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# Patron's Kendall Langford raises £12,000 for Moroccan Children's Trust by racing across the Sahara Desert on horseback

Kendall Langford, General Counsel & Senior Partner at Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property-backed investments, has successfully raised over £12,000 so far for the Moroccan Children's Trust (MCT) by racing 200km across the Sahara Desert on horseback.

As part of Patron's charitable initiatives, Kendall joined 100 riders on the 200km race in teams of five starting in the dunes of Merzouga for a six-day journey. The team, captained by Kendall, faced various obstacles not least challenging terrain, spirited stallions, night rides and endless co-ordinates.

Kendall wanted to support a local charity during her race and chose to support The Moroccan Children's Trust which aims to build a brighter future for children in Morocco. The charity improves the quality of life for street-connected children and their families in Taroudant, southern Morocco, through social and educational development programmes and volunteer projects run in partnership with an in-country NGO.

The funds will help build an outreach service, through which the staff will undertake detached social work every evening and night time, focusing on children undertaking risky behaviours in the outskirts of town, where drug-taking and sexual abuse are known to be common. The funds will also go towards employing and training social workers, teachers, psychologists and providing activities such as sport, art and drama as an alternative to harmful activities on the streets.

If you would like to donate, please visit: <a href="https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kendalllangford1">https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kendalllangford1</a>

# Kendall Langford, General Counsel & Senior Partner at Patron Capital, said:

"While there were some pulse-raising moments throughout this challenging trip, I am extremely touched by all the support the MCT charity has received. It was a tremendous effort by all. We have been able to raise over double our initial target to help towards making a difference to the lives of the children of Taroudant, Morocco. And as far as I am concerned, I will never walk the same again!"

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#### **Notes to Editors**

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Since it was established in 1999, Patron has invested in over 74 investments and programs involving over 65 million square feet (6 million square metres) in 16 countries, with many of these investments realised.

Investors represent a variety of sovereign wealth funds, prominent universities, major institutions, private foundations, and high net worth individuals located throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The main investment adviser to the Funds is Patron Capital Advisers LLP, which is based in London, and Patron has other offices across Europe including Barcelona, Milan and Luxembourg; the group is comprised of 76 people, including a 43-person investment team.

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