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BlueArc Mezzanine Partners (“BMP”) is an Atlanta-based private mezzanine fund that invests debt and equity capital in lower middle market companies throughout the Southeast, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic. The fund typically invests between \$3 million and \$10 million per deal in companies that have at least \$2 million or more of EBITDA. BMP is flexible as to structure and use of proceeds and can invest across most all industry sectors. Typical structures include subordinated debt, subordinated debt with warrants or an equity co-investment, and redeemable or preferred equity. Use of proceeds can include buyouts, acquisitions, growth capital, recapitalizations, and distributions. Please contact Scott Barfield at (404) 226-8103 or Steve Brannon at (770) 361-8465 for additional information.

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Navigation Capital Partners (NCP) invests in high growth, middle market operating companies throughout the South. The NCP Platform utilizes the following channels to effectively reach a difficult-to-access target market: Directs, Secondaries, Funds, and Co-investments. NCP is led by Larry Mock, a Founder of NCP, and Dennis Lockhart, formerly President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Over the past 30 years, NCP and its predecessor companies have invested almost \$2 billion in 157 companies and 70 funds.

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