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## **Patron Capital supports Forces Wives Challenge on The Heroes of Telemark expedition**

Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property-backed investments, has provided fundraising support for the Forces Wives Challenge (FWC), as part of its Armed Forces initiative.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 12 women from the FWC will embark on their second expedition, becoming the world's first all-female team to retrace the steps of the Heroes of Telemark - a small group of men who, during WWII, had to survive on the Hardanger plateau in Norway for four months before destroying a heavy water factory, a critical ingredient in the creation of an atomic bomb. The FWC team will cover over 100km in 11 days in the harshest of conditions, staying in the same huts as the men did in 1944.

Through an expedition of remembrance, the FWC will pay tribute to the daring WWII Special Forces Operation team by following in their footsteps, shining a light on their extraordinary bravery and their actions, which changed the course of history.

This is the second FWC expedition that Patron has supported. In 2018, Patron hosted the FWC flagship event to fundraise for its summit to the world's highest volcano 'Ojos del Salado' in Chile. The team completed the climb in spring 2019.

The FWC seeks to celebrate the strength of the Armed Forces' wives community, using challenges and adventure to unite women of all ages and backgrounds. Through its Armed Forces Initiative, Patron has supported over 220 servicemen, raising over £3 million for The Royal Marines Charity.

**Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, said:** *"We are extremely proud to be supporting the Forces Wives Challenge team on their daring mission to honour the Heroes of Telemark – a group of extraordinary soldiers whose bravery and endurance changed the course of history. It is always an honour to work with and support people who are connected to the Armed Forces, as Patron has done for over two decades. This team of women possess a unique mix of skills and experiences, and their drive, ambition and strength are truly impressive. It will be exhilarating to follow these admirable women throughout their journey in March."*

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**About Patron Capital Partners**

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Since it was established in 1999, Patron has undertaken more than 170 transactions across 90 investments and programs involving over 65 million square feet (6 million square metres) in 17 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 and Luxembourg; the group is comprised of 69 people, including a 41-person investment team.

Further information about Patron Capital is available at [www.patroncapital.com](http://www.patroncapital.com).