

Press release

GBL pursues its portfolio diversification with the acquisition of 15.0% of Parques Reunidos in Spain

Groupe Bruxelles Lambert (« GBL ») announces that it has reached an agreement with Arle Capital Partners (« Arle ») to acquire, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, a 15.0% interest in the capital of Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales, S.A. (« Parques »), representing an investment of EUR 208 million for GBL.

Parques is a leading global operator of leisure parks across Europe, North America and Asia. Listed on the Madrid stock exchange, Parques generated EUR 584 million of revenues in 2016¹.

Welcoming this investment, GBL's co-CEOs Ian Gallienne and Gérard Lamarche stated: "We are pleased to become a significant shareholder of Parques. The company's long-term growth potential fits well with our Incubator strategy and its geographical exposure will complement our existing portfolio as Parques is GBL's first Incubator investment in Spain."

The transaction is expected to settle around April 20th and is not subject to any regulatory or other third party approvals. The acquisition will be financed using part of GBL's existing cash.

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