

Press release

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Rothschild & Co completes €306 million fund raising for its second Oberon Credit Investment Fund

Rothschild Merchant Banking (“RMB”) is pleased to announce that it has completed the final closing of Oberon Credit Investment Fund II (“Oberon II”), a secured credit fund.

Oberon II is an actively managed credit fund invested in a diversified portfolio of mainly senior secured credit within leading European and Global LBOs. The Fund targets a 6%+ net IRR, including quarterly cash distributions, offering low volatility of returns and superior access to assets via a proven and highly respected investment management team.

The Oberon II portfolio presently consists of circa 45% 2014 and 2015 primary issuance, with the balance selected from a pool of seasoned secondary assets. Active management will ensure that relative value will be constantly assessed and the portfolio repositioned to take advantage of attractive market dynamics. To date the fund is circa 95% invested across 53 issuers and is expected to be fully invested by the end of October 2015.

The Oberon strategy is managed across a series of funds and in managed account form by a dedicated team of investment professionals based in London with a long standing track record of investing in European senior secured credit spanning more than 20 years. RMB is well placed to access deal flow and allocations across its target markets. Combined with the high level of in-house experience, market knowledge and sector expertise this enables its teams to provide investors with an excellent medium through which to access the secured private credit asset class.

Globally, Rothschild & Co’s secured private credit product offerings are comprised of unlevered credit funds, managed accounts and CLO vehicles. Following the recent acquisition of Los Angeles based US credit manager West Gate Horizons Advisors, LLC, by Rothschild North America Inc., on a worldwide basis the Rothschild Group manages private debt funds totaling €3.3 billion.

Phil Yeates, Co-Head of Private Credit Management at Rothschild & Co said:

“We are very pleased with the success of the Oberon II fundraising, which exceeded its fundraising target and attracted a diverse group of investors from European and UK pension funds, insurance companies, local authorities and family offices. The Oberon strategy marries Rothschild & Co’s outstanding track record with the attractive risk/reward characteristics available from this asset class. There is an increasing awareness amongst investors as to the merits of senior secured debt, notably the predictable levels of cash yield, the floating rate nature of the assets and the relative value European secured credit offers when compared to other sub-investment grade products.”

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About Rothschild & Co

Rothschild & Co is one of the world's largest financial advisory groups. There are four main arms to our business: Global Financial Advisory, Wealth Management & Trust, Asset Management and Merchant Banking.

Our Merchant Banking business deploys the firm's capital, alongside that of trusted partners. We have developed a range of vehicles that allow us to respond to the capital needs of companies, through instruments ranging from senior debt to equity.

Our experienced team has the flexibility to invest with a wide range of partners including entrepreneurs, financial investors, families and institutions, and strives to support our portfolio companies through access to Rothschild's global network of industry and sector expertise.

Today Rothschild Merchant Banking manages in excess of €5 billion of funds globally.