

PRESS RELEASE**Degroof Petercam and IMAP Netherlands intensify collaboration and sign exclusive partnership to further develop investment banking activities in the Netherlands**

Brussels/Amsterdam/Rotterdam – 17th March 2022 – Degroof Petercam and IMAP Netherlands have signed an exclusive partnership to leverage their respective strengths in a mutual effort to further develop capital market activities in the Netherlands. Under the agreement the partners will work more closely together to mutually benefit from the combination of Degroof Petercam’s long-standing expertise in capital market solutions and its established presence as BENELUX broker with IMAP Netherlands’ recognized M&A advisory practice and deep-rooted network with Dutch midcaps. Both companies remain independent.

IMAP Netherlands’ origination capacity in the Netherlands will allow Degroof Petercam to leverage its capital market expertise to an extended network of Dutch mid-cap corporates by offering tailor-made equity and debt capital market solutions fueled by its trading desk and in-house research capability. With the combination IMAP Netherlands strengthens its solutions offering for mid-market clients with equity and debt capital market solutions. The IMAP Netherlands Amsterdam team will operate from the Degroof Petercam’s office in Amsterdam. A Degroof Petercam banker specialized in equity and debt capital markets will operate from the IMAP Netherlands office in Rotterdam as part of this collaboration.

IMAP Netherlands was ranked 3rd by number of deals in the 2021 Dutch Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) league tables, while Degroof Petercam was ranked 4th Benelux Broker in the latest Extel Survey.

Jan Pieter Borst, Partner at IMAP Netherlands: *“We are convinced that bringing Degroof Petercam’s debt and equity advisory solutions to our existing clients will prove highly complementary to our strategic M&A capabilities. We look forward to working closely together, bringing a broader and distinctive service-offering to our clients and drive value creation.”*

François Wohrer, Head of Degroof Petercam Investment Banking: *“We are delighted to partner with IMAP Netherlands. This partnership ensures an optimal combined presence from start to finish of the deal process, from origination through financing, closing and integration. By sharing our respective skills and expertise, both Degroof Petercam and IMAP Netherlands can offer our respective clients tailored solutions that best address their needs and expectations.”*

Degroof Petercam and IMAP Netherlands are members of the IMAP international partnership which provides independent, strategic M&A and corporate finance advice to mid-sized companies and their owners on a global scale. IMAP has offices in over 40 countries and gathers experience of more than 250 successful transactions annually varying from USD 20 – 300 million.

About Degroof Petercam

Degroof Petercam is a reference financial institution with a history dating back to 1871. As an independent investment house owned by family shareholders with a long-term commitment, we serve private and institutional investors.

Our clients benefit from a unique combination of services in private banking, institutional asset management, investment banking (corporate finance and capital markets activity including investment research) and asset services. The total clients' assets (under management, under administration and in custody) amounts to 75 bn euro.

Headquartered in Brussels, we employ more than 1,400 professionals through offices in Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany and Italy.

About IMAP Netherlands

IMAP Netherlands is an independent established M&A advisory with a wealth of experience in corporate mergers and acquisitions. We've got the best of both worlds: we're down-to-earth Dutch and part of a strong international network.

IMAP Netherlands is consistently ranked among the top M&A advisory firms in the Netherlands. Founded in 2005, IMAP Netherlands has completed more than 300 (inter)national transactions and has 24 employees in two offices; Rotterdam and Amsterdam. We're especially strong in the mid-market. It roughly encompasses transactions from 5 to 250 million euros in all sectors.