



## **Aristata Capital Completes Final Closing of Impact Litigation Fund Dedicated to Driving Positive Social and Environmental Change**

Aristata Capital is pleased to announce that it has secured nearly £52 million of capital at final closing for its first impact litigation fund, Aristata Impact Litigation Fund I LP (AILF I).

Aristata is a pioneer in the field of social and environmental litigation, bringing an impact investing lens to commercial litigation funding to seek attractive, uncorrelated financial returns while delivering positive, systemic social and environmental change. Aristata offers the first truly blended approach to litigation funding allowing investors to combine both the commercial rigour of traditional litigation funding methodologies and the success of public interest litigation strategies to drive social and environmental change. Aristata is building a global portfolio of claims covering areas including human rights, environmental protection, climate change, equality, indigenous rights, access to justice and a range of other critical cause areas.

Aristata Capital's first fund is anchored by Capricorn Investment Group's Sustainable Investors Fund and The Soros Economic Development Fund. LPs include foundations, impact fund-of-funds, family offices in the US, UK, Europe, and Australia, as well as a number of high net worth individuals.

"Aristata is proud to launch the first impact commercial litigation fund, and to have exceeded our fundraising target in a challenging market. The claims we are seeing and supporting demonstrate the need for funders focused on driving positive social and environmental impact - we want to close the justice gap in commercial litigation, where the system favours commercial strength and penalises those without." said Rob Ryan, CEO of Aristata Capital. "We are proving that investors don't have to choose between achieving financial returns and driving social and environmental impact".

"Since 2000, Capricorn has backed multiple new partnerships focused on specific areas of impact or sustainability, such as renewable energy infrastructure, clean technology, health and wellness, financial inclusion, and sustainable asset management." Said Eric Techel, Partner at Capricorn. "Aristata is a great fit with this strategy, and we are excited to support the team as it builds the platform and establishes the funding of commercial litigation, with positive and measurable social impact, as an asset class."

Aristata seeks to create a safer and more equitable world by financing legal cases that empower historically marginalised voices, equalize unjust power dynamics and catalyse systemic change that protects the environment and communities. Aristata investments seek to secure compensation for individuals and communities and other entities affected by damaging commercial activity, to unlock the impact potential of similar cases to provide scalability and to generate successful legal outcomes that pressure corporations and industries to change behaviour.

“We are delighted to partner with Aristata on this first of its kind impact litigation,” said Georgia Levenson Keohane, CEO of the Soros Economic Development Fund. “This investment marries Open Society’s longstanding commitment to strategic litigation with innovative finance, as we test how private sector resources can enhance accountability on human rights and environmental protections.”

Aristata operates in markets across the globe, sourcing claims from law firms and civil society wherever corporate activity causes harm. Aristata’s experienced litigation funding team is supported by an Investment Committee made up of experienced legal professionals and an Impact Advisory Board of international thought leaders across a diversified range of cause areas.

#### **About Our Investors:**

Capricorn Investment Group is one of the largest mission-aligned firms in the world and has since its inception in 2000 grown to manage more than \$9 billion in multi-asset class portfolios for institutional investors through their range of impact-focused strategies. Their Sustainable Investors Fund (SIF) is a private equity partnership whose investment objective is to create significant value through ownership and early-stage investment in public and private asset managers who incorporate sustainability as a key driver of investment returns. The firm has offices in New York City and Palo Alto and was born from a belief that sustainable investment practices can enhance risk-adjusted returns. Underlying this investment approach is a deep desire to demonstrate the huge investment potential that resides in breakthrough commercial solutions to the world’s most pressing problems.

The Soros Economic Development Fund (SEDF) is the impact investing arm of the Open Society Foundations (OSF). Founded in 1997, SEDF has committed over \$500 million to support Open Society’s commitments to democracy, human rights and social justice across the globe.