

## **Bregal Investments publishes 2018-19 Responsible Investment Report**

LONDON, 13 June 2019 – Bregal Investments, a global private equity firm, has published its 2018-19 Responsible Investment report today, outlining its progress and ambitions relating to its responsible investing practices. In 2018, Bregal saw significant positive momentum across all of its investment teams in incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects in its investment processes.

Steven Black, Co-CEO of Bregal Investments, commented: “We strive to champion a responsible investment approach focused on creating long-term, sustainable value. This means we seek to foster a culture of responsible ownership by building trust with our management teams, investing in the long-term prosperity of our businesses and contributing to the local communities in which our companies operate.”

Highlights of the report include a summary of the first three investments made through the Bregal Sustainable Development fund (“SD Fund”). This €40 million fund is capital dedicated to finance improvement initiatives at Bregal portfolio companies that are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The SD Fund investments to date include energy efficiency improvements at Blue Harvest Fisheries, carbon neutrality achievement at Enprecis Group and water recycling systems at Aqua Terra.

Alvar de Wolff, Head of ESG & Responsible Investing, said: “The Bregal Sustainable Development Fund was just an idea 18 months ago. The investments we have made through the SD Fund to date underscore that ESG projects have significant potential to create both sustainable impact as well as incremental financial value.”

Another highlight of the report is the introduction of Bregal’s recently launched Social Impact initiative, which aims to support Bregal portfolio companies to create positive social impact in their local communities and address business relevant causes. The report showcases Total Vision Care, a vision care company, that established a corporate-level programme to provide access to eye care for disadvantaged youth in their local communities in San Diego and Orange County in the US.

Quentin van Doosselaere, co-CEO of Bregal Investments, explains: “We launched this initiative because we believe that such positive impact initiatives are relevant for the long-term prospects of any business. In addition, we believe this trend towards fostering purpose-driven organisations will only strengthen, particularly as the vocal and conscientious younger generations become a larger part of the workforce and consumer base.”

Please download Bregal Investments’ 2018-19 Responsible Investment Report at [www.bregal.com/responsibility](http://www.bregal.com/responsibility).

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### **About Bregal Investments**

Bregal Investments is a global private equity firm with investment teams based in London, Munich, New York and Dallas, managing commitments on behalf of several limited partners. Bregal Investments' teams specialize in private equity buy-outs, special situations, credit, energy and private equity fund investing. Bregal funds have invested over €12 billion since inception in 2002. Bregal's investment teams include: *Bregal Sagemount* – currently investing the Bregal Sagemount II fund, with \$960m of commitments providing flexible capital and strategic assistance to market-leading companies in high-growth sectors across a wide variety of transaction situations in North America and the Bregal Sagemount Credit Opportunities Fund with a focus on credit investments in North America; *Bregal Partners* – currently investing the Bregal Partners II fund, with \$650m of commitments investing in consumer & multi-unit, food & beverages and business services in North America; *Bregal Freshstream* – currently investing the Bregal Freshstream fund with €600 million of commitments with a focus on investments in Benelux and the UK; *Bregal Milestone* – currently investing the Bregal Milestone fund with €400 million of commitments with a focus on non-control investments in European businesses; *Bregal Unternehmerkapital* – currently investing the Bregal Unternehmerkapital II fund with c. €1.2 bn of commitments focusing on investments in the German speaking D/A/CH region; *Bregal Energy* – a dedicated team focused on energy investments in North America; and *Bregal Private Equity Partners* which has made over 150 fund commitments as well as co-investments into leading private equity funds and is currently investing Bregal Private Equity Partners V.

Bregal Investments is an operating company of COFRA, a privately held group of companies headquartered in Switzerland, which also include a global fashion retail business (C&A) and real estate business (Redevco). For more information, please visit [www.bregal.com](http://www.bregal.com).

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