



Babilou Group, the European leader in childcare, partners with Singapore-based Nurture Education Group.

In Oct 2018, European childcare group Babilou, advised by Tiro Capital, acquired a majority stake in Nurture Education Group based in Singapore as its first foray into Southeast Asia. Dymon Asia Private Equity (“DAPE”) has fully divested its ownership stake as part of the transaction.

Nurture Education Group (“Nurture”) was founded in 2003 by Julie Koh and has grown to 25 centres in Singapore over the years.

Nurture is one of the large preschool operators in Singapore with 4 distinctive brands serving different market segments, and best-in class curriculums. The founders will continue to manage and develop their activity in the region, while benefitting from the experience of Babilou’s community of entrepreneurs.

“We are very proud of this collaboration. This partnership validates our long-standing commitment to provide high-quality childcare to the Singapore market. By capitalizing on “best practices” from around the world with Babilou’s global presence in 12 countries, we will be able to further expand our offering in and around Singapore,” said Nurture Group’s founder and CEO Julie Koh.

"In the last 15 years, we have been working continuously on developing best-in-class education and Singapore is the perfect country to pursue our sustainable development in South East Asia with the energy and passion of Nurture’s founders. We have been very impressed by the high-quality standards offered by Nurture’s programs and teams, who share Babilou’s values and vision. Thanks to our “Together we grow” project, we will enrich one another with new educational practices while sharing our ‘savoir-faire’ and innovations. We are very proud to welcome Nurture’s teams, families and children within the Babilou family" said Babilou co-founder Rodolphe Carle.



About Babilou

Founded in 2003, Babilou is a leading provider of high-quality pre-schools education in Europe, and has been expanding worldwide, with significant presence in the Middle East, South America and North America, India and now South-East Asia. With close to 700 childcare centers and 10 000 professionals, the family-owned Group remains dedicated to fostering the highest quality educational standards throughout his network of entrepreneurs worldwide.

<http://www.babilou.fr>

About Nurture

The Nurture Education Group is one of Singapore's largest preschool operators with over 15 years of experience in the early childhood education sector. Nurture operates 25 childcare centres, kindergartens and student care centres under four brands in Singapore: Kiddiwinkie, Pibo's, Little Footprints and Learning Leap.

<http://nurture.com.sg/>

About Dymon Asia Private Equity ("DAPE")

DAPE is focused on making private equity investments in Southeast Asia. DAPE seeks to make both growth and control investments in companies with profits of between USD5 million to USD20 million.

DAPE Fund I achieved a final close in October 2014 with commitments of SGD300 million whilst DAPE Fund 2 has USD 450 million in commitments after its final close in April 2018.

www.dymonasiaprivateequity.com

About Tiro Capital

Tiro is a privately held advisory and investment firm located in Hong Kong and Singapore, working with both established leaders in finance and industry and passionate entrepreneurs.

The firm specializes in M&A and Corporate Finance, Strategic Growth, Restructuring and Principal Investments.

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