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Apera supports Portobello Capital and Bluegem Capital Partners in the financing of The Béaba Suavinex Group

Apera Asset Management ("Apera"), a leading pan-European mid-market private debt investor, is delighted to announce the successful arrangement of bespoke debt facilities for The Béaba Suavinex Group ("TBSG", or the "Group"), in which funds advised by Portobello Capital have acquired a majority stake alongside existing shareholder Bluegem Capital Partners.

Headquartered in Alicante, Spain, TBSG is a leading European premium baby care platform built around two category-defining brands: Suavinex, the leading premium baby feeding brand in Spain, and Béaba, the inventor of the iconic Babycook multi-function food processor. With a broad portfolio of more than 1,400 products spanning feeding, cosmetics, home and outings, the Group supports parents throughout the first years of their child's life. Backed by in-house design, tooling and manufacturing at its own sites in Spain and Slovakia and a strong innovation pipeline, TBSG is a trusted partner for retailers, pharmacies and families alike.

Apera, Portobello Capital, and Bluegem Capital Partners have worked in close partnership to structure a bespoke debt package that underpins the next phase of TBSG's development. The facilities, including a committed acquisition facility, have been designed with the flexibility to support the Group's international expansion and give it the headroom to pursue selective add-on acquisitions as it continues to build a leading global baby care platform.

Antonio Rodriguez-Pina, Director at Portobello Capital, said: ***"The Béaba Suavinex Group brings together two of the most trusted brands in baby care with a proven ability to innovate and win in new markets. In Apera, we found a financing partner who quickly understood the business and structured a flexible package to support the Group's international expansion and future acquisitions."***

Mathieu Develay, Partner at Bluegem Capital Partners, commented: ***"Since bringing Béaba and Suavinex together, we have built a truly integrated platform with a strong international reach. We are delighted to continue this journey alongside Portobello and to welcome Apera as a supportive financing partner for the next chapter of growth."***

Philipp Ströhle, Principal at Apera, added: ***"We are delighted that our first transaction in Spain is in partnership with two such experienced and professional sponsors as Portobello and Bluegem. We look forward to supporting The Béaba Suavinex Group and its management team as a committed, long-term capital partner."***

About Apera

Apera is a pan-European mid-market private debt investor operating in the UK, the DACH region, the Nordic region, France and Benelux. The firm develops long-term partnerships with private equity investors, SME borrowers, and advisors by providing tailored financial solutions that meet both the operational needs and growth objectives of clients, whilst producing attractive returns. Apera is focused on bringing a new standard of transparency to the private debt market. Apera currently has €6.0bn assets under management, with offices in London, Paris, Munich and Luxembourg.

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