

SYZ Capital welcomes Gian Kull as Principal, Head of Special Situations & Uncorrelated Strategies

Geneva, 12 October 2020 – Gian Kull has been appointed to the role of Head of Special Situations and Uncorrelated Strategies at SYZ Capital, the SYZ Group’s center of excellence for alternatives. He has over a decade of experience investing in special situations, including distressed assets and litigation situations.

Launched in 2018, SYZ Capital has brought innovation to private market investments, which have historically been the preserve of institutional investors. SYZ Capital offers private clients the opportunity to invest alongside the Syz family and Group across a range of strategies that are uncorrelated to more traditional capital markets. They actively invest in a broad range of best-in-class niche private equity themes and direct investments.

In his new role, Gian Kull will not only be managing portfolios, but will also be spearheading the sourcing and execution of some of the firm’s private market investments, reporting directly to Marc SYZ, CEO of SYZ Capital.

Gian Kull joins SYZ Capital from Multiplicity Partners AG, a leading special situations advisor in Europe, where he focused on structured litigation investments. Previously, he was Director of Sourcing for VALTEGRA LLP, a European turnaround private equity fund. In 2011, he launched the European office for Brigade Capital Management in Zurich, where he managed distressed credit investments across Europe. Gian Kull started his career as an equity research analyst for Merrill Lynch.

“We’re delighted to welcome Gian to the team”, says **Marc Syz**, CEO of SYZ Capital. “He will contribute further to the team’s deep technical expertise in private market investments and portfolio construction, sourcing niche investment opportunities, as we continue to democratise the access and deliver the benefits of alternatives to a much broader investor universe. More specifically, Gian has a strong experience in structuring litigation investments, an area we’re focusing on”.

By funding legal cases where the claimant cannot afford the cost of legal disputes, investors are exposed to a variety of cases, claimants and defendants, as well as jurisdictions – all uncorrelated to macro and market movements.

Gian Kull adds: “Through their longstanding relationships and network, Marc and his team are able to source unique special situations opportunities that offer compelling risk-adjusted returns. I look forward to helping them identify further situations where superior uncorrelated performance can be generated due to structural imbalances, information asymmetry or unique market access”.

Over the past year, SYZ Capital has found attractive special situations opportunities in Europe such as buying distressed portfolios of assets in secondary strategies, where mispricing was accentuated by the recent market volatility. The current economic environment will offer further such interesting and unique opportunities which can hold significant value.

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SYZ Capital is an independent asset manager focused on liquid and illiquid alternative investments. It offers clients the opportunity to invest in niche opportunities across direct private equity, special situations, uncorrelated strategies and hedge funds, many of which are hard to access. Our goal is to identify investment segments across primary, secondary and the direct investment landscape often overlooked by investors because of their size, complexity or inadequate duration and seek the best risk-adjusted returns for our clients. Investing in alternatives has always been part of our DNA. The Syz family has been investing in private companies for over 200 years and in hedge funds since 1980. SYZ Capital strives to ensure alignment of interest of all parties by being actively involved in every transaction it undertakes.

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About SYZ Group

Founded in 1996 in Geneva, SYZ is a Swiss banking group focusing exclusively on asset management via three complementary business lines: private banking, institutional asset management, alternatives. SYZ offers private and institutional investors an investment style based on active management and risk management aimed at absolute performance. The Group has substantial equity, almost double Switzerland's regulatory requirements, and enjoys its status as an independent company due to its family shareholding structure.

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