

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Another acquisition for the Waterland portfolio company MEDIAN: Kliniken Wied are joining the largest private rehabilitation group**

* **Rehab clinic in Westerwald increases the range of services offered in the core field of addiction and dependency**
* **MEDIAN continues its growth trajectory, further expanding its regional network to 120 facilities**

Berlin/Wied, 15 January 2019 – MEDIAN, a portfolio company of Waterland Private Equity Investments since 2011 and Germany’s largest private operator of rehabilitation clinics, is acquiring the two clinics run by Kliniken Wied GmbH & Co. KG in Wied and Steimel, in the region between Bonn and Koblenz. The company has specialised in providing residential rehabilitation for addicts since 1974, a field that is one of MEDIAN’s main specialities. Kliniken Wied provide more than 210 hospital beds, managed by 166 staff. The focus is on residential and out-patient treatments for alcohol, medication and drug dependency, including the parallel treatment of somatic and psychosomatic diseases together with non-substance-related dependencies such as eating disorders and gambling addiction.

Dr. Carsten Rahlfs, Managing Partner of Waterland, says: “The two facilities form a prestigious institution. Their specialisms and high-quality provision are a perfect match with MEDIAN. At the same time, this enables us to further expand our network in the Rhineland-Palatinate region. We are determinedly continuing our buy-and-build strategy, which has turned MEDIAN into the largest private operator of rehabilitation clinics.”

Supported by Waterland, the MEDIAN Group has now completed 19 transactions in recent years, expanding to become one of the five largest private hospital groups in Germany and investing heavily in buildings, technical equipment, digitalisation and new tools for improving the measurement of therapeutic success. The transactional expertise provided by Waterland is securing the continued growth of the Group in this fragmented market, offering patients and cost-bearers in the health care system a clear-cut profile together with high standards of quality. Including the two new acquisitions, the Group now has 120 facilities with 15,000 employees, offering a combined capacity in excess of 18,000 in-patient beds and treating more than 230,000 patients each year. Besides these rehabilitation clinics, the health care company also operates acute-care psychiatric hospitals, treatment centres, out-patient clinics and re-integration facilities in 14 of Germany’s 16 federal states. MEDIAN thus provides a comprehensive network of after-care and participatory health care services.

**About Waterland**

Waterland is an independent private equity investment group that supports companies in realizing their growth ambitions. With substantial financial resources and committed industry expertise, Waterland enables its portfolio companies to achieve accelerated growth both organically and through acquisitions. Waterland has offices in the Netherlands (Bussum), Belgium (Antwerp), Germany (Munich and Hamburg), Poland (Warsaw), the UK (Manchester), Denmark (Copenhagen) and Switzerland (Zurich) and currently manages EUR 6 billion of investor commitments.

Since its founding in 1999, Waterland has consistently achieved top tier investment performance. It has regularly reached the global Top 3 private equity firms in recent HEC/Dow Jones Private Equity Performance Rankings. In addition, Waterland also ranked regularly among the Top 3 consistently performing buyout fund managers worldwide in Preqin Consistent Performers in Global Private Equity & Venture Capital Report.

Waterland Private Equity Investments B.V. is registered as a fund manager in the register maintained by the Dutch regulator, the AFM (Autoriteit Financiële Markten).

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