



Arini Announces Appointment of Nabil Aquedim as Head of Real Estate and Asset-Backed Strategies

London, UK – Arini, a \$4.5 billion specialised alternative asset manager that seeks to deliver absolute returns through a fundamental and opportunistic approach to credit investing globally, today announces the appointment of Nabil Aquedim as Head of Real Estate and Asset-Backed Strategies. Nabil will also serve on Arini’s Management and Investment Committees.

Prior to joining Arini, Nabil spent thirteen years at Goldman Sachs, most recently in the role of Managing Director. Nabil spent the majority of his tenure in the firm’s Special Situations Group investing in opportunistic and distressed private debt and equity opportunities across Europe, where he focused on real estate and asset-backed transactions. He also held roles more recently in real estate within the Merchant Bank and Asset Management units of Goldman Sachs, where he led real estate investing in France, Benelux and Southern Europe, as well as pan-European investing into operational real estate companies. Nabil has four master’s degrees including from École Polytechnique, Ecole des Mines and Sciences Po.

Nabil’s appointment follows a period of continued strong growth for Arini, including the recent joining of Mathew Cestar as President. The firm currently has 50 professionals across London and New York. This includes a 25-person strong investment team that covers European and global jurisdictions, with significant experience offering credit solutions to leading companies and extensive knowledge of local restructuring regimes.

Hamza Lemssouguer, Founder & Chief Investment Officer at Arini, said: *“We’re pleased to welcome Nabil to Arini. The dislocation of the real estate sector combined with the shift away of traditional lenders from the asset backed lending space is creating a significant opportunity. Our team has always had a particular focus on credits with strong asset coverage and, with Nabil on board, we look forward to continuing to build this expertise and to provide capital solutions to companies across Europe and globally.”*

“I am excited to join Arini to lead the real estate and asset-backed team and grow the firm’s presence as a private capital provider to companies and asset owners,” added Nabil Aquedim, “Arini’s platform and growth to date is impressive. I look forward to contributing to the trajectory ahead working alongside the teams in London and New York.”

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Notes to Editors:

Nabil is Head of Real Estate and Asset Backed Strategies at Arini.

Prior to this, Nabil was a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs for thirteen years. He spent most of this time in the Goldman Sachs Special Situations Group, a multi-strategy proprietary investing unit focusing on European opportunistic and distressed private debt and equity investing, where he had a particular focus on real estate and asset-backed opportunities.

Nabil has also held roles within the Real Estate investing group of Goldman Sachs' Merchant Bank and Asset Management divisions, where he led real estate investing in France, Benelux and Southern Europe, as well as pan-European investing into operational real estate companies. Nabil started his career at Goldman Sachs in Mergers & Acquisitions within the Financial Institutions Group.

Nabil has four master's degrees: from École Polytechnique in Applied Mathematics; from Ecole des Mines in Engineering; from Sciences Po in Economics and Public Policy; and from Université Paris Diderot in Statistical Analysis and Stochastic Modelling

About Arini

Headquartered in London, Arini is a specialised alternative asset manager that seeks to deliver absolute returns through a fundamental and opportunistic approach to credit investing. With \$4.5 billion in AUM, Arini focuses primarily on European credit markets, which are defined by complex legal, regulatory and political structures. With an approach rooted in fundamental credit analysis, Arini's experienced team aims to provide investors with a significant early-mover advantage across performing, stressed and distressed credit. Learn more at www.Arini.com.

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