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## **Patron Capital celebrates family and commando spirit at final Greatness Lecture of 2017**

Last night, Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property-backed investments, held its final Greatness Lecture of 2017, welcoming Andy Merry, retired Royal Marine and current Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London, as the guest speaker.

Speaking to a packed room, Andy shared his experiences of danger and adventure as a Royal Marine before being sworn in as a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London in 2013, joining the corps' 800-year history, serving the Queen and protecting the Tower.

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2016, Andy resolved to climb Mont Blanc, raising funds and awareness for The MS Trust and The Royal Marines Charity. Completing the climb on the 11 June 2017, alongside his son, brother and two other members of the Royal Marines, as well as a mountain guide, Andy succeeded in raising £60,000 for the two charities.

The talk follows the recent recreation of Operation Frankton earlier this month, which marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of World War II's most daring raids. Raising funds and awareness for disabled war veterans and The Royal Marines Charity, Managing Director, Keith Breslauer was the only civilian to join a group of retired and serving Royal Marines and injured personnel from Hasler Company in a recreation of the raid, which included an 85-mile paddle and a 100-mile yomp.

**Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, said:**

*"Our Greatness Lectures celebrate inspirational individuals and Andy is certainly a true hero, not only for his part serving in the Royal Marines, but also his resolution to be untiring and positive in the face of adversity.*

*"He is a true example of greatness, embracing the 'commando spirit' of courage, determination and unselfishness, which saw him battle a dangerous mountain ascent in order to help others. His focus on the importance of family - not only his family at home, but with the Royal Marines and at the Tower of London - was also a humbling reminder as we enter the holiday season, celebrating with loved ones.*

*"We look forward to welcoming everyone back again in the new year for the start of our 2018 Greatness Lecture series."*

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### **About Patron Capital Partners**

Patron represents approximately €3.4 billion of capital across several funds and related co-investments, investing in property, corporate operating entities whose value is primarily supported by property assets and distressed debt and credit related businesses.

Since it was established in 1999, Patron has invested in over 71 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 74 people, including a 41-person investment team.

Further information about Patron Capital is available at [www.patroncapital.com](http://www.patroncapital.com)