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OceanSound hires TPG's Laura Noisten to lead capital markets

Noisten is joining the firm at an important time to 'help us build appropriate infrastructure before OceanSound reaches another major milestone in size and complexity,' CEO Joe Benavides told Buyouts.

OceanSound Partners, a New York-based mid-market buyout firm, has appointed Laura Noisten as principal of capital markets, Buyouts can reveal.

Noisten is joining from TPG, where she served as a vice president in the debt capital markets group, responsible for structuring and executing financing transactions.

In her new role, Noisten will focus on strengthening OceanSound's financing capabilities and ensuring it has access to capital across market cycles and the flexibility to execute on complex, creatively-structured transactions. She will also work with the investment team to integrate capital market-related functions early in the deal process.

"Having worked at a large global platform like TPG, I have seen how a scaled, in-house capital markets platform can support investment execution across the investment lifecycle," she said. "I am excited to bring that experience to help build OceanSound's capital markets capabilities within its disciplined, specialist middle-market investment strategy."

OceanSound was founded in 2018 by CEO Joe Benavides, an ex-partner at Veritas Capital (and ex-managing director



Laura Noisten, OceanSound Partners

at Blackstone); president Ted Coons, a former general partner at TCV; and partner Jeff Kelly, a one-time principal at HIG.

"OceanSound's AUM and transaction volume, four years since closing our Fund I, has exceeded our growth expectations and warrants an internal leader to optimize our debt capital markets activities and relationships, especially someone with such a terrific reputation from both a leading private capital firm in TPG and a leveraged finance investment banking franchise in

Credit Suisse," Benavides said.

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The addition of Noisten can also help OceanSound access financing from a broader pool of partners and decrease the debt cost of capital across the portfolio, a step which may be helpful to boost investment returns, he added.

OceanSound is currently fundraising for its third flagship vehicle, OceanSound Partners Fund III, for which it is targeting \$2 billion with a hard-cap of \$2.9 billion, Buyouts reported in December. The firm closed its inaugural \$780 million fund in 2021 and its \$1.49 billion Fund II in 2024.

The firm makes control investments in technology and technology-enabled services companies serving government and enterprise end markets. It invests \$75 million-\$300 million in founder-owned, carve-out and take-private deals backing North American companies valued at \$150 million-\$750 million.

To date, OceanSound has made 12 platform investments that have collectively completed 54 add-on acquisitions.