

Kobo Funds and London Stock Exchange Group's ELITE Announce Strategic Partnership

London, UK, 25 January 2018: **Kobo Funds**, the international investment network which connects global business professionals to entrepreneurs and investors, and **ELITE**, London Stock Exchange Group's business support and capital raising programme for high-growth companies, are pleased to announce the launch of **ELITE Experts**, an added value service that will enhance the ELITE digital platform offering for ELITE Companies, giving them streamlined access to worldwide experts to support their growth journeys.

Since 2012, ELITE has been on a mission to foster SME growth through accelerating company access to capital, while Kobo Funds has been pioneering the digital networking space since 2013 to match industry knowledge with financial resources. This strategic partnership is the outcome of their shared goals to provide ambitious companies with the assets they need to realize their growth strategies and adds to the suite of services available to ELITE's ecosystem of companies, investors and advisors.

ELITE Experts will be built by selectively engaging Kobo Funds' global community of over 130,000 senior executives, industry experts and business angels and will be open to C-suite applicants with minimum 20 years experience in business and a successful track record. ELITE Experts will work with ELITE companies in three main areas: corporate governance, international development and financial management.

Alessandro Tosi, founder of Kobo Funds, said: "We are proud to announce a partnership with an institutional player like ELITE, open to innovation in both fintech and professional networking markets. ELITE Experts represents the ideal digital venue for high-calibre business leaders keen on interacting with the fastest growing companies and the broadest community of investors. Top-tier executives have already joined ELITE Experts, acknowledging its uniqueness as the first professional community operating in partnership with a leading international Stock Exchange, where they can leverage their competencies, share their knowledge and embark upon a high-quality networking experience".

Luca Peyrano, CEO, ELITE, said:

"Partnering with Kobo Funds is another achievement in the evolution of ELITE, allowing some of the fastest growing companies across the world streamlined access to an extensive network of business experts, ELITE Experts. We look forward to working with Kobo Funds and supporting ELITE companies achieve their enormous growth potential."

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About Kobo Funds

Founded in 2013, Kobo Funds is a digital platform matching companies and investors with an international community of experienced industry experts and C-level executives: more than 130,000 business leaders providing knowledge and support to entrepreneurs on their journey towards capital markets.