

The First Scope Alternative Investment Award for Private Debt goes to Muzinich & Co.

Frankfurt am Main, December 6, 2019 - Muzinich & Co. has won the 2020 Scope Alternative Investment Award in the Private Debt category at an event that took place in Frankfurt on 28 November. Muzinich & Co.'s private debt platform focuses on providing customized financing solutions to companies in the lower mid-market segment. Since launch in 2014, the Muzinich & Co. private debt platform has provided capital to businesses to finance acquisitions, expansions and corporate successions.

According to the Scope Group, the Scope Alternative Investment Awards recognize the best asset managers of mutual funds and institutional fund products in the field of alternative investments. In addition to performance, the innovation, transparency, sustainability, investment management and operational asset management are also decisive factors in the evaluation. The award in the Private Debt category was presented for the first time this year.

Markus Taubert, Muzinich & Co. Country Head Germany & Austria, commented: "We are delighted to have been awarded in the Private Debt category at this year's Scope Awards. The award is an incentive for us to continue building on our expertise in private debt".

Kirsten Bode, Muzinich & Co. Co-Head Private Debt, Pan Europe, said: "Our focus is on finding high quality investment opportunities for our investors through a strong presence and strong local market network".

The Scope Awards have been presented for around ten years in the categories of equity, bond and mixed funds (Scope Investment Awards) as well as for real assets and alternative investments (Scope Alternative Investment Awards) for fund and asset managers in German-speaking countries. They are regarded as a traditional and important award within the industry. For more information on the awards and their selection methodology, please click [here](#).

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About Muzinich

Muzinich & Co., Inc. together with its affiliates "Muzinich" or the "Firm" is a privately owned, institutionally focused investment firm specializing in public and private corporate credit. The Firm was founded in New York in 1988 and has offices in London, Frankfurt, Madrid, Manchester, Milan, Paris, Dublin, Singapore, Zurich and Geneva. Muzinich offers a broad range of corporate credit strategies across both developed and emerging markets and manages over US\$35bn in fixed income credit assets. The Firm has been an investment manager signatory of the UN supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) since 2010. The PRI is the world's leading proponent of responsible investment. It works to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and to support its international network of investor signatories in

incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions.
<https://www.unpri.org/signatories/muzinich-and-co/1519.article>.

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Award Criteria and Methodology

The 2020 Scope Alternative Investment Awards is awarded by The Scope Group. Participation is free of charge for the universe of providers of alternative investments with European approval, either by invitation from Scope Analysis GmbH or via their own application. Applications include an online questionnaire, excel file including product performance, a current RFP document and/or company presentation.

The assessment criteria and weighting include, innovation (15%), investment management (15%), operatives asset management (20%), track record (35%), transparency (5%) and sustainability (10%). These criteria are subdivided into numerous sub-criteria classified in a scorecard by the analysts of Scope Analysis. The evaluation is based on the answers to the questionnaires and other information provided by the asset manager as well as publicly available information. The analysts review work of asset managers to determine the winners each year. The analysts take qualitative criteria fully into consideration. Although attention to qualitative factors makes analysis considerably more time-consuming, according to the Scope Group, it also allows forward-looking statements to be made regarding the quality of funds and managers. Additional information on the awards methodology can be found [here](#).

The Scope Group does not publish the number of applications however, there were five nominations for the 2020 Scope Alternative Investment Awards Private Debt category including Muzinich & Co. All nominations can be found [here](#).