

Press Release

Datalab Tehnologije d.d. Announces Plans for Tender Offer, Delisting and Faster Growth

LJUBLJANA, 07. 07. 2023 – An international investment group led by Simon Kaluža is teaming up with Datalab's founder, management team and employee shareholders to take private **Datalab Tehnologije d.d. ("Datalab")**, the leading Slovenian software company, founded by its current CEO, Andrej Mertelj.

Datalab has been a leader in the IT industry for 25 years and has established a strong reputation in the ERP software industry. Today, Datalab's PANTHEON is the No. 1 ERP system in its segment in the region. Together with its partners, Datalab provides services for the sale, support, training, and maintenance of the PANTHEON software. The company is also one of the largest IT consulting groups in the region, relying on a loyal customer base and a talented team of employees, who will continue to play a critical role in its future performance.

Upon the successful completion of the take-private transaction, Simon Kaluža will be appointed as a new board member of Datalab on behalf of the investment group. Simon Kaluža is a distinguished former SAP executive, having held senior roles in the regional SAP branch.

"We have a deep conviction in the sustainable growth trajectory and future potential of **Datalab**" said Simon Kaluža, who is effecting the investment transaction on behalf of the investment group. "By joining forces with Andrej Mertelj, who possesses invaluable industry expertise and visionary leadership, we aim to drive sustainable growth and support the realization of Datalab's ambitious goals. We are excited about the prospects of this collaboration and the value we can create together."





"Our mission is to use constant innovation to ensure that quality business IT is available to everyone, even to the smallest companies. Today, PANTHEON is the No. 1 ERP system in its segment in the region, and I am confident that Datalab will continue to thrive and grow."

I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of our employees and the loyalty of our customers, which have been the foundation of Datalab's success," said Andrej Mertelj, founder and CEO.

The proposed take-private transaction is handled by Ilirika, Jadek & Pensa, Kinstellar, AlbaCore, and Dobravc Tatalovič Kač.

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About Datalab:

Datalab's beginnings were humble, however, the company has evolved to a multinational corporation over the years. Learning first-hand from the challenges faced by growing companies, Datalab has met and engaged with several different companies and individuals that inspire the company to this very day. For over 25 years, the company has always been providing the latest technologies, led by business operating software PANTHEON™ for small, medium, and large companies, which gives Datalab the foundation for tangible business results. This is also what inspired the company slogan: **Turn your data into profit!** Through constant innovation, Datalab's mission is to guarantee high quality business IT even to the smallest companies. It is the company's desire to help such companies achieve growth and successfully implement their business strategies.

On 1 December 2003, Datalab became a corporation limited by shares. With most employees being its shareholders, the company has a good foundation for achieving its goals. On 30 June 2008, Datalab became the first Slovenian IT company making an IPO on Ljubljana Stock Exchange.

For more information about Datalab and its new ownership and strategic direction, please visit www.datalab.eu.