

## **Bamboo Capital Partners poised to scale following successful funding round**

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**Luxembourg, 19 December 2019** – Bamboo Capital Partners (Bamboo), the impact investing platform, has secured additional investment following a successful funding round as part of its continued drive for scale.

Since its establishment, Bamboo has raised over USD\$400 million impact capital for emerging markets. The company was founded in 2007 by impact investing pioneer Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, who also co-founded BlueOrchard Finance in 2000. Bamboo has recently launched a new generation of blended finance funds, partnering with UNCDF, IFAD, WorldBank and CARE, amongst others.

Following the completion of the funding round, Xavier Sabatier, Head of Finance, Katherine Milligan, Head of Gender and Diversity, and Enrique Alvarado Hablutzel, Head of Technology, have all been promoted to Partner with immediate effect.

The funding round included commitments from the three newly promoted Partners, in addition to four private investors. The proceeds will be used to finance the business as it continues to scale. The financial details of the funding round are not disclosed.

Since inception, Bamboo's investments have improved 152 million lives and created 40,000 jobs, including 14,000 jobs for women. Bamboo's portfolio has delivered a double digit IRR on successful exits.

**Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, Founder and Managing Partner at Bamboo Capital Partners commented:** "When I founded Bamboo in 2007, the phrase 'impact investing' had not been invented. But in the last decade, both Bamboo and the wider industry has grown beyond recognition from its early days. The completion of our latest funding round and the promotion of three employees to Partner is testament to both the growth of the firm in the past 13 years, but also a sign of what is to come.

“In 2020, impact investing will be close to, or at the top, of every fund manager’s agenda, whether they be boutique or global. At Bamboo, we are constantly looking to develop and innovate our offering for the sole purpose of generating strong financial, environmental and social returns for the world’s poorest communities and our investors. In the New Year, we will announce an exciting new development which takes our commitment to blended finance investment vehicles and public-private partnerships to the next level.

“On a personal note, I would like to thank our new and existing investors, our partners, and of course our employees – all of whom have contributed a great deal to the growth of Bamboo in the past 13 years.”

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**About Bamboo Capital Partners:**

Bamboo Capital Partners (“Bamboo”) is an impact investing platform which provides innovative financing solutions to catalyse lasting impact. Bamboo bridges the gap between seed and growth stage funding through a full suite of finance options – from debt to equity – which it activates unilaterally or through strategic partnerships. Founded in 2007, Bamboo aims to generate lasting impact and improve the lives of the world’s most marginalised communities while delivering strong financial returns. Since its inception, Bamboo has raised over \$400m for developing countries, positively impacting over 152 million lives and creating over 40,000 jobs, including 14,000 jobs for women, through its investments in over 30 countries. The firm has a team of 30 professionals active across Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. For more information, please visit [www.bamboocp.com](http://www.bamboocp.com) or follow @bamboocp.