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The Investment Funds have cashed EUR 20 million from Domo Exit

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The investment funds RAEF Romanian-American Enterprise Fund (RAEF) and Westerham have received about EUR 20 de million following the sale of their holdings in the electronics and household retailer Domo, recently taken over by Equest Investment Balkans Limited through its subsidiary Lynx Property.

After closing the deal, Equest has announced that the value of the transaction corresponding to 75% of the total company shares is EUR 62.5 million, out of which EUR 30 million was paid by Lynx, and the remaining EUR 35 million was financed through a Raiffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich loan.

According to the information released by Equest and posted on London Stock Exchange were Equest is listed, Lynx financing was partially covered by its own funds in amount of EUR 13.5 million, while Lyra Investment Holding, the owner of 25% of the Lynx shares, has covered the difference up to EUR 30 million.

As a result of the closing of the transaction signed last week, RAEF, the owner of 9,3% in Domohas received EUR 7.75 million, and the SPV Westerham Holding BV, owned by the Balkan Accession Fund, has obtained EUR 12.2 million in exchange of its 14,7% Domo shares.

"Together, the two investment funds have obtained approx. EUR 21 million. The funds received from selling Domo shares shall be distributed by Westerham to its investors, while RAEF will invest the proceeds further in financial services, real estate, energy or in its current investment portfolio. On a different note, we will announce in the close future a new investment as well as the exit from Jet Finance, Bulgaria", said Horia Manda, the Vice President of RAEF.

Manda has announced that at the financial year end, the two investment funds shall receive an additional amount representing the earn-out value of the exit agreement, computed based on Domo's performance.

Lynx has entered into a Shareholders Agreement with Domo's founding shareholders, which includes, inter alia, rights and obligations in certain circumstances for Lynx to acquire the remaining 25% shares from Domo's founding shareholders, subject to Domo's financial performance in 2007 and 2008.

For 2007, Lorand Szarvadi, Domo's CEO, who is also one of the Company's shareholders, estimates EUR 190 million in Turnover and EUR 8 million in Net Profit

Szarvadi also added that the Company's Turnover might even reach EUR 200 million, according to the Sales' evolution in the last quarter and especially in December.

As a result of Domo's take-over, Equest brings to Romania the Bulgarian retailer Technomarket for which it has announced a development program amounting to over EUR 25 million in the next three years. The Bulgarian company has launched its first store in Romania, at Targoviste, last week and targets 30 units until 2010.

History of DOMO Retail Transaction

In May 2007, Lorand Szarvadi, the CEO and the main shareholder of Domo Retail, announced that he is considering the sale of a part of his participation in the company.

On July 20, 2007, Equest Investments Balkans signs an agreement for the acquisition of 75% of Domo shares. Szarvadi announces that after the take-over, Equest might list Domo in London Stock Exchange for total take over.

On September 17, 2007, the Competition Council has authorized the sale of 75% of Domo shares to Equest.

On September 28, 2007: Domo announces the closing of the transaction and brings Technomarket in Romania.

On October 1: Equest makes public the value of the transaction: EUR 62.5 million for 75% of the Domo shares.