

## **Bamboo Capital Partners strengthens Latin America operations with formation of new Board of Directors**

- **The Board will support Bamboo's Latin America hub in areas such as corporate governance, strategy, and fund management**
- **The Board consists of Bamboo Founder and Managing Partner Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, alongside Victor Toledo, Rebecca Ruf, Carlos Braga, and Camilo Zea**

**Luxembourg, 18 June 2020** – Bamboo Capital Partners ('Bamboo'), an impact investing platform which provides innovative financing solutions to catalyse lasting impact, today announces the formation of a new Latin America Board of Directors ('the Board').

The Board will support Bamboo's operations in Latin America, which are led by Jorge Farfan, Regional Director. This will include support across all areas of corporate governance, strategy, fund management, new investments, and fundraising. Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, Founder and Managing Partner of Bamboo will sit on the Board, alongside Victor Toledo, Rebecca Ruf, Carlos Braga, and Camilo Zea (biographies below). Carlos Braga will serve as the Board's Chairman.

Collectively, the Board members bring expertise from a diverse range of backgrounds and industries, including private banking, corporate & investment banking, impact investing, gender lens finance, financial regulation, public policy, and technology.

The Board will be responsible for developing Bamboo's impact investing business in Latin America in order to significantly contribute to the firm's mission to improve the lives of the world's most marginalised communities, while delivering sound financial returns.

**Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, Founder and Managing Partner, commented:** *"In the last decade, Bamboo has invested in some of Latin America's biggest success stories, such as Mibanco, the region's largest microfinance provider, and Kubo, Mexico's only regulated peer-to-peer platform. Our investments have undoubtedly improved the lives of Latin America's most marginalised and underserved communities.*

*"Our challenge for the next decade is to double down on the impact we have already had in the region. While many businesses are grappling with the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain fully committed to supporting and investing in innovative companies in Latin America who want to 'build back better'. I am delighted that we have been able to assemble a world-class Board of Directors to support our growth in Latin America and I have no doubt that our business will go from strength-to-strength with their support in place."*

**Carlos Braga, Chairman of the Latin America Board of Directors, added:** *"Bamboo's investments have left a positive impact on the lives of millions in Latin America. I am therefore delighted to join the firm as Chairman of the Latin America Board of Directors and look forward to working closely with Jorge Farfan and my fellow Board members to further expand Bamboo's excellent work across the region."*

### **Board Members**

*Carlos Braga*

Carlos Braga has more than thirty years of experience in Investment Banking, Private Equity and Risk Management. Carlos currently is a Partner of Brasilpar Advisory Services and Vice Chairman of BDMG Development Bank in Brazil. Prior to that he was VP Finance at Artesia Capital Management, Royal Bank of Scotland's CEO for Brazil and Managing Director for ABN AMRO's for Latin America. Braga has a MBA from IBMEC Business School. He is also a Guest Professor from Dom Cabral Business School and Board Member from private companies and non-profit organizations in Brazil and abroad.

*Jean-Philippe de Schrevel*

The Founder and Managing Partner of Bamboo Capital Partners, Jean-Philippe is an impact investing pioneer and has dedicated most of his career to the development of the sector. He has launched eight investment funds and raised over one billion USD to date across a variety of asset classes (fixed income, private equity, venture capital, structured finance) and sectors (microfinance, energy, healthcare, education, agribusiness, affordable housing). Jean-Philippe also co-founded BlueOrchard Finance in 2001 and holds an MBA from the Wharton School of Business.

*Rebecca Ruf*

As Executive Vice President of Programs at the Financial Alliance for Women, Rebecca leads all peer learning, research and knowledge programs for the Alliance, a global consortium of financial institutions that focus on accelerating women's financial power. Rebecca has over 15 years of experience in international finance, having worked previously for Women's World Banking, the world's largest network of microfinance institutions, to develop the company's first ever gender performance metrics.

*Victor Toledo*

An experienced banking professional with over 30 years of experience, Victor is a seasoned CEO and Chairman. Between 1983 and 2000, he assumed the role of either CEO or CCO of Citibank in Chile, Belgium, France. In 2008, he was appointed as Chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Last year, Victor joined the Advisory Council of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) position where he works at sustainability and environmental conservation issues.

*Camilo Zea*

Camilo is the CEO and co-founder of leading boutique investment bank Pronus Banca de Inversión, which operates in the regulated fintech sector. Previously, Camilo worked for the Colombian government for 16 years. He worked as Head of Financial Markets Development at the Colombian Central Bank, as a Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Finance as Senior Advisor, and as Head of Regulation at the Financial Superintendence of Colombia. He is a Board member for several companies in Colombia, including BNP Paribas Securities Services, Colfondos, PIP Securities Price Vendor, and ISA.

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**About Bamboo Capital Partners:**

Bamboo Capital Partners ("Bamboo") is an impact investing platform which provides innovative financing solutions to catalyse lasting impact. Bamboo bridges the gap between seed and growth stage funding through a full suite of finance options – from debt to equity – which it activates unilaterally or through strategic partnerships. Founded in 2007 by Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, Bamboo aims to improve the lives of the world's most marginalized communities while delivering strong financial returns. Since its inception, Bamboo has raised over \$400m and invested in over 30 developing countries. Its investees have positively impacted over 184 million lives and supported 45,000 jobs, including 15,900 jobs for women. The firm has a team of 30 professionals active across Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. For more information, please visit [www.bamboocp.com](http://www.bamboocp.com) or follow @bamboocp.