainability is core to the way we do business. Linking the facility's margin to the Fund's ESG performance is another step that shows our commitment to positively impacting the environment and our communities while delivering returns to our investors. Abac, which certified as a B Corporation in early 2021, is committed to the highest standards of sustainability and works to improve the ESG performance of its portfolio during the holding period. It is a pleasure to work with RBI, a like-minded partner," says Oriol Pinya, Founding Partner, Abac Capital.

"RBI has signed the Principles of Responsible Banking and is a pioneer in ESG in its home market Austria and Central and Eastern Europe. As such, promotion of ESG principles has a top priority for us. Including a challenging, but realistic, ESG linked matrix into the Facility we have provided to Abac Sustainable Value II, FCR, helps incentivise Abac Capital to continue the great work it has already done in the field of ESG," says Adam Heaysman, Director at Raiffeisen Bank International London Branch.

At Abac, we acknowledge that sustainability factors will influence the financial performance of our portfolio and have external impacts on our surrounding communities. We, therefore, strive to advance sustainable practices at our portfolio through active ownership to drive long-term value creation and positive ESG impact.

Our investment policies and processes are designed to integrate sustainability risks as well as identify and prioritise principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors throughout the investment cycle based on the analysis of a wide set of KPIs, including energy consumption and emissions, water consumption, fossil fuel consumption, packaging and waste management, supply chain ESG management, social and employee matters, and the implementation of governance policies. Over sixty KPIs and a performance analysis are reported to investors on a quarterly and annual basis.

The Facility is provided by Raiffeisen Bank International AG and Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP served as legal advisor.

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About Abac Capital

Founded in 2014, **Abac Capital** is an independent private equity manager. The firm manages investments across the capital structure of solid businesses that require financial support or capital for growth.

We like solid cash flow positive businesses led by great teams that face transformational challenges or need liquidity and advice to fund their growth. In Abac Capital, we believe that we add value through operational excellence, strong personal and professional relationships, deep industry knowledge and financial acumen. Read more at <https://www.abaccapital.com/en/>

About Raiffeisen Bank International AG (RBI)

Headquartered in Vienna, RBI regards Austria, where it is a leading corporate and investment bank, as well as Central and Eastern Europe as its home market. 13 markets of the region are covered by subsidiary banks. Additionally, the RBI Group comprises numerous other financial service providers, for instance in leasing, asset management or M&A. Operating out of RBI's head office and London Branch, the bank's Group Fund Finance & Alternative Investment department provides a full range of fund level facilities which includes Capital Call Bridge Facilities, Asset Backed Facilities and Hybrid Facilities to European Alternative Asset funds. Alongside these facilities, RBI can also provide GP/Management Facilities to assist in the financing of the particular Management Team's co-investment obligations.