



Mergent Completes Management-led Buyout of Firm from Xinhua Finance

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Mergent, Inc. announced today the completion of a management-led buyout of the firm in a transaction led by Carousel Capital Partners with additional financing provided by Goldman Sachs Specialty Lending Group. Mergent was acquired from Xinhua Finance Limited.

Carousel Capital, based in Charlotte, N.C. is a leading private equity firm that focuses on acquiring and growing exceptional companies principally in the business services, healthcare services and consumer products and services industry segments. This specialization and specific experience in the data management and analytics industry makes them uniquely positioned to be a value-added investor for Mergent. Goldman Sachs provided both equity and debt in the transaction, and provides Mergent with access to Goldman's extensive contact network in the finance industry.

Mergent is delighted to have local partners that not only understand its business and growth opportunities, but are committed to further investment to enhance Mergent's future expansion. "We are extremely excited about our new partnership with Carousel Capital and Goldman Sachs" said Mergent CEO Jonathan Worrall. "Their experience in our sector and strong support for our objectives will help us capitalize on our position in the industry and maximize our growth opportunities."

"We feel fortunate to have partnered with Jonathan and his management team in acquiring Mergent," said Charles Grigg, Partner of Carousel Capital. "Mergent's unique and proprietary data assets and financial index calculation capabilities have created a strategic asset in an attractive market with multiple avenues for growth."

About Mergent

Mergent, Inc. is a leading provider of business and financial data on global publicly listed companies. Based in the U.S, the company maintains a strong global presence, with offices in New York, Fort Mill, San Diego, London, Tokyo and Melbourne.

Founded in 1900 as the original publisher of Moody's® securities manuals, Mergent operates the longest continuously collected database of: descriptive and fundamental information on domestic and international companies; pricing and terms and conditions data on fixed income and equity securities; and corporate action data. In addition, Mergent develops and licenses equity and fixed income investment products based on its proprietary investment methodologies. Mergent-licensed products have several billion dollars in assets under management and are offered by major investment management firms. Mergent's index calculation platform is the chosen technology for some of the world's largest index companies. Its index calculation and pricing distribution protocols are used to administer index rules and distribute real-time pricing data.

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