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- Strong synergies between Dariu's Digital Education project, "The Impossible Project," and Moonfare's fully digital business concept
- Initiative reinforces Moonfare's democratising mission, determination to be a good global citizen, and builds on its programme of charitable activities

Berlin, 26th January 2023: Moonfare, the leading global digital private equity platform, has announced it will support Swiss-based foundation Dariu with a series of events designed to give the NGO access to Moonfare's global community and increase the visibility of its mission of fostering digital education for children. To kick off the partnership, Moonfare and Dariu are hosting an exclusive dinner in Munich on January 26th.

Moonfare founder and CEO Steffen Pauls, said: "The Dariu Foundation is doing excellent work in spreading access to coding skills to young, disadvantaged people in deprived communities around the world. Supporting its mission feels like a natural fit for a world-leading technology company like Moonfare especially given our determination to do our part in making the world a better place." He added: "A young person trained by Dariu today may become a staff member at Moonfare or another tech company tomorrow."

The Dariu Foundation, which was launched in 2002 by Swiss media entrepreneur Thomas Trüb, provides families and children in low-income rural areas in Vietnam, Myanmar, Malaysia and Bhutan with coding and other skills necessary to navigate and succeed in an increasingly digital world. It has a strong focus on equality of educational access between genders and across income levels and geographic areas.

Under its 'The Impossible Mission' project, the Foundation has pledged to teach digital skills to 7 million children (half of them girls) in eight countries by the end of 2027. It also aims to have established 250 Coding Clubs serving around 12,000 talented children.

Such ambitious targets require the support of an engaged and like-minded community, which Moonfare can help to provide.

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Dariu founder and CEO Thomas Trüb said: "I'm looking forward to a great partnership with Moonfare. Thanks to their leading-edge global community we will be able to enrol tens of thousands more disadvantaged children in our programmes."

Moonfare brings a uniquely engaged stakeholder community of GPs, staff, investors, partners and members which amounts to over 50,000 members across the globe.

The tie-up with Dariu follows and reinforces Moonfare's commitment to promoting the values of responsible global citizenship. Within this framework, Moonfare partnered with the UK-based initiative Greater Share, which is also focused on educational access for underserved communities. In addition, over the past two years, Moonfare has carried out several initiatives to promote its values of responsible global citizenship, including supporting Ukrainian citizens by donating money raised from staff, management and major partners. There will be more initiatives to come.

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## About Moonfare

Moonfare offers individual investors and their advisors access to private equity investment opportunities. With a digital onboarding process and asset management platform, Moonfare allows investors to register and invest through a digital onboarding process through the platform. To date, Moonfare has offered more than 67 private market funds from top general partners worldwide such as KKR, Carlyle and EQT with an emphasis on private equity buyouts, venture, growth and real asset categories like infrastructure.

Moonfare's investment team conducts ground-up due diligence on all funds. Fewer than 5% of available funds pass this process and make it onto the Moonfare platform. This focus on quality is one reason why Moonfare has won the trust of more than 3,500 clients who have invested more than €2 billion on its platform. Headquartered in Berlin, Moonfare operates in 24 countries across Europe, Asia, America and has offices in New York, Hong Kong, London, Zürich, Singapore, Paris and Luxembourg. For more information, please visit www.moonfare.com and LinkedIn.

### About The Dariu Foundation

Since 2002, the <u>Dariu Foundation</u> has been working to improve the opportunities of socially disadvantaged children, mainly in rural Vietnam and Myanmar, by providing them with school education and digital training. For this purpose, the Foundation has built schools and kindergartens in remote areas and provided young people and families with scholarships and microcredits.

In 2012, Dariu shifted its focus to digital education to reduce the educational inequality between cities and the countryside, between the wealthy and the poor. Since 2018, Dariu has been revealing the mysteries of programming to children as young as nine years old. To date, the Foundation has taught various programming languages to over a million children, 50% of whom are girls.

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