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Equine Network is Acquired by CVC Capital Partners’ Global Sports Group

New York, NY, April 24, 2026 – Growth Catalyst Partners, a middle-market private equity firm, is pleased to announce that it has exited Equine Network, the largest for profit equestrian-based sports league in the US, in a sale to CVC. This investment will be the first new league investment into CVC’s Global Sport Group (“GSG”), which will now hold stakes in eight unique leagues and competitions.

Established in 2025, GSG is a diverse platform of premium global sports leagues held across CVC funds, including La Liga, Ligue 1, Women’s Tennis Association (“WTA”), Volleyball World and three rugby competitions, Six Nations Rugby, Premiership Rugby and United Rugby Championship. Equine Network is a highly complementary addition to GSG and will further diversify the existing portfolio in the important US market by adding a new sport and additional scale.

GSG was created to provide dedicated expertise and incremental value to CVC’s league investments, support partner clubs and stakeholders and enable longer-term ownership of its premium sports assets. The GSG portfolio benefits from long-term revenue visibility via multi-year media rights, sponsorship, data and other commercial agreements, alongside high margins and strong cash conversion.

Founded and led by Tom Winsor, Equine Network has built the leading commercial platform in the approximately \$2.5 billion US equestrian-based sports market, consolidating amateur and semi-professional competitions across Western and English disciplines. The business today comprises approximately 40 owned and operated competitions and more than 800 sanctioned third-party events, generating revenues primarily from events, league-level adjacencies and member services.

Following completion, Michelle Wilson and George Barrios, GSG directors and former Co-Presidents of WWE, are expected to become Co-Chairs of Equine Network and, alongside Tom Winsor and the management team, will drive the company’s exciting growth strategy.

Tom Winsor, Chief Executive Officer of Equine Network, said: “We are excited to partner with CVC and Global Sport Group at a pivotal stage in Equine Network’s development. CVC’s track record in building and scaling global sports platforms, combined with the expertise of the GSG team, makes them ideal partners as we look to expand our leagues, enhance fan engagement and data capabilities, as well as unlock new commercial opportunities for the benefit of our members and stakeholders.”

Michelle Wilson and George Barrios, GSG directors, commented: “Having spent recent months working closely with Tom and his team, we are highly impressed by the business they have built. Equine Network has an attractive position in a large, participation-led equine sports market and is well positioned to benefit from GSG’s value creation capabilities. We look forward to supporting Tom and his team in their continued development and growth.”

Gemma Wright, Partner in CVC's Sports, Media and Entertainment team, added: "The creation of Global Sport Group was driven by our conviction that premium sports leagues benefit from long-term, specialist ownership and collaboration. CVC's investment experience in sports spans over twenty years and, while much has changed in that time, sports IP remains a very attractive opportunity in which we continue to see significant potential for further innovation and growth. We are delighted to be partnering with Equine Network and welcome the business to Global Sport Group."

CVC was advised by Lazard and Freshfields. Growth Catalyst Partners and Equine Network were advised by William Blair, Kirkland & Ellis and Seward & Kissel.

About The Equine Network

Equine Network is largest equestrian sports platform in North America, with approximately 40 owned competitions and more than 800 affiliated events supporting over 300,000 competitors annually. The platform combines competitions, membership services, and data and content offerings, creating a flywheel effect that drives engagement. For more information, visit equinenetwork.com.

About CVC Capital Partners

CVC is a leading global private markets manager focused on private equity, secondaries, credit and infrastructure with a global network of 29 local offices and €205 billion of assets under management. CVC has seven complementary strategies across private equity, secondaries, credit and infrastructure. CVC's private equity platform manages €114 billion of assets and comprises four strategies: Europe/Americas, Asia, Strategic Opportunities and Catalyst. CVC's Secondaries business manages €17 billion assets under management, the Credit platform manages €51 billion and Infrastructure manages €23 billion. CVC's ability to bring to bear the full extent of its global resources on any situation gives it a competitive advantage when sourcing new investment opportunities and when creating value during CVC's ownership period. CVC Capital Partners plc is a public limited company listed on Euronext Amsterdam. For more information, visit www.cvc.com.

About Growth Catalyst Partners

Growth Catalyst Partners is a middle-market private equity firm investing in information, marketing, and tech-enabled services businesses. GCP's strategy involves targeting growth segments of industries and identifying and building market-leading companies with breakout potential. GCP partners with company founders and owners, along with experienced executives within those industries, and provides capital, proprietary deal origination, and operating expertise to the management teams. GCP's team has deep sector expertise and has led hundreds of transactions and successful investments in services businesses for over 20 years. Since the firm's founding in 2015, GCP has completed over 140 acquisitions across its industry-leading platform companies. For more information, visit www.growthcatalystpartners.com.
