

# LASALLE CAPITAL GROUP, L.P.

PRINCIPALS IN THE LEVERAGED ACQUISITION OF LOWER-MIDDLE MARKET COMPANIES

## FINAL FUND CLOSING

Chicago, IL – **LaSalle Capital Group, L.P.** is pleased to announce the final closing of its inaugural buyout fund, with capital commitments exceeding \$115 million. Limited partners include commercial banks, investment management firms, Fund of Fund Investors and substantial Family Offices.

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The fund was organized by Rocco Martino and Jeff Walters to pursue leveraged buyouts and leveraged recapitalizations of lower middle market businesses in a variety of industry sectors including: branded and private label consumer products; food processing and distribution; packaging; and business services and outsourcing. The fund has completed its first two platform investments: Violet Packing LLC; and Advanced H2O LLC. The fund typically invests in family owned companies or divisions / subsidiaries of larger companies with at least \$2 million in EBITDA and revenues below \$100 million.



Rocco Martino, Partner, stated “we believe LaSalle Capital offers management teams and entrepreneurs a powerful combination of financial and strategic resources uncommon in the lower middle market”. Adding “coupling our buyout experience and capital strength with the strategic perspective of our Senior Advisors provides a competitive advantage to our portfolio companies versus many of their competitors”.

Don Rosuck, former senior executive at Beatrice Companies and CEO of Culligan International and Walter Freedman, former President of Yoplait USA and Wheels, Inc. serve as Senior Advisors to the fund and are active in diligence and strategy formulation with portfolio company CEO’s.

Business owners, intermediaries and entrepreneurs are encouraged to contact either Rocco Martino or Jeff Walters with investment opportunities.

- \$115 million fund
- Management buyouts and recapitalizations
- Extensive experience in the lower middle-market
- Focus on niche consumer and industrial manufacturing, distribution and service businesses

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