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Connor O’Keeffe joins Acanthus

Acanthus Advisers has strengthened its team with the appointment of Connor O’Keeffe as an Associate.

Prior to joining Acanthus, Connor gained four years experience in financial services working in the Corporate Finance and M&A departments of Deloitte & Touche in South Africa and latterly in New York. His experience includes M&A/private equity transaction support for a wide ranging client base including KKR; Ingersoll-Rand; Hellman & Friedman and others. Deals included SunGard and Grey Advertising.

Connor holds an Honours degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Natal, a BComm in Accounting and Finance from the University of Stellenbosch and is a Chartered Accountant.

About Acanthus

Acanthus is an independent private equity advisory firm providing fund placement and corporate finance advisory services. Established in 1998, Acanthus has built a highly experienced team of private equity specialists who are genuinely European both in focus and background with complementary skill bases ranging from corporate finance, asset management, capital markets, management consulting and accounting.

In Fund Placement Acanthus specialises in raising private equity funds of between €100m and €500m with particular expertise in next generation/emerging managers. In Corporate Advisory Acanthus advises lower mid-market companies, principally in the education and healthcare sectors, raising private capital (equity and debt), arranging buy-out/ buy-in transactions and disposing of businesses.

Each of Acanthus’ managing partners has over 15 years’ private equity experience. Together they have been involved in the execution of transactions with an aggregate value in excess of €10 billion. In the last 12 months, Acanthus’ clients have raised funds in excess of €1 billion.

For the last two years, Acanthus has been shortlisted for European Boutique of the Year in the EVCA Private Equity Awards.

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