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Patron Capital triumphant at UK Business Awards 2017

Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property backed investments, has won the 'Financial Services' category for backing a start-up - Optimum Credit – at the UK Business Awards 2017.

Optimum Credit, now a leading second-charge mortgage lender in the UK, completed the first public securitisation of second-charge mortgages by a UK lender since 2004.

Established by a very experienced senior management team, led by Sam Marshall, and backed by Patron Capital, the company wrote its first loan in 2014. The business has since become a market leader in the non-bank mortgage space, with more than 20% market share, and lends around £200 million each year.

The UK Business Awards, in their second year, were judged by a panel of independent business men and women according to a scoring methodology endorsed by Cranfield School of Management.

Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, commented:

"We are thrilled that the faith we placed in the Optimum Credit team back in 2014 has been recognised and we believe that significant growth is yet to come. This was a unique transaction for this asset class and a major achievement for a dedicated team and the loan assets, and further establishes the company as a market leader.

"This is an accolade that sits proudly next to our wins at the Property Awards, RESI Awards and PROPS Awards this year."

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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