

Press Release

10 years of growth partnerships in the mid-market: Bregal Unternehmerkapital becomes BU

- Largest investment company in the DACH region in terms of fund and team size and most active with over 140 deals
- Locations in Zug, Munich, Milan and London
- Value compass as a guarantee of success in partnerships with hidden champions

Zug, February 25, 2025 - Over 140 investments since 2015, with an average EBITDA growth of over 20% per year in the portfolio, and almost 10,000 jobs created - this is the balance sheet of Bregal Unternehmerkapital ten years after its foundation. Together with the Brenninkmeijer family owners and the BU team, Florian Schick and Jan-Daniel Neumann have built what is now the largest and most active mid-cap investment company based in the DACH region and firmly established it on the market. Moving forward, the investment company will operate under the name "BU" and intends to further intensify its successful course as a growth partner for medium-sized companies.

With more than 50 investment team members and over 50 employees in corporate functions, BU now has the strongest team in the region. BU operates across locations in Zug, Munich, Milan, and London, supporting the portfolio companies of the funds advised by BU in realizing their full potential and creating long-term value. "With our fourth fund totaling 2.65 billion euros, we opened a new chapter in our own growth story last year and further consolidated our position as a long-term partner for high-growth medium-sized companies and hidden champions," says Managing Partner and Founder, Florian Schick.

Launched in 2015, with initial investments in the owner-managed companies Sovendus and InterForum, BU has progressively expanded its portfolio, forming growth partnerships with successful companies across industrial technology, software, services and healthcare sectors. To date, a total of 40 platform investments have been made. Trust, integrity, and entrepreneurial partnership have always remained the guiding principle and the key to sustainable success, Schick continues. "These values are more important than ever, especially in a time characterized by rapid change and constant new challenges. They are and will remain our compass."

Jan-Daniel Neumann, Partner and Co-Founder, adds: "Our mission is to develop the full potential of our portfolio companies together with entrepreneurs and family businesses and to create sustainable value. We support companies in expanding internationally, implementing digital transformation and strengthening their market position. This approach and our associated successes are attracting a steadily growing number of owners and management teams."

As the company grows and becomes more international, its identity also evolves. "BU", which has been increasingly used in the company's public image for some time, is now being established as a permanent brand. The logo and website have also been modernized as part of this process.



About BU

BU Bregal Unternehmerkapital ("BU") is a leading investment firm with offices in Zug, Munich, Milan and London. With €7.0bn in capital raised to date, BU is the largest mid-cap investor headquartered in the DACH region. The funds advised by BU invest in mid-sized companies based in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and Austria. With the mission to be the partner of choice for entrepreneurs and family-owned businesses, BU seeks to partner with market leaders and "hidden champions" with strong management teams and breakout potential. Since its founding in 2015, the funds advised by BU have invested in more than 140 companies with more than 29,000 employees. Thereby, around 10,000 jobs have been created. BU supports entrepreneurs and families as a strategic partner to develop, internationalize, and digitize their businesses, while helping them generate sustainable value on a responsible basis with the next generation in mind.

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