

Venture 7 Advisors Announces Recapitalization of Turtle Fur

Venture 7 Advisors served as Turtle Fur's exclusive merger and acquisition advisor in the company's recapitalization with Camano Capital.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT, UNITED STATES, June 13, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Venture 7 Advisors, a Burlington Vermont-based merger and acquisition advisory firm,



Venture 7 Advisors, Merger and Acquisition Advisors

is pleased to announce that private equity firm Camano Capital has acquired a majority stake in Turtle Fur of Morrisville, Vermont. Richard Sontag, owner of Turtle Fur, will retain partial ownership of the company. Venture 7 Advisors served as Turtle Fur's exclusive advisor in this transaction.



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Richard Sontag took the unusual approach of informing his employees and the industry of his plans to sell the company in advance. You can read about that <u>decision and how it influenced the sale process here</u>.

Turtle Fur is an iconic and beloved manufacturer and distributor of headwear and accessories in the snow sports, and lifestyle markets. The company invented the fleece neck warmer over 40 years ago, and since then has been keeping outdoor adventurers dry, warm, and

comfortable. The capital infusion from Camano will allow Turtle Fur to expand its product offerings while continuing to support its commitment to innovation, sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and positive community initiatives.

Venture 7 Partner Scott Hardy says, "It's always exciting when we have an opportunity to work with an iconic Vermont company like Turtle Fur. Richard Sontag and his entire management team helped us to articulate Turtle Fur's unique value and culture. We always look for the best financial deal for our client, but in this case finding the right cultural fit and a commitment to Vermont was every bit as important. In Camano Capital, we found a group with sincere respect

for Turtle Fur's mission as well as significant expertise in branded consumer products, apparel, and the outdoor industry."

Turtle Fur president Sontag, said, "I'm thrilled to be partnering with Camano Capital. Besides injecting energy and growth potential into the business, they'll be good stewards of the brand and my Turtle Fur family. And they're committed to keeping the company here in Vermont."

About Turtle Fur

Turtle Fur was founded in 1982 by Millie Merrill, who designed the first fleece neck warmer in the basement of her children's apparel store, the Yellow Turtle, in Stowe, Vermont. She and her husband, John, built the brand until their retirement in 2000, selling Turtle Fur to New York native, Richard Sontag. Turtle Fur products can be found in more than 3,400 brick and mortar stores and on hundreds of online stores including www.turtlefur.com. The company is rooted in comprehensive environmental initiatives that include extensive use of recycled fibers, significant packaging reductions, and a facility that is 100% powered by renewable energy.

About Camano Capital

Camano Capital is a private equity firm that invests in differentiated, branded consumer companies that appeal to everyday consumers. Camano's network of investors and advisors includes consumer industry veterans, operating executives and private equity investors throughout the country, who bring financial, marketing and operational expertise and the resources necessary for accelerated growth.

About Venture 7 Advisors

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