Arini Announces Appointment of Ben Kunstler as Head of Hybrid Capital

London - 3 September 2026 — Arini, an alternative asset manager with more than $20 billion in assets under management, today announces the appointment of Ben Kunstler as Head of Hybrid Capital as part of Arini's Private Credit team. Ben will serve on Arini's Private Credit Investment Committees and contribute meaningfully to Arini's existing investment strategies.

Prior to joining Arini, Ben spent 18 years at Bain Capital, most recently serving as Partner within the Europe Private Equity team. During his time at Bain Capital, Ben was involved in a wide range of investment activities and held a number of board roles for the firm's portfolio companies.

Ben's appointment follows a strong period of growth for Arini, with the firm having grown to more than $20 billion in assets under management and over 170 professionals globally. Ben's newly created role reflects the firm's continued investment in senior talent to support the further growth of its private capital platform.

Hamza Lemssouguer, Founder & Chief Investment Officer at Arini, said: "We are delighted to welcome Ben to Arini. The current market environment presents an opportunity for Arini to continue providing flexible, long-term credit-oriented solutions to companies. Ben brings a private equity investor's perspective to Arini's credit investing capabilities, which is highly complementary to Arini's converged investment platform across public and private credit strategies, grounded in fundamental sector-focused research."

"I am pleased to join Arini at such an exciting time in the firm's trajectory," added **Ben Kunstler**. "Arini is well-positioned to capitalize on the current opportunity set in Europe and globally, providing comprehensive solutions to companies across the capital structure."

Mathew Cestar, President at Arini, said: "The addition of Ben to our team extends our private capital capabilities and builds on Arini's ability to provide a complete set of solutions for founder-led, family-owned and sponsor-owned businesses. We look forward to continuing to work with borrowers across a diverse range of corporate, real estate and asset-based financing options."

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Notes to Editors:

Ben Kunstler, Head of Hybrid Capital at Arini

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Prior to joining Bain Capital, Ben worked at Bain & Company in the Paris and Boston offices on a number of strategic and operational issues for clients in the healthcare, mobile telecommunications, and retail sectors. He also carried out multiple strategic due diligences for private equity funds.

Ben holds a Master of Sciences from École Centrale Paris and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is also an affiliated lecturer at London Business School.

About Arini

Arini Capital Management is a specialized alternative asset manager with a diverse credit investment offering across public and private credit, supported by a highly sophisticated global institutional investor base. Arini was founded in 2021 with a primary focus on European credit markets and an approach rooted in fundamental credit analysis. As of 31 July 2026, Arini manages more than $20 billion across a range of strategies, including long/short credit, structured credit, opportunistic credit, direct lending and asset-based finance. Arini has global operations in London, New York, Abu Dhabi, Warsaw, and Jersey.

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