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### New Director Appointment

Mezzanine Management, the independent mezzanine and private equity provider, today announces the appointment of Henry-Louis Merieux (38) as a Director. Henry-Louis will be based in Mezzanine Management's Paris office and will be responsible for originating and managing mezzanine investments in France.

Henry-Louis joins from Deloitte where he was a Director in the Advisory division, responsible for establishing its LBO and Structured Finance department in 2000. During this time, he originated and completed transactions including LBO and leveraged finance and debt restructurings.

Prior to this, he was a Senior Executive at Credit Agricole Indosuez (Calyon) in particular in Acquisition Finance in Paris where he was responsible for both LBO financing and corporate leverage financing.

He also spent three years working for Indosuez in Tokyo, arranging asset-based finance in Asia, and initially started his career as a financial auditor at Arthur Andersen late 1980's.

Henry-Louis will report to Valerie Lebreton, Managing Director, who heads Mezzanine Management's operations in France.

Commenting on this appointment, Rory Brooks, Founder Director of Mezzanine Management said:

*"We are delighted to welcome Henry-Louis to Mezzanine Management. He brings with him a wealth of experience in the structured finance and LBO market and a deep understanding of the French marketplace."*

*"Mezzanine investment in France has been developing during 2005, and we are seeing this momentum continue into 2006. We continue to be dedicated to both self-sponsored and syndicated mezzanine transactions in France."*

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### Notes to editors

- Mezzanine Management was founded in 1988 and was the first independent mezzanine investor in Europe.
- Over the past 16 years, it has evolved into one of the leading independent European mezzanine and private equity investment firms with over US\$1.4 billion invested in 71 companies across 10 countries.
- It typically invests between €10 million and €50 million in transactions including self-sponsored, middle market transactions and larger buyout syndications.
- For further information [www.mezzanine-management.co.uk](http://www.mezzanine-management.co.uk)