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Patron-sponsored “mad explorers” talk delirium, drowning and overcoming PTSD at Patron Greatness Lecture

Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property-backed investments, welcomed Louis Nethercott and Anthony Lambert, the self-named “mad explorers”, to the latest Greatness Lecture to share stories from Expedition 5, the first ever attempt to cross the world’s five largest islands completely unsupported and using only human power. The two former Royal Marine commandos are taking on this extraordinary challenge to raise funds and awareness for the mental health issues affecting serving and former serving personnel, with more than £12,000 raised so far for Help for Heroes and The Royal Marines Charity.

Expedition 5 started in 2016 and has seen Louis and Anthony face a multitude of dangers as they journeyed nearly 4,000 km across Borneo, Papua New Guinea, Madagascar and Greenland. The two have had to navigate extreme heat as well as dangerously low temperatures and windchill, an outbreak of bubonic plague, crocodiles, delirium and very nearly drowning as they crossed the four islands.

The final island the team will traverse is Baffin Island in the Canadian territory of Nunavut, known for temperatures of -52 Celsius, Arctic storms and a large concentration of polar bears. They will be 450 km from any form of human settlement at the most remote part of the journey.

Louis and Anthony met in 2012 while both serving summer tours in Helmand, Afghanistan. Louis was involved in some of the most intense fighting of the entire Herrick campaign and returned to the UK with severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), for which he was medically discharged in 2016. Reuniting with Anthony, who had also left the armed forces by this time, they felt compelled to use the skills and discipline that had been provided to them through their military careers to not only drive their own recovery from the challenges of life after service, but also help others who had been wounded in the service of their country.

Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, said:

“What Louis and Anthony have already achieved with Expedition 5 is awe inspiring. Importantly, they are not only raising vital funds for veterans who have been afflicted with injuries to their mental health, but they are also creating a legacy for those who look to the future after service and worry that the camaraderie, sense of purpose and the physical challenges of military service will remain in the past. I wish them all the best as they set out to complete Expedition 5 by crossing Baffin Island and want to encourage anyone impressed by this world first to follow their journey and consider donating to these important charities.”

Those who would like to donate can do so by visiting:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Expedition5>

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Since it was established in 1999, Patron has invested in over 71 investments and programs involving over 65 million square feet (6 million square metres) in 16 countries, with many of these investments realised.

Investors represent a variety of sovereign wealth funds, prominent universities, major institutions, private foundations, and high net worth individuals located throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The main investment adviser to the Funds is Patron Capital Advisers LLP, which is based in London, and Patron has other offices across Europe including Barcelona, Milan and Luxembourg; the group is comprised of 77 people, including a 45-person investment team.

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