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## Alcentra completes unitranche investment in Groupe Looping

London, 11 April, 2014 – Sub-investment grade corporate credit specialist Alcentra Limited (“Alcentra”), part of BNY Mellon, has invested in Groupe Looping, a leading European regional attraction park operator with a nine park portfolio headquartered in France. The investment will be used to support the acquisition by H.I.G. Capital France and Management of 100% ownership of the company and provide a new capital structure allowing for the implementation of a further development strategy. The funding takes the form of a unitranche investment and has been provided by funds managed by Alcentra with Bpifrance co-investing in the transaction.

The transaction is consistent with Alcentra’s investment strategy based on lending to attractive European mid-market companies that are experiencing less traditional banking support and to whom Alcentra aims to lend at attractive risk-adjusted returns whilst benefitting from strong downside protection.

The deal follows recent investments in CorpAcq, Mountain Warehouse, Busy Bees, Cambridge Education, Caffè Nero, Chesapeake Plastic Packaging and is another example of Alcentra’s commitment to a European direct lending strategy.

Alcentra has been sourcing and arranging financing to middle market businesses since its launch in 2003. To date Alcentra has invested over €1.8bn in more than 85 middle market transactions across senior debt, unitranche, second lien, mezzanine and equity co-investments. Looping represents the 13<sup>th</sup> investment executed by Alcentra as part of its Direct Lending strategy initiated in 2013.

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