

## **Kreos Capital wins Investor AllStars' Service Provider of the Year**

**London: 2 October 2007:** Kreos Capital ("Kreos"), Europe's leading provider of venture debt solutions, has been awarded Service Provider of the Year at the annual Investor AllStars Awards Ceremony held in London last week. The Investor AllStars is one of the most important and well-attended events in the venture capital community's calendar.

This prestigious award recognises Kreos's commitment to excellence and contribution to the European venture market during the past year.

Simon Hirtzel, Chief Operating Officer at Kreos, commented: "The Investor AllStars' award is a tribute to the entire Kreos team. We are proud of this industry recognition not only for our efforts over the past year to help individual companies achieve their ambitions but also for our broader contribution to helping build a sustainable European venture capital community. Venture debt continues to grow as a relevant and increasingly accepted financing tool and we are looking forward to expanding our activities over the next 12 months".

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### **About Kreos Capital**

Kreos Capital, formerly European Venture Partners (EVP), was formed in 1998 as Europe's first venture debt provider in order to expand the financing alternatives of the maturing venture capital market. Kreos's venture debt facilities, are a combination of traditional loans or leases and venture capital and were devised to specifically address the debt needs of innovative early stage companies. Kreos III will continue the tradition of enabling both entrepreneurs and venture capital investors to leverage a company's initial equity at a time when traditional debt financing is simply not available. This leverage allows the entrepreneurs to stretch their equity through the critical early stages of their life cycle whilst also enabling the venture capitalists to commit less capital at the outset without adversely impacting on the company's development plans. Kreos provides companies with debt financing and growth capital from inception to pre-IPO – typically in the range of EUR 750,000 to more than EUR 16 million. Focused on the value creation of its portfolio companies, Kreos takes a venture capital view on each financing situation, offering quick decisions, but without requiring Board seats, complex due diligence, share revaluation, substantial equity dilution, deposits or personal guarantees.

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