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Columna Capital Fund I Completes First Close

London, (April 28th, 2016) – Columna Capital (“Columna”) established in 2009, is an entrepreneurial and operationally engaged European private equity firm with €255 million of AUM. Based in London and Lugano, Columna focuses on investments in small to mid-market companies with growth potential in Italy, Spain and Switzerland.

The partners of Columna, Rory Devlin, Michael Tose, Andrea Frecchiami and Vilmos Pongracz are pleased to announce the first close of their debut fund Columna Capital Fund I (“the Fund”) with commitments from existing and new LPs comprised of blue chip US, European and South African institutional and family office investors. Columna partners have committed 5% of total Fund commitments. Columna expects to hold a final close for the Fund in July 2016 with a hard cap of €75 million.

The Fund is a dedicated four asset vehicle and it has today completed its first investment in a fast growing Italian healthcare services company with a highly attractive return profile, which represents approx. 30% of the Fund.

“We are delighted to complete this important milestone in Columna’s development. It builds on the strong performance of Columna’s existing investment portfolio. Given our attractive investment pipeline we believe this fund will generate above market returns in line with our historic performance. We are excited about welcoming new LPs to our investor base and look forward to building new investor relationships based on a close alignment of interest”, *comments Rory Devlin, Managing Partner of Columna Capital.*

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About Columna Capital

Columna Capital is an entrepreneurial and operationally engaged European private equity firm focusing on investments in small to mid-market companies with growth potential. Columna’s strategy is to identify off-market opportunities and invest in a limited number of attractive companies where it actively works with management and other stakeholders to drive long-term value creation. Founded in 2009 and with offices in London and Lugano, Columna Capital has to-date invested on a deal-by-deal basis and decided to raise its first fund in response to demand from existing and new investors. www.columnacapital.com