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Norway 75 launches at Patron Greatness Lecture

Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property backed investments, last night hosted the launch of Norway 75 as part of Patron's Greatness Lecture series.

Norway 75 is an epic expedition by a team of eight, including serving and former Royal Marines, who will traverse the length of Norway by sea and land, retelling heroic stories from WWII and raising awareness for the Royal Marines Charity.

Captain Tim Pitcher introduced the plan for the expedition, which will see the team setting off from inside the Arctic Circle on a 2000-mile journey south using bikes and sea kayaks, revisiting and paying homage to the sites of various commando raids that place in, or before, 1943. The expedition is expected to last around 48 days and will involve the team cycling up to 200km a day, sea kayaking up to 50km a day and living out of the austere mobile base camp each night.

The expedition will culminate in Rjukan, in order to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Operation Gunnernside (more famously known as the Telemark Raids) and the extreme bravery of the men who took part. The story of the Telemark Raids, and the other commando raids, was brought to life on the evening by the historian Damien Lee.

In retelling this Commando heritage, Norway 75 will highlight the current stories of those veterans suffering from various mental health issues and raise vital awareness and funds for the Royal Marines Charity, which helps such veterans.

Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, commented:

"We're honoured to have been able to host the Norway 75 team for the launch of their expedition. This remarkable expedition epitomises commando spirit; by testing the team to the limits of their endurance for a noble aim. The funds and awareness they will raise for the Royal Marines Charity, who we have been privileged to support since 2010, will make a huge difference to the lives of injured servicemen and women."

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