

Press release

Caplantic: New service provider for investments in alternative assets

- Structuring, supervision und risk management of alternative investment products
- Institutional investors are looking for alternative investment opportunities

Hanover/Dusseldorf, 26th June 2013 - Newly established, Caplantic GmbH offers investors services for the management of alternative assets. This includes the structuring, supervision und risk management of alternative investment products. The focus of these activities are asset classes such as aircraft, renewable energy, real estate and infrastructure projects. In addition, Caplantic can assume responsibility for the management and supervision of loan portfolios and other investments on behalf of its customers. The company is a joint venture between Bankhaus Lampe KG (Bankhaus Lampe) and NORD/LB Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale (NORD/LB). Both partners own a 50% stake in the venture.

Caplantic's services are designed for investors interested in long-term loan receivables, and especially alternative credit funds. The company will therefore particularly look to serve institutional investors such as insurance companies and pension funds, which in the current low-interest environment are looking for alternative investment opportunities. Investments in the loan assets of commercial banks are an example of such an alternative.

"NORD/LB has extensive experience in the financing of alternative asset classes. Bankhaus Lampe brings to the table profound investment and industrial expertise as well as its investor network", says Dr Michael Schwalba, the CEO of Caplantic. "This combination is unique in the German investment market."

Background information on the partners

With a Group business volume of EUR 3.3 bn, **Bankhaus Lampe** is one of the leading independent and owner-operated private banks in Germany with branch offices and subsidiaries in Berlin, Bielefeld, Bonn, Bremen, Dresden, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt/Main, Hamburg, Munich, Muenster, Osnabruck, Stutt-gart, London and Vienna. The limited partners' shares are wholly owned by the Oetker family. This shareholder background guarantees independence and product neutrality as well as the solid and continuous growth of the bank.

NORD/LB, with total assets worth EUR 216 bn, is one of Germany's leading commercial banks. The core business areas include corporate client business, structured finance in the energy and infrastructure sector, ship and aircraft financing, commercial real estate financing (via Deutsche Hypothekenbank), capital market business as well as private and corporate clients. The bank has registered offices in Hanover, Braunschweig and Magdeburg and also has branches in Dusseldorf, Hamburg and Schwerin. As a result of its association with Braunschweigische Landessparkasse, it also has a closely knit network with more than 100 branches. Outside Germany, NORD/LB has a subsidiary in Luxembourg as well as branches in London, New York, Singapore and Shanghai.

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