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## Mark Mobius, Carlos Hardenberg and Greg Konieczny announce the launch of Mobius Capital Partners LLP

- Newly established asset management firm will invest in Emerging and Frontier Markets
- Mobius Capital Partners intends to launch a Luxembourg based SICAV open-ended fund
- The firm will deploy a proprietary approach to improve ESG by focusing on corporate governance
- Founding partners bring a track record of investing in a broad range of geographies and sectors

### LONDON, May 2, 2018

Founding partners Dr. Mark Mobius, Carlos Hardenberg and Greg Konieczny announce the launch of a new asset management company, “Mobius Capital Partners LLP”.

Headquartered in London, Mobius Capital Partners will offer a highly specialised active investment approach with an emphasis on improving governance standards in Emerging and Frontier Market corporations, with a measurable impact on social and environmental standards and policies. The firm will be committed to generating long term sustainable returns from portfolio companies that meet the investment criteria.

The firm has been authorised by the UK Financial Conduct Authority and intends to launch a Luxembourg based SICAV open-ended fund, with initial seed funding from the partners and selected investors, subject to CSSF approval.

Mobius Capital Partners has selected UBS as its fund administrator, partnering with UBS Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A. The firm will also incorporate MSCI ESG research into its assessment of companies in Emerging and Frontier Markets.

**Dr. Mobius said:** “I am very excited to be launching Mobius Capital Partners, built on the fundamental aim to invest for good, bringing opportunities to make a real impact in countries where it is needed most. During my career as an emerging markets investor, I have always been a passionate advocate on corporate governance issues. In Carlos and Greg, I have two partners with an enviable legacy and track record. Our combined knowledge and on-the-ground experience in sustainable investing is what sets us apart, and gives us the leading edge in delivering the changes we want to see in Emerging and Frontier Markets.”

**Carlos Hardenberg added:** “We aim to instil an investment focus that unlocks sustainable, long term value and makes meaningful and measurable improvements to the companies we invest in. We will utilise an active ownership approach to portfolio companies acting as catalysts for ESG improvements. Our strategy will champion governance and will reach beyond simple exclusion screens or norms-based screens.”

**Greg Konieczny concluded:** “It is my longstanding view that partnering with a company’s management to focus on improving governance is a major source of positive and sustainable financial returns. Furthermore, this shareholder stewardship also has an impact on public sector policies and increases awareness of proper governance codes. This has been a recurring theme over my career investing in Eastern Europe since the fall of the iron curtain, and in particular over the last seven years engaging with Romanian corporations.”

## About the team

**Dr. Mark Mobius** is a pioneering investor and has actively managed Emerging Markets funds since 1987. He has built a reputation as one of the most successful and influential market participants and is considered as the core founder of the Emerging Market asset class. Mark is known for travelling the world to investigate opportunities first hand and for identifying innovative and overlooked investments to generate significant returns.

**Carlos Hardenberg** is a well-known Emerging Markets fund manager with 19 years' experience having lived in Warsaw, Singapore, Istanbul and London. He managed one of the largest Frontier Market funds in the industry for a decade, as well as a number of global Emerging Markets funds, including a £2.2bn London listed investment trust.

**Greg Konieczny** has over 25 years of experience in research and portfolio management with a strong focus on Emerging Europe. He was the fund manager of a London and Bucharest listed USD \$2.7bn Romanian fund as well as an open-ended Eastern European fund. In addition, he led a private equity GEM strategy and had an oversight of specialty country and regional strategies in Emerging Markets.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mobiuscapitalpartners.com>

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## About Mobius Capital Partners

Mobius Capital Partners LLP is an asset management firm founded by Mark Mobius, Carlos Hardenberg and Greg Konieczny.

Leveraging decades of experience in emerging and frontier markets, the firm aims to deliver sustainable returns to responsible investors.